

## Timely Topics

By Norman Thomas

A May Day Message — Shall Parker Be Confirmed?  
New York Justice and the Communists — British  
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### OUR MAY DAY OBLIGATIONS

ONCE more in every land and language workers will be celebrating May Day, some with anguish for the heaviness of their burdens, some with rejoicing for progress already made, all with hope of a glorious and enduring Springtime of peace, freedom and plenty, which shall yet be the heritage of the human race upon this earth. Unemployment, exploitation, war, all the cruel and crafty devices by which men are made to forge their own chains—these things need not be. They shall not be forever. Such is the universal message of May Day.

But we Americans remember that May Day had its origin in the struggle of American workers for the shorter working day. It is therefore historically fitting that on this May Day we give special heed to the bitter cry of the workers who suffer from unemployment. It is our task to press forward measures looking for its immediate alleviation and for its ultimate abolition for which only Socialists offer a desirable program. Above all, May Day is a time for new dedication to the building up of our own organization without which a militant philosophy and the most adequate program will be in vain.

### THE PARKER BATTLE: A FINE FIGHT

NOT for a long time has there been anything in Washington more encouraging than the piling up of public, and hence of Senatorial sentiment, against the confirmation of John J. Parker to the Supreme Court Bench which has usurped to itself such enormous powers of social legislation. Every shade and faction of labor is united on this issue. The colored citizens of America have found their voice. If the thing keeps up the man who wanted to exclude Negroes from the political life of his state, the judge who docilely upheld an injunction which made the legal organization of coal miners virtually impossible, the lawyer who obviously lacks all those qualities of greatness and understanding of the place of law in life which the Supreme Court demands, will not be confirmed. May not this success hearten us to further efforts and show once more what solidarity of action can do?

### "VOLUNTARY" ALIEN REGISTRATION

BY contrast it is discouraging to know that the Senate will probably have passed before these lines are read the so-called voluntary alien registration act. He is a child or fool who does not know that the real purpose and sure effect of this act will be to give reactionary employers and their political allies an additional hold upon the political opinions and actions of their employees who happen to be aliens. The voluntary part is a bad joke. It will invite coercion and cajolery of workers and place aliens with courage enough not to sign up under a cloud of suspicion. It is the beginning of czarism in the direction of keeping tabs on the workers. It is not likely to stop with aliens. We understand that it is a false report that the A. F. of L. Council ever approved this law. Unfortunately it has never fought it as it fought the appointment of Judge Parker. There is still time to block this law in the house, if not in the Senate. Public opinion can do it. Again let the workers unite in protest.

### THE COMMUNISTS ARE SENTENCED

SPEAKING of law and judges, it is not merely a local but a national shame that three judges in New York City, without trial by jury, can send Foster and three of his Communist associates to jail for an indeterminate sentence which may last up to three years. The indeterminate part is not likely to be very useful to political prisoners in the present state of mind of the courts and the parole authorities. One of the most important of these parole officers, E. J. Cooley, is now under serious fire as a result of charges which were brought to me and which I passed over to the New York Telegram for investigation. Mr. Cooley will not pass on the Foster case, but who knows how far his spirit has permeated the system? Great criminals have got less severe sentence than these Communists whose offense was that they tried without authorization to start a parade of the unemployed in defiance of the police. When one realizes that the man who robbed the Veterans' Bureau only got two years, one has some measure of the function of law, not so much as an agency of justice as the defender of the interests of a dominant class in our capitalist civilization.

To say this is not to approve of Communist tactics. It is not even to deny that in great cities there must be some sort of control of parades. It is to call attention to the inequality of the law under which Foster may be jailed three years without trial by jury while Whalen gets a complimentary dinner. One thing that ought to come out of the case, at the very least, is a demand for a trial by jury in cases of such importance.

### GOV. ROOSEVELT AND WHALEN

IN view of this sentence on W. Z. Foster it may not be amiss to remind the public that that self-proclaimed liberal, Governor Roosevelt of New York, who has never hesitated to investigate officially or unofficially charges of official misconduct in upstate Republican counties has referred the formal charges against Police Commissioner Whalen back to Mayor Walker. To be sure, Mr. Whalen was not charged with corruption, that is, graft, but only with a course of conduct that robs the workers of some of their liberties! Add to this Roosevelt's veto of all amendments to the elections laws and you have a picture of how liberal a Democratic Governor who wants first to be re-elected and then to be President dares to be.

### BRITISH LABOR'S POLICIES

THE success of Socialism under the leadership of the British Labor Party in England is a matter of extraordinary concern to the workers of the whole world. In a very real sense the issues and the tactics which have been puzzling the British Labor Party are our business. Yet I feel too far away and too little familiar with all the factors to dogmatize on the definite break between the Independent Labor Party and the Labor Party. When one remembers the great role the Independent Labor Party has played in forming the Labor Party and guiding its thinking one cannot escape a feeling of sadness for the break. Yet better a break than the death of the spirit of aggressive Socialism in England.

I can see many excuses and possibly even some justification for the disappointing slowness of the Labor government in the development of its economic policy. I imagine that Philip Snowden can say things I can't think of in extenuation of his failure to apply in his budget some of the principles he discussed in his election campaign. It is much harder for a Socialist to find any sort of excuse for the degree to which J. H. Thomas has apparently pushed capitalist rationalization in place of socialization. Perhaps he would claim that national socialization can't do the trick for England in a capitalist world.

But none of these things seems to me so serious in their possible effect on international Socialism as the government's policy or lack of policy with regard to India. It is amazing to observe the way in which men of fine spirit in the British labor movement have avoided this issue or pool poached its importance. Yet steadily and, I fear rapidly, things are drifting to a point where the British Labor government will be using its armies to suppress the movement for Indian independence. And that will be a tragic hour for Socialism.

Grant all the difficulties. Grant that the MacDonald government inherited a situation which it did not make, and that MacDonald himself has been absorbed in a gallant fight to save something out of the Five-Power Naval Conference, a fight whose partial success is due very largely to him. Grant, moreover, that there is nothing in the history of movements for national independence in recent years or in conditions in India itself to make one predict the easy and orderly establishment of self-government in India. Nevertheless the British labor government has drifted. Save for one generous gesture which it did not follow up, it has followed old lines of repression and has scarcely seemed aware of the depth and strength of Indian sentiment. It lost precious months when negotiations with Gandhi and the National Congress on the Dominion status might have provided for a somewhat more orderly and gradual establishment of Indian self-government than is likely to be won by force of arms or by riots mixed with Gandhi's civil disobedience. Unquestionably the MacDonald government in its

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# Workers Rally For May Day

## Huge N. Y. Demonstration In The Coliseum; Meetings To Demand Aid For Unemployed

### Momentous Issues Face World Labor On May Day

Disarmament Still to Be  
Achieved; Unemploy-  
ment Is Greatest Do-  
mestic Problem of the  
Working Class

By Edward Levinson

THE First of May, the holiday of the international labor and Socialist movement, presents a two-fold responsibility to the men and women of labor. We must take stock of the problems that confront us: international and domestic problems, industrial and political problems. Secondly, on May Day we must again affirm our devotion to labor's program of peace, industrial democracy and social justice.

For World Peace:

A decade after the unparalleled savagery of the greatest war in history finds the nations of the world still faced by the danger of war in which the workers, as in all wars, would be called upon to make the greatest sacrifices. The capitalist statesmen of the United States, France, Italy and Japan at the London conference made but grudging concessions to the peoples' clamor for naval disarmament. The program of the British Labor government was sabotaged and finally side-tracked. The nations of Europe and the United States continued to maintain huge and costly land forces of militarism which drain the resources of the people and constitute a standing invitation to war.

Dictatorships Continue

Another by-product of the war for democracy has been the rise to power of dictatorial governments whose every-day acts and existence mock the widows and families of the men who gave their lives in that war. The Fascist regime in Italy continues its rule of absolutism accompanied by periodic visitations of murder, violence and imprisonment against those brave men and women who cling to their belief in Socialism and democracy. Lesser dictators in Poland, Lithuania and elsewhere follow in the footsteps of Mussolini. The disappearance of the dictator de Rivera in Spain has been followed by the ascension to power of a government fully as undemocratic as its predecessor. It is a continued matter of regret that those who profess to rule Russia in the interests of the working class must punish with prison and exile all those Socialists and others who cannot accept the full Communist dogma.

Yet the world scene is not wholly depressing. The rise to power of the British and Danish labor governments, the increasing strength of the German, Austrian and French Socialist parties, augur well for the future of Labor on the international field.

British labor is to be congratulated for its assault on the evils of armaments, slums and poverty. The Austrian Socialists have repelled the capitalist-clerical attack on the Austrian constitution. The Socialists of Italy, Russia and the other dictator-ridden nations fight ceaselessly for freedom. The Socialist and Labor International and the International Federation of Trade Unions work unceasingly for immediate and complete disarmament on land and sea, and in the air.

The American Scene

The workers of America inaugurated the celebration of May Day. This year May Day should be more widely observed than ever before. The myth of prosperity has been dispelled. Millions of men and women now walk the streets in a vain search for work. A federal congress which rushed at the first signs of the industrial depression to reduce the taxes on big business has refused to provide for the relief of the unemployed. While the industrial and commercial inter-

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## THE SPIRIT OF MAY DAY



Drawn by Walter Crane.

### May Day Program

(At the Bronx Coliseum New York City)  
MAY 1st, AT 1 P. M.

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| <p><b>Part I.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Songs of Labor . . . . . Creators' Band</li> <li>2. Addresses<br/>By representatives of the Socialist Party, the trade unions, and Socialist and labor societies.</li> <li>3. Choral Singing of Labor Songs.<br/>a. Workmen's Circle Male Chorus.<br/>b. Finnish Socialist Chorus.</li> </ol> <p><b>Part II.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Song Recital<br/>Helene Adler, Soprano.<br/>Max Altglass, Tenor.<br/>James Wolfe, Bass.</li> </ol> <p><b>Part III.</b><br/>(pageant)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marseillaise . . . . . Creators' Band</li> <li>2. Entrance March . . . . . All Performers</li> <li>3. Labor's Struggle<br/>a. Slaves . . . . . Workers' Dance Club<br/>b. Robots . . . . . Workers' Dance Club<br/>c. Liberation<br/>Young Circle League of the Workmen's Circle<br/>d. Songs of Solidarity<br/>Workers' Singing Club</li> <li>4. Towards Internationalism</li> </ol> | <p>a. Negro Work Songs<br/>Alice Crawford</p> <p>b. Indian Dances<br/>Naquayama, Moftsi and Indian Group</p> <p>c. Hispanic Group<br/>(1) La Cani (Gypsy Dance)<br/>Pauline Koner<br/>(2) Songs of Santo Domingo<br/>Patricia Garcia<br/>(3) Mexican Trio<br/>J. del Castillo, Leader<br/>(4) Jarabe Tapato (dance)<br/>Mexican Natives</p> <p>d. German Sports<br/>Workers' Gymnastic and Sport Alliance</p> <p>e. Finnish Dances<br/>Finnish Socialist Group</p> <p>f. Slavic Dances<br/>(1) Ukrainian Dances<br/>Ukrainian National Home, Passaic<br/>(2) Mazurka (Russian)<br/>Pauline Koner</p> <p>g. Speaking Chorus . . . . . Choruses<br/>'Workers of the World Unite,' etc.</p> <p>5. Finale: The International<br/>Choruses and Audience</p> |
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### Pageant To Feature N. Y. May Day Meet

### Labor Singing and Dance Groups to Take Part In Exercises at Coliseum

THE May Day pageant that will mark the New York May Day celebration of the Socialist Party, the trade unions and the fraternal and cultural societies will consist of a number of interesting numbers in dance and song that will depict the history of labor and the aspirations of the workers.

Soloists, the playing of revolutionary music by an excellent band under the baton of Francis P. Loubet and singing by the Workmen's Circle Male Chorus led by Friend Foster and by the chorus of the Finnish Socialist Branch led by Professor Mala will usher in the pageant proper. A group of three dances will then be shown. The first two called the Slaves and the Time Clock will be put on by the recently formed Workers Dance

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### Speaking And Stirring Pageant Is On Program

Representatives of U. S.  
Germany, Italy, Po-  
land To Speak—Wolfe  
and Altglass Among  
Singers

TRADE unionists and Socialists in and near New York City will assemble in their various meeting halls early next Thursday in preparation for the tremendous gathering at the Coliseum which will feature the May Day celebration of New York workers. It will be New York City's answer to the refusal of city, state and Federal officials to deal with the unemployment problem.

Leaders of the Socialist Party, the labor unions and other working class organizations, have issued appeals to their membership to proceed to the Coliseum in the greatest outpouring of labor the city has witnessed in many years, and to make progressive labor's demand for unemployment relief felt throughout the nation.

The doors of the huge arena will be thrown open at 12 o'clock. A committee of 300, recruited from the various organizations, will be on hand, under the personal supervision of Julius Gerber, secretary of the arrangements committee, to handle the crowd and insure the orderly progress of the meeting. Business managers of trade unions and shop chairmen, now working on the distribution of tickets among the members of their respective groups, will be on hand.

Heading the speaker's list will be Tony Sender, one of the leaders of the German Social Democratic Party, and a member of the German Reichstag. Announcement that she will be able to present the greetings in person of the German Socialist and labor movement was made to the committee by Morris Hillquit, who is also expected to be one of the speakers. Vincenzo Vacirca of Italy and Senator Protowich of Poland will also speak.

### Overflow Meetings Planned

Final plans for the demonstration, which now has the support of 300,000 workers affiliated with the Emergency Conference on Unemployment, of which A. I. Shipiloff is chairman, was made at a conference held last Tuesday afternoon in the People's House, 7 East 15th street, when representatives of every one of the unions identified with the conference promised to get out their membership on May Day.

No more than 5,000 will be able to enter the vast arena. As many more will be able to hear the speeches and the elaborate program at overflow meetings to be held in the vicinity of the hall, through amplifiers that are now being constructed. Starlight Park, adjoining the Coliseum, will be the scene of the largest individual meeting outside the hall.

Many thousands of tickets have already been distributed among the members of the participating organizations. Everywhere the interest in the meeting is keen, and the requests coming from all parts of the city, and even from adjoining cities, for tickets lead those in charge of the arrangements to predict that the meeting this year will eclipse the one held last year at Madison Square Garden, when 27,000 people crowded into the hall, and 20,000 others were turned away because no arrangement could be made for overflow meetings.

Some organizations have announced that meetings in the trade union halls, where the members have been instructed to assemble, will begin at 10 o'clock, and that special buses have been arranged to convey the members to the Coliseum. Those traveling by train from Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan, were instructed to take the Bronx Park subway, and go to 177th street. The hall is at East



17th street and Bronx River. Manhattanites, traveling by "L" trains are told to take the 2nd or 3rd Avenue trains to 149th street, where they can change for the Bronx Park subway.

**Party Leaders to Speak**  
Members of the Young Circle League, the Workmen's Circle Chorus, and other groups that are to take part in the pageant, which will include the representatives of all the important trade unions, Workmen's Circle, and kindred organizations.

The speaking program is now being worked out by a special committee. In addition to Tony Sender and Morris Hillquit, a complete list of speakers will be compiled before the week is over. They will include the representatives of all the important trade unions, Workmen's Circle, and kindred organizations.

The famous Crater's band, known throughout the country, has been engaged to furnish the music. Several stars from the Metropolitan Opera House, among them James Wolfe, Max Altglass and Helene Adler, have been engaged to render vocal solos. Plans regarding the pageant are published elsewhere in this issue of the New Leader.

During the next three days a corps of clerical workers will be at work sending tickets for the meeting to 15,000 enrolled Socialist voters, who are being invited by the Socialist organization.

**Union Leaders Aiding**  
A manifesto, calling attention to the refusal of the city, state, and federal officials to adopt vigorous measures to relieve the worst unemployment crisis in many years, and to leave to charity and bread lines the performance of the duty which everywhere else is discharged by government, will be printed, and will be in circulation the last few days prior to the meeting. Over 200,000 copies will be distributed in the garment centers, among the unemployed wherever they congregate, and at meetings of labor unions.

Every day between now and the meeting announcements of the program will be broadcast over Station WEDV.

Among the active leaders of the trade unions working intensively to line up all organizations and insure a large representation from each group are Abraham Miller, and George Goose, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, N. Polakoff, of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, A. I. Shlipacoff, of the International Pocket Book Makers Union, Jack Roberts and Sam Shkowsky, of the Cloth Hat and Makers Union, and Ed Gottesman, of the Furriers Union. They are on committees that are making the rounds at the union meetings nightly to secure every organization's cooperation.

**Committee of 300 Needed**  
An appeal to all Socialists and trade unionists who wish to serve on the Committee of 300 at the hall to report to him immediately has been issued by Gerber. He has also requested all those who can do clerical work to call at the party headquarters, 7 East 15th street, for the mailing that is to go out to 15,000 enrolled Socialist voters.

"Everything points to the success of the meeting," Gerber told the labor and Socialist leaders at the conference held last Tuesday evening. "We have done everything to make the program and the arrangements the best offered at any May Day meeting held in this city. For the rest, the leaders of the trade union movement can help bring out their membership."

The greater portion of the misery of this world arises from the false opinions of men whose idleness has physically incapacitated them from forming true ones.—John Ruskin.

## To Dance at New York May Day Rally



A group of dancers from the Ukrainian National Home in Passaic, New Jersey, who will take part in the New York May Day pageant at the Bronx Coliseum.

## Momentous Issues Face World Labor

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ests have fixed an arbitrary deadline which decrees permanent unemployment for hundreds of thousands of men and women over 45 years of age, the state and federal law-makers have refused to enact a system of old age assistance such as exists in all advanced nations of the world.

While the needs of labor have been ignored, the industrial and financial interests of the nation have made government its servile accomplice. Gigantic mergers and extortionate profits have been the order of the day. Politics has been corrupted. The courts have been filled with the satellites of big business who have given "yellow dog" decisions and injunctions to labor, and an unbridled right of profiteering to big business. Even the Supreme Court has not been safe, and President Hoover proposes to follow the appointment of Chief Justice Hughes, capitalism's outstanding apologist, with the appointment of a judge whose decisions and views have condemned organized workingmen to slavery.

The workers are summoned to demonstrate on May Day for unemployment insurance, for the inauguration of a six hour working day, for old age pensions, in order that the scourge of unemployment and poverty may be mitigated; against the use of the injunction in labor disputes. May Day should mark the institution of a campaign to take from the Supreme Court the power it has usurped to declare laws unconstitutional.

Above all, the workers must organize in their own political party and in their unions for the purpose of reorganizing economic society so that the workers may receive the full fruit of their labor, and industry may become the servant of all and not the property of a few. This is the crux of the many problems, international and domestic, that beset the men and women of labor. The undemocratic and unjust concentration of social wealth in the hands of a privileged few is the basic cause of wars, of tyranny and of poverty.

We call on the workers to rally this May Day for a crusade which will replace war with peace, tyranny with freedom and poverty with plenty. Only thus can the dream of a world cooperative brotherhood be realized.

It is the merest insolence of selfishness to preach contentment to a laborer who gets 30s. a week, while we suppose an active and plotting courtesan to be meritorious in a man who has three thousand a year.—Ruskin.



PAULINE KONER, who will present a gypsy and a Russian Dance at the N. Y. May Day Celebration.

## Pageant To Feature N. Y. May Day Meet

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Club trainee by Elizabeth Stuyvesant, secretary of the Women's Section of the Socialist Party, formerly active in the pageant work of the Party and with a rich European experience in this field. The third dance, the Liberation of the Workers will be staged by the Young Circle League of the Workmen's Circle under the supervision of David B. Rossi and the help of Afros. This will be followed by the jubilation singing of our leading labor songs by the Workers' Singing Club, which is rehearsing with Samuel Friedman as their guide.

"Towards Internationalism" is the title of the next part. In this we have been fortunate to secure the services of Pauline Koner before her departure for the Pacific coast. Miss Koner recently appeared in dance recital with Fokine and Michio Ito and is at present appearing in joint recital with Nimura. She will give a Spanish dance, La Cani (the Gypsy) and a Russian dance, Mazurka.

Finnish dances will be done by the dancing group of the Finnish Socialist Branch under the direction of Miss Sings Hagg. Olga Long has made the arrangements for securing our Finnish comrades.

Mexico will be represented by a folk dance entitled Jarabe Tapato which will be danced by natives to the tune of guitars and a saw played by a trio led by J. del Castillo. Patricia Garcia, a Santo Dominican, will sing. Elena Arizandi of the United American Countries is arranging for the Latin American group.

Dancers from the Ukrainian National Home of Passaic are coming all the way from New Jersey to give their colorful folk dances. For this we are indebted to T. Wislocky.

Alice Crawford will sing Negro work songs. American Indians will dance several dances and the Germans will be represented by a display of sports.

Mary K. Phillips and the Dressmakers Club of Local 38, I. L. G. W. U., the Fifth Avenue dressmakers, are preparing the costumes.

At the end all will unite in a Speaking Chorus, "Workers of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains." Then, all the choruses and other performers will lead the audience in the singing of the International.

This is an ambitious program and it requires the cooperation of everybody. There is still room for a few singers or dancers. The last two rehearsals take place at the Rand School Studio or Auditorium on Saturday, April 26 and Tuesday, April 29, the dancing at 6 o'clock and the singing at 8 o'clock. Offer your services. You will enjoy participating in the pageant and it will be duty well performed.

For further information apply to Elizabeth Stuyvesant, Louis Stanley or Julius Gerber at the Socialist Party headquarters, 7 East 15th street, sixth floor, Algonquin 4620.

**ANACONDA, Mont.—(F.P.)**—The Anaconda local of meat cutters, hitherto independent, has affiliated with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen of America. It has 44 members. The Butte local with 168 members set the example last month.

## Thomas Speaks In Cleveland On May First

**Socialists and Unions Join Forces for Largest Meeting in Ten Years — Music on Program**

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

CLEVELAND.—Norman Thomas will be the main speaker of the May First celebration to be held in Cleveland. This demonstration on the International Labor Day will be the first joint city-wide rally that the Cleveland movement has had in over ten years. The celebration will be sponsored jointly by the Socialist Party, the Young People's Socialist League, the various Workmen's Circle branches, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and several other progressive labor unions in the city.

The hall rented for this occasion is the National Slovenian Hall, 6417 St. Clair avenue. The hall is located in the heart of one of the most industrial sections of the city. It was found advisable by the committee in charge to hold the meeting in the evening at 8 o'clock as conditions are not ripe enough nor is the Cleveland movement strong enough to hold an afternoon gathering.

The program so far consists of choruses of the following groups: The Young People's Socialist League, the Yugoslav branch, the Bohemian branch, and the children's chorus of the Workmen's Circle Schools. There will be gymnastics and tableaux by the D. T. J., a sister organization of the Bohemian branch. Besides Norman Thomas, representatives of the Y. P. S. L., the S. P. of Ohio, the I. L. G. W. U. and several other organizations will address the huge crowd that is expected to attend. All signs lead us to believe that this demonstration will be a tremendous success and it is hoped to revive the spirit of militancy that prevailed before the War.

## Chicago to Have Four May 1 Rallies

**Senior and Coleman to Be Among Speakers at Series of Demonstrations**

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

CHICAGO.—Chicago Socialists are offering a variety of programs at their May Day Celebrations this year. The Jugoslav Socialist Federation is presenting a one-act play—"The Bolshevik Express" by Shaw, in addition to a musical program by the Jugoslav Singing Society and several prominent speakers. The meeting is to be held at the S. N. T. J. Hall, Lawndale and 27th.

At the meeting sponsored by the Bohemian Socialist Federation, V. Minnberger will speak on the May Day issues of "Unemployment and its Remedies" and "International Working-Class Solidarity."

The County Office, in cooperation with the Jewish Socialist Verband and the Workmen's Circle is sponsoring a meeting at which Al Benson, State Secretary from Wisconsin, and M. Shapiro, representative of the General Executive Committee of the Workmen's Circle, will be the principal speakers. In addition, George Smerkin will give a short talk on behalf of the Young People's Socialist League of Chicago.

Clarence Senior will be the chairman of the occasion. A musical program by the Workmen's Circle Chorus will be included. This meeting is to be held at 8:00 p. m., at the Douglas Park Labor Lyceum, Ogden and Kedzie avenues.

And finally the Socialist Club of the University of Chicago is cooperating with the Liberal Club and the Channing Club in presenting a Russian film in the afternoon at Mandel Hall to be followed by a short talk on the significance of May Day. McAllister Coleman, of the New Leader, is to be the speaker. It is hoped that he may be able to get over to the West Side meeting in time to say a few words of greeting. In the evening the three clubs are giving a dance at the Reynolds Club in honor of the occasion.

## Washington, D.C., to Have May Day Rally Wednesday, Apr. 30

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

Washington, D. C.—At an enthusiastic meeting of local Socialists held last Sunday at the Playhouse, 1814 M St., N.W., plans were made for an appropriate observance of Labor's International holiday May 1st.

August Claessens, Organizer of the Socialist Party in New York City, and a former member of the N. Y. State Assembly, has been secured to speak for the local comrades at a meeting to be held Wednesday night, April 30th, in the Playhouse.

An appropriate musical program is also planned as a part of the program and an enjoyable time is assured.

## Senior Urges Party Rallies On May Day

**National Secretary Asks Members to Redouble Work for Socialist Party**

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

CHICAGO.—Observance of May Day with a determination to work for the upbuilding of the Socialist Party is urged by Clarence Senior, national secretary of the Socialist Party, in a letter to Socialist Party branches early this week. Senior urges that current working-class issues be stressed at May Day rallies and that the resolutions voiced at the meetings be given wide publicity.

Senior's letter follows: "To Members of the Socialist Party: Dear Comrades:

"The National Executive Committee requests that all locals and branches hold May Day meetings. At these meetings the enclosed manifesto should be read. The necessity for social control over unemployment and old age insecurity should be stressed. Reduction of hours of labor to not more than six per day; and the use of the taxing powers of the government to re-distribute income more equitably should be called for.

"Fit the event to the local situation as much as possible, of course using the manifesto as a guide. If you cannot hold a public meeting, hold a special meeting of the local and invite sympathizers to discuss the present situation in America. Use this occasion to revitalize the Socialist movement in your locality.

"Send copies of the manifesto and resolutions adopted at the meeting to local papers. Members at Large can also secure publicity in this manner.

"If you have not started your local drive for new members—do so on May Day. Of even greater importance is a plan of study and action which will prepare the local to become an active force in the political life of the community.

"As an aid in the extremely necessary work the national office has mapped out for 1930, every member of the local should see that his dues for 1930 are paid up, and every member who can afford to, should be a monthly contributor of at least a modest sum for the national office sustaining fund.

"On May Day, every member of the party should search his own mind to see if there are not additional ways in which he can help in the building of a powerful Socialist movement which will transform the United States from a happy hunting ground for the gigantic predatory interests into a cooperative commonwealth."

## Boston Rally Will Stress Unemployment

**May Day Demonstration Will Be Held at Tremont Temple at 8 P. M.**

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

BOSTON.—The Socialist Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League will hold a May Day meeting on Thursday evening, May 1, at Tremont Temple, 82 Tremont street, Boston. The important issues of Socialism and unemployment, Socialism and peace, the Socialist proposals for taxation, Socialism and public ownership, Socialism and the union, and Socialism and the Negro will be the topics of short, energetic speeches by members of the Yipels and the Socialist Party.

An attempt is being made to get Mary Donovan Haggood, our former candidate for Governor, as the principal speaker.

Chief stress will be laid upon the Socialist proposals for dealing with unemployment such as our scheme for providing part pay for the unemployed through unemployment insurance, and relieving the labor market by talking the old folks off the labor market through old age pensions, and taking the youngsters off the labor market by raising the compulsory school age from 14 to 16.

**BUFFALO, N. Y.—(F.P.)**—International Labor Day will be celebrated May 1, under the joint auspices of the Socialist Party and the Independent Labor Party. Dr. Ben F. Wilson, Erie pastor, will speak. Wilson was a Socialist member of the Kansas legislature in 1914 and is a brother of J. Stitt Wilson, former Socialist mayor of Berkeley, Cal.

## Last Two Rehearsals For May Day Pageant

Last call for participants in the May Day pageant! Two more rehearsals! One on Saturday, April 26 and the other, the dress rehearsal on Tuesday, April 29. There is always room for a few more persons with enough imagination to see the enormous possibilities of this pageant work for the future. Dance rehearsals take place at 6 P. M.; chorus rehearsals at 8 P. M. The place is the Rand School Studio or Auditorium, 7 East 15th street. For further information inquire of Elizabeth Stuyvesant, Louis Stanley, or Julius Gerber at the Socialist Party headquarters, 7 East 15th street, Sixth Floor, Algonquin 4620.

## Socialist Party May Day Message

TO THE AMERICAN WORKERS:

May Day, Labor's international holiday, has returned with special significance to the toiling masses of this country. Millions of workers find themselves unemployed in the richest country of the world, while others are working inhumanly long hours.

New machines, technical developments, and mergers of great industrial enterprises are turning armies of workers into the streets. Increasing numbers are barred from employment at the ages of 45 and 50. Labor standards are being lowered and an increasing number of working class women are compelled to supplement the family breadwinner's income by seeking employment.

While these stark realities face the masses of this country, never have such great fortunes been reaped by the possessing classes, and never has their power in municipal, state, and national government been so absolute.

Thru the two party system which they control, their pliant servants in office do their will. Labor is without influence at a time when political power could be of inestimable service in meeting the distressing problems that almost overwhelm us.

Abroad, the workers thru their trade unions, co-operatives, educational institutions, and political parties are a world power. The workers of all other advanced countries have shown the road to power.

Ever watchful of fascist, monarchist, and military reaction, our comrades abroad guard democracy against its mercenary enemies. They give inspiration to all workers in the good fight against another war which would mean a reversion to savagery and the collapse of civilization.

In all nations where organized labor is conscious of its power and responsibilities, millions of toilers pledge their service to the realization of Socialist ideals.

This May Day must be consecrated to renewed service in the struggle against war, capitalism, imperialism, and unemployment; for a peaceful world, a working day of not more than six hours, social insurance and democratic control of industry and government.

We greet our comrades in all countries and again dedicate ourselves to the work of liberation from economic oppression, political dependence, and social discrimination. May another May Day see an extension of human solidarity all over the world.

National Executive Committee, Socialist Party of America.

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May 1, 1930.

## Socialists Join San Francisco May Day Rally

**Austin Lewis to Be Speaker at Meeting in California Hall Thursday**

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

SAN FRANCISCO.—The International May Day Federation will hold its 21st annual "First of May" celebration this year in California hall, corner of Polk and Turk streets. For the past year or more the Socialist Party did not have a part in this meeting for the reason that we did not care to participate in a movement the Communists were trying to dominate. When they found this was impossible and withdrew from the federation this year, the Socialist local of San Francisco renewed its membership and elected delegates to the federation.

The speaker for the May Day meeting will be Austin Lewis, and his ability to handle the labor situation and its international aspects is well known. Every Socialist in reach of San Francisco May 1 should make every effort to attend this meeting.

## Montreal Workers To Hold Joint May First Meeting

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

Montreal: May the first rally will take place at Prince Arthur Hall, Prince Arthur street East at 8 p. m. There will be a concert and mass meeting sponsored by St. Louis Labor Club, Young Peoples Socialist League, Workmen's Circle Branches and other trade unions.

The world-renowned Kellert Trio will take part in the musical program. Well known speakers will address the audience including the president of the Montreal Circle of the Young Peoples Socialist League, Comrade Lazarovitch, and our newly elected Socialist Alderman, Joseph Schubert.

**LONG BEACH, Cal. (F.P.)**—New members are coming into the Long Beach bakers' union at every meeting. Four were added last week.

## Maurer to Be May 1 Speaker In Philadelphia

**Dr. Holmes Will Also Speak at Rally in the Labor Institute on Thursday**

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

Philadelphia.—James H. Maurer, member of the national executive committee of the Socialist Party, and Dr. Jesse Holmes of Swarthmore College, will be the principal speakers at the Philadelphia May Day rally to be held at 8 p. m. in the Labor Lyceum, 810 Locust street. The Socialist Party with the cooperation of other labor groups is in charge of the rally. An excellent musical program has been arranged in keeping with the occasion.

## Los Angeles May Day Rally in Labor Temple

**Vladeck and Kirkpatrick to Be Among Speakers — All Party Groups Cooperating**

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES.—The Los Angeles Socialists are planning a huge mass meeting in the Labor Temple Auditorium on May First, to celebrate International Labor Day. The speakers will stress the issues of peace, unemployment, and the six-hour day, and will urge the workers to organize into A. F. of L. unions to fight the everyday battles of the workers.

The speakers will be Professor George R. Kirkpatrick, author of the famous book "War What For." Comrade Kirkpatrick will speak on the subject of peace. Comrade B. C. Vladeck, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward, will speak on the meaning of International Labor Day, and William H. Henry, former National Secretary of the Socialist Party, will speak on Unemployment.

A packed house is expected as there will be no admission charged, and the Los Angeles Socialists have real cause to celebrate as they have built up a powerful movement in the last 12 months. They now have thirteen Party branches and have four more in the embryonic stage, that will be full-fledged branches in the next few weeks. The Party membership has increased greatly and their local paper is in a flourishing condition, having already reached a circulation of eighteen thousand.

The entire Los Angeles Socialist movement, including the branches in the colleges and the foreign speaking branches are working hard to make this first of May celebration the biggest they have held in years.

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## Parker Fight Shows Power Of Militant Labor Action

Sentiment Aroused by Labor and Negro Group Amazes Washington — Confirmation in Doubt

By LAURENCE TODD

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Before these words appear in print the Senate may have received word that Judge John J. Parker of the Fourth Federal Circuit has asked that his name be withdrawn from nomination to the Supreme Court. Or, if he clings to the hope that the White House may yet force him upon the Senate and the country, debate may have started in the Senate, leading to his rejection for cause. There seems no chance that he can be confirmed.

Were the United States a nation conscious of feudal tradition rather than of the free-for-all scramble of capitalist individualism, the deliberate action of President Hoover in demanding that the Senate confirm to the highest court an obscure, feudal-minded Republican politician from North Carolina would not have aroused the political echoes it has. When organized labor, stirred up by a few of its progressives, attacked Parker's record as a sponsor of the yellow dog injunction, there was dismay in party headquarters. When the leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stirred the 18 negro voters in every corner of the country with an expose of Parker's enmity to the political freedom of their race, the G. O. P. leaders wrung their hands. The 10-6 vote in the Senate judiciary committee, rejecting Parker, was made inevitable by the protests of these two elements.

### People Discover Power

What this battle has developed is the fact that in the people still resides—indeed is steadily developing—a power of protest against governmental arrogance which will be awed neither by the judicial ermine nor by the pomp and intrigue which surround the presidential throne. Contempt for the judgment and the social attitude of Herbert Hoover—the man in the White House who repulsed every suggestion that he name a man of the type of Judge William S. Kenyon, to stand with Holmes and Brandeis for the modernization and humanization of American government—is written all over the record of the Parker case. Not all the detective-story and tea-bought press eulogists and radio-glorifiers at the command of his power trust backers can wash out the veto which the people have stamped across the face of this appointment.

Exercise of this protest-power has delighted the country. It has brought new courage to the labor movement, the defenders of the Negro race, and to independent thinkers who have a hope that the nation will begin to think about its economic organization. If Hughes can be shown up as a Wall Street judge, and if Parker can be beaten, then the Supreme Court, by stubborn insistence that candidates must prove their fitness to occupy that place of authority, be made safe for such humanity as the American people now understand. It can be gradually made over into an instrument for human betterment, instead of remaining an agency for shackling peonage upon the workers.

### Washington Amazed

These statements sound emotional. The plain fact is that never in a decade have the seasoned press

## N. Y. Women Socialists Open Emergency Kitchen To Feed The Unemployed

Store to Be Opened at 55 West 25th Street—Theatre Party Helps Finance Undertaking

By Pauline M. Newman

A New York City, has been turned into an emergency kitchen for unemployed men and women. The women of the Socialist Party are running the kitchen. The active spirits among them are now completing the details. Some are gathering dishes, food and other necessary equipment. By the time The New Leader is off the press the kitchen will be ready to serve a hot plate of soup and a substantial sandwich to the jobless, hungry men and women.

May I say in behalf of the Women's Section, that by doing this we do not want to be regarded as attempting to solve the problem of unemployment. Neither are we trying to play the Lady Bountiful. We are merely attempting, in a rather small way, to do what which a decent government administration should have done long ago, namely to feed the hungry and provide a bit of relief to those who through no fault of their own are deprived of earning their living.

So far as I know we are the only political group of women in this city who are doing the practical thing for the unemployed. There has been a great deal of talk about unemployment, but very little action. And while we are aware of the fact that the vast majority of the unemployed do not care as to who gives them a meal or a job, it is significant that the Socialist women are ready to act in their behalf instead of merely talking.

We do not propose to preach Socialism to the men who come in for a meal. But we do propose to have a piece of literature accompany each meal. Perhaps, when their hunger is appeased, they will digest the contents of the leaflet. We will also have thought-provoking posters. Some of these read: "Why, in the richest country of the world, are men hungry?" and "When men and women are willing to work, why deny them a job?" and "What is your government doing to solve the unemployed problem?" Unless they are too hungry to think, they will try to find an answer to these questions. To make this venture a success, the assistance of every one is important. Report to Nina Frey, at 55 West 25th Street, and help us do this thing right.

The Women's Section wishes to thank all those who have co-operated with us in making our theatre benefit the success it was. The entire house was practically sold out. If it were not for those who sold the tickets, and those who were so generous in buying them, we could not have succeeded as we did. Thanks, everybody!

### A most important meeting of the Section will be held on Monday evening, April 28th, in the Rand School. Matters of great importance are to come up for action, please make it your business to be there and on time.

### Union Health Center Fights Hay Fever

Hay fever has not always been taken seriously. But to the sufferer, hay fever is not a joke. The worker who suffers from hay fever must draw through many weeks during which his vitality is lowered and his capacity for work is seriously impaired. In the last few years, medical science has made real progress in the prevention of this disease. Hay fever is caused by the pollen from various weeds which flower in the fall. Some individuals are subject to the pollen of one weed, some to that of another. It is possible by certain tests, which do not cause the patient any inconvenience, to determine just which weed produces the disease in a particular individual. When this is discovered, it is a simple matter to give a series of inoculations which prevent the appearance of the former symptoms. In this manner, with a few treatments, hay fever sufferers may be protected.

### The Union Health Center, located at 131 East 17th Street, is urging workers who are subject to this disease, to attend its hay fever sessions. Tests and the necessary inoculations are being given at rates so low that every working man and each member of his family who are subject to hay fever can well afford to protect themselves against the misery which is the inevitable result of the disease. Register now for the entire course of treatment.

### CLEVELAND.—(FP)—"No person who will take the time to investigate the suffering and hardships being endured at this time by some of our so-called technologically unemployed can be against old age pensions and unemployment insurance," declares the Locomotive Engineers Journal for April. "Looking at the present unemployment problem through the rose-colored glasses is not going to help solve this extremely serious problem."

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### 317 PRISONERS BURN

THOSE 320 prisoners burned to death in the Ohio penitentiary, whatever their faults, were not condemned to death. Yet they were killed in the last analysis by society which was heartlessly indifferent to gross overcrowding and did not provide so much as a proper system of discipline among guards for meeting the emergency of fire. However black the crime of desperate prisoners who may have set the fire, however grave the guilt of panic-stricken officials who would not or could not open cell doors, the main criminal in this latest prison tragedy once more is society itself.

## Germer Is Beaten; Lewis Men Wounded

Vice-President of Reorganized Mine Union Attacked by 12 in Illinois

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

ROYALTON, Illinois.—John L. Lewis showed his hand here last week when a gang of his thugs brutally assaulted Adolph Germer, Vice President of the United Mine Workers of America, who was on his way to address a meeting of a local union of the miners in this town.

Germer, who is a thorn in the side of the desperate official to whom the miners pay \$12,000 a year, had been invited by the Royaltown miners to explain the program of the reorganizers of the U. M. W. of A.

As he and Alexander Howat, President of the U. M. W. of A. got out of their car in front of the union hall, a Lewis "professional officer" named Edmundson who was involved in a gang fight in Ziegler no less than three weeks ago, went up to Germer and said: "You can't speak here tonight."

Germer said: "On whose authority do you make the statement?" Edmundson said: "On my own. Boys let him have it."

Whereupon Edmundson and his followers armed with brass knuckles fell upon Germer. Adolph, who is over six feet tall and weighs around 250 pounds is nobody to trifle with as Edmundson and his gang soon found out. In the battle which ensued shots were fired and a number of Lewis men were wounded. Germer, bleeding and bruised, beat off his assailants who fled taking their wounded with them.

Germer went in and addressed the meeting and announced that he could not be kept out of Southern Illinois. He has made his headquarters at Herrin and sworn out writs against Edmundson and his gang.

Eastern labor leaders were indignant when they read of the assault upon Germer. A prominent trade union official said: "Lewis has gone the limit. The cowardly slugging of a man of the character of Germer shows to what lengths this repudiated leader will go in order to hold his highly paid job. Lewis is a disgrace to the entire labor movement and the sooner he gets out of it, the better off organized labor will be."

Norman Thomas said to a correspondent of "The Illinois Miner": "There is nothing surprising in the latest actions of Lewis's henchmen. They are typical of the violence constantly practiced by lip-servants of law-and-order under the capitalist system. Mr. Lewis has constantly professed his admiration for this system. What can be expected of a leader like that?"

### Fannie Bixby Spencer Dies in California

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES.—The death of Mrs. Fannie Bixby Spencer is announced as occurring at Long Beach, California, on March 30, 1930, at the age of 50.

Fannie Bixby was born November 6, 1879, on the famous Los Cerritos ranch, the site of the present city of Long Beach, the daughter of Jotham Bixby, founder of the city.

Mrs. Spencer was widely known as a Socialist, and active with the California movement. She is survived by her husband, Carl Spencer, brother Jotham Bixby Jr., and five adopted children.

Of late years she had resided at Costa Mesa, Orange County, and her will filed at Santa Ana for probate, disposes of an estate valued at \$2,371,329.

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## Iola, Wis., Elects Socialist Mayor on Utilities Issue

MILWAUKEE.—The election of R. L. Anderson, Socialist, as mayor of Iola, Wis., created much excitement in that village.

Anderson conducts a machine shop in Iola and specializes in mill, electric and automobile supplies. He ran for office seven times, twice for treasurer, once for the assembly and four times for village president.

"There were two strong elements, one working hard for me and the other working hard to prevent my victory," said Anderson.

"My campaign pledge was for a reduction of the Electric Co.'s street light bill."

The wet and dry question entered into the fight to a slight extent.

## A Few Reservations Still Open For Dinner To Jacob Panken

With almost a week to go, two-thirds of the number who can be accommodated at the dinner to be tendered to former Judge Jacob Panken on Thursday, May 1, at Beethoven Hall, 210 East 5th street have already made reservations, Meyer Gillis, treasurer of the Judge Panken Anniversary Dinner Committee, announces.

The number of requests for reservations coming with each mail indicate, he said, that every available table will have been reserved several days in advance of the dinner. Late comers will not be able to secure last minute reservations as has been the case in the past.

At a meeting last Thursday of the committee which was organized to plan a fitting celebration to commemorate Judge Panken's fiftieth birthday final arrangements for the banquet were made. A musical program was decided on, and arrangements made to have every organization that has reserved one or more tables to secure satisfactory location.

Every important trade union with which Panken has been identified, and in whose struggles he took active part, will be represented, as will the Socialist Party, the Workers' Circle, the Jewish Daily Forward, the Ort, and the Naturalization Aid League. Other progressive groups have also made provision to be represented. Judges and lawyers who had occasion to work with Panken during the ten years he served as the lone Socialist judge, and who consider him a leading jurist in the city, will be there, while Socialists throughout the world, who have met and worked with him at International Socialist Congresses have sent greetings that will be read at the dinner.

Those who have not received invitations due to the fact that their names did not appear on the mailing lists that were used, are requested by Gillis to make their reservations by addressing Meyer Gillis, Room 601, 7 East 15th street.

## Central Trades Turns Down Vets May Day Invitation

At the last meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York and vicinity, President Joseph P. Ryan announced that the city central would not participate in the May Day counter-demonstration in Union Square arranged by the Veterans of Foreign and other patriotic societies in an attempt to forestall the Communist demonstration. The reason given by President Ryan was that the Central Trades might be misunderstood in some quarters and thought to be giving May Day recognition as International Labor Day. President John Sullivan of the New York State Federation of Labor reported on the results of the legislative session.

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## N. Y. Printers Make Threat Of Strike Vote

International Union Asked to Sanction Ballot — Daily Papers May Be Tied Up

TYPOGRAPHICAL Union 6, which includes employees of the New York newspapers, has voted to ask the parent organization, the International Typographical Union, for authority to take a strike vote and has rejected the proposal of the Publishers Association to arbitrate all differences which arose in the negotiations of the last year for a new agreement.

The union's demand for a five-day week with six days' pay was refused by the publishers, who proposed a three-year contract with a wage increase of \$1 a week for each year of the contract. This was rejected by the union, which voted to consider no proposal that did not embody the five-day week. Subsequently, at conferences with Charles P. Howard, president of the International Typographical Union, the publishers withdrew their previous proposals and suggested an immediate resort to arbitration. The arbitration proposal was placed before the union members and last Sunday they voted it down and decided to ask for strike sanction. The wage agreement expired last July. Conferences on a new contract had begun on June 18, 1929.

## Protest Barks Ouster Of Pittsburgh Liberal

PITTSBURGH (F.P.)—Sheer weight of protest from the faculty, which is beginning to be irritable of infringement on their academic freedom, caused University of Pittsburgh trustees to reappoint W. Ellison Chalmers, pro-labor economics instructor, who was slated to go. Chalmers was told that he wouldn't be needed next year "for the good of the university," despite the fact that his teaching record and character were excellent and that he is vouched for by the other members of his department.

It is about time to put an end to the reign of old men in the world.—Rev. Rhonda Williams.

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handling the Indian issue has expressed the instinctive and overwhelming sentiment in England. But it has made Socialism seem the ally of imperialism, which is a terrible price for anything else it may accomplish. The more credit therefore to the minority which constitutes the Independent Labor Party which has so boldly come out on the unpopular side. It is profoundly to be hoped that in the matter of India as in the matter of domestic policies the I. L. P. after the break, as before, will be the heaven of an active, wise and powerful Socialism in Great Britain. Between office holding and keeping up Socialist education the latter is far more important.

### 317 PRISONERS BURN

THOSE 320 prisoners burned to death in the Ohio penitentiary, whatever their faults, were not condemned to death. Yet they were killed in the last analysis by society which was heartlessly indifferent to gross overcrowding and did not provide so much as a proper system of discipline among guards for meeting the emergency of fire. However black the crime of desperate prisoners who may have set the fire, however grave the guilt of panic-stricken officials who would not or could not open cell doors, the main criminal in this latest prison tragedy once more is society itself.

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## The Tide Has Turned Brightest May Day In Ten Years

By Morris Hillquit  
National Chairman, Socialist Party

FOR the first time since the close of the war the Socialists of America can celebrate labor's international holiday with a sense of gratification at the achievements of the immediate past and with a justifiable feeling of confidence in the future.

After ten years of persistent, hard and seemingly hopeless struggle against overwhelming odds our movement again distinctly begins to mount an upgrade path.

As the fertility of the ghastly holocaust of 1914-1918 becomes more manifest with every advancing year, and the threat of a new and destructive world war under international capitalist misrule grows more formidable and real, our demonstrated uncompromising opposition to all forms of war gains favor in large circles of the thinking population of America.

### Labor's Opportunity

By Daniel W. Hoan  
Mayor of Milwaukee

ON this May day, two vital questions, the unemployment problem and the chain store evil, are uppermost in the minds of the American people.

Widespread unemployment following the deflation of the Coolidge-Hoover Prosperity Bubble has not only affected the laboring element which periodically is pauperized by a relentless economic process described as "economic readjustment," or "seasonal slump," but this time has made itself keenly felt by the "white collar" office workers, many of whom were wiped out financially on the stock exchange.

Dire poverty and uncertainty of employment were a new experience for many of these workers. They began to contemplate their pitiful plight and wonder why, in this land of wealth and abundance, they should suffer want and privation. They could not reconcile promises of continued prosperity, freely made during the last presidential campaign, with conditions that followed a year after the Super-Administrator and Miracle Man entered the White House. Some, in their child-like credulity, at first believed the optimistic reports of Andrew Mellon and other apostles of prosperity that the depression was merely a seasonal slack and would return to normal would follow.

Well, over a half year has elapsed since the stock market crashed, and conditions continue to be bad everywhere, with none too favorable prospects for the immediate future.

Now, even the over-credulous are beginning to realize that something is radically wrong with our economic system when the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is denied to millions of our people.

Meanwhile, the chain store problem has assumed proportions that are causing grave concern for the continued existence of the small store-keeper and for the economic welfare of our nation. Hundreds, if not thousands, of

With the bursting of the bubble of capitalist prosperity and the growing cohorts of unemployed and prematurely "superannuated" workers, cruelly abandoned to their own desperate fate in the wealthiest of all lands, our arraignment of the capitalist evils reaches ever readier ears.

Our steadfast refusal to be carried away by the hollow revolutionary phrases of a reckless and sterile extremism has been vindicated by the facts as a wise policy.

We have of late gained members and adherents and we are daily conquering the confidence and respect of thoughtful persons among the workers and other classes of the people.

Let us prepare on this May Day to take full advantage of the great opportunities opening to us and to build up in this citadel of capitalism a strong and potent Socialist movement worthy to take a prominent place in the determined and world-wide struggle for labor for a better and saner world.

neighborhood stores have already been wiped out by the encroachment of chain stores, and many more are struggling along helplessly, threatened with extinction if this evil continues.

What does this mean? It means that we are witnessing a gradual concentration of wealth, dominated by a few individuals, who are to achieve mastery over the economic life of this country under the guise of greater efficiency and economy, but really to create a monopoly of all the necessities of life and thereby reap greater and greater profits for themselves.

Heretofore the small merchant was inclined to exaggerate his own importance and unwittingly played the game of the moneyed interests that now threaten to crush him. He considered himself a business man and as such identified his interests with those of corporate wealth, as against the interests of the worker upon whom he was dependent for a livelihood. Like the "white collared" office worker, his mind was closed against any liberal ideas and the gospel of Socialism.

Now when he is being jolted out of the smug security of his comfortable if not affluent existence, he too is beginning to give serious thought to his future. "Self-preservation is the first law of nature."

This is the law of the jungle. In a civilized society the urge for self-preservation manifests itself in an endeavor to maintain a healthy, happy and productive social life. When this is threatened as it is now by the menace of concentrated wealth, by greed for private profits, by the encroachment of the powerful few upon the rights of the many, then it is high time for thinking people to awaken to a clear understanding of their common interests and organize to secure for themselves and their posterity the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

In brief, this May Day brings to the Socialist Party a great opportunity to enlist thousands who are now compelled to think by economic conditions.

tives of the various counties, some of whom are opposed to any change in the structure of the organization, and others who contend that more progress would be possible under a change than is possible under the present city-wide arrangement, promise to result in a prolonged discussion. Both proponents and opponents of the new plan agree that the city office should be maintained for the work that is city-wide in its scope.

Changes in the structure already undertaken through the formation of county committees in several counties will require changes in the by-laws and in the constitution of the executive committee, in the opinion of some of the delegates, a committee on by-laws will be chosen to draft by-laws to conform with any change that may be decided upon.

**Policies To Be Considered**  
It is expected that proposals emanating from a group of party members affecting the policies of the organization, and recommended by a number of branches as questions that ought to be placed on the agenda, will come up for discussion on Sunday, when the organization matters, with which the convention will deal primarily, will have been disposed of. A draft of the recommendations submitted by the group was published in last week's issue of the New Leader.

The committee in charge of the convention arrangements requests all delegates to be on hand at 2 o'clock, the hour set for the opening of the convention. Delay in getting the convention under way will require a limitation for the consideration of some questions as the amount of business to be transacted requires that there be no delay in starting. The convention will be held in the Debs Auditorium of the People's House.

John Jenkins was out of work and hungry, so he beat up Meyer Benjamin, a second hand dealer, to get money for food.

## The Promise of May Day

# The World That Is To Be

## A Call To Service Against War Poverty And The Exploitation of Labor

Last year a number of requests were received for the following article because of its history of the origins of May Day. Two more requests have been received in recent weeks. The article appeared in the May Day issue of The New Leader in 1925. This reprint includes the resolution adopted by the Paris Congress. It is reprinted with the suggestion that it be clipped and filed by those who care for this short history of Labor's international holiday. It will not be printed again in The New Leader.

By James Oneal

MAY DAY is a symbol of the awakening of all things to life. Its origin runs back to the Romans and other ancient peoples. In England it was an ancient custom for the people to go "a-Maying" on the First of May to welcome the advent of spring. The May pole, from which the merry-makers suspended flowers and around which they danced, became a custom with the tollers who found in the day a release from arduous labor. Something in the day appealed to the emotional and spiritual nature of serfs and laborers.

I suspect that those who observed the woodland bursting into a riot of green, the flowering of the hillside, the evidences of awakening life in all Nature, felt rather than interpreted this as a forecast of the beauty and joy that would come to be universal for mankind. All the aesthetic impulses of the tollers were quickened, and although they could not fathom their own feelings the one fact that was evident was a day's release from drudgery to indulge in festivals of comradeship and joy.

That the Labor movement of the world should inherit this day as its own and translate its local and provincial symbolism into terms of international brotherhood was natural. The call of May Day comes to us across the centuries. It came to the serf of the feudal ages from the Roman bondmen, from the serf to the journeyman of the guilds, and from the journeyman to the wage worker of modern capitalism.

Its modern history is interesting. Having its origin in the Labor movement of the United States, it

was carried to the European workers, adopted by them and observed to this day, while here it was abandoned by the trade unions for an official Labor Day designated by Congress. In 1886 the American trade unions engaged in concerted propaganda for the eight-hour day, but the Haymarket tragedy in Chicago set back the movement for nearly two years.

It was not until 1888 that a nation-wide movement was again taken up for the shorter hours. In that year the A. F. of L. planned another long campaign to culminate in great mass meetings on May Day, 1890. The International Socialist Congress was called to meet in Paris in July, 1889, and President Gompers planned to get the sympathetic support of the congress for the struggle in the United States. Here a paragraph from Mr. Gompers' autobiography regarding this phase of the history of May Day is interesting:

"I talked the idea over with Hugh McGregor, who was idealistic enough to recognize no practical difficulties. The margin of time intervening was too small to trust a letter of invitation to the mail, so McGregor agreed to act as a special courier. He had long experience in traveling on almost nothing. His wants were few and accustomed to all manner of delays in gratification. We discovered that a boat was leaving within a brief time that would just get him to Paris in time. We managed to get enough money for his ticket."

Eventually a resolution for an eight-hour demonstration in every country was adopted and there was pretty general observance of the day. That was the origin of the European May Day, which has become a regular institution in all European countries.

**The Paris Resolution**  
The famous first congress of the second Socialist International, opened on the hundredth anniversary of the fall of the Bastille, July 14, 1889. A letter from Gompers was read to the delegates. It stated that the American Federation of Labor was so occupied with the eight-hour movement that it was unable to send an official representative. It urged the world labor and Socialist congress to join the agitation for the shorter work-day.

## America Must Catch Up Socialism Here Calls For A Determined Battle

By Nathan Fine

THE history of nations, peoples, religions, and classes may be told from the holidays they celebrate. Their holidays are their most holy days. July 4th, Independence Day, and July 14th, Bastille Day, are two of the most important holidays in America and France. They recall the American Revolution and the French Revolution. These historic events were of great importance to the United States and France. The American Revolution freed the commercial and industrial classes in the thirteen colonies from English imperial rule. The French Revolution freed the bourgeoisie of France from the rule of the nobility and the feudal landlords. But these revolutions did not bring freedom to the rising working class in the two republics. These two revolutions brought American capitalist rule, and French capitalist rule. They brought capitalist exploitation. The workers of these countries, and of every other capitalist country, therefore, must still look to the future for the day of their emancipation. They cannot commemorate the past. They demonstrate on May First, International Labor Day, to express their hope, their faith, above all, their determination to secure their freedom from capitalist class rule. And they demonstrate together all over the globe, because, in the words of the preamble of the First International, written by Karl Marx:

"The emancipation of labor is neither a local, nor a national, but a social problem, embracing all countries in which modern society exists, and depending for its solution on the concurrence, practical and theoretical, of the most advanced countries."

They call across all political boundaries: "Workers of the World, Unite!"

May Day, International Labor Day, was first celebrated on May 1, 1890. And what the Paris congress of 1889 gave to the labor and Socialist movement of the world has been treasured ever since as labor's own, labor's most holy day, wherever workers are internationally minded. And because it was an international holiday, the idea of peace came to the forefront. In the London congress of 1896 of the Socialist International, the resolution read that the May Day demonstrations "should have as their chief objects the obtaining the Legal Eight Hours Day and protests against militarism." And finally, as the workers' organizations began to grow, as the trade unions increased in membership, as the labor and socialist parties added to their numbers, and as the cooperatives, augmented their

strength, the working class everywhere saw the brightening dawn in the not too distant future. The workers on May Day not only demanded the eight-hour day, labor legislation, international peace. They called and demanded in ever-increasing numbers and with more determined power for the abolition of the capitalist system. They demanded freedom from capitalist class rule.

The First International, officially known as the International Workingmen's Association, was launched in St. Martin's Hall, London, on September 28, 1864. It lasted about ten years. The workers were not yet well enough organized to give it necessary strength to survive and grow. The Second International was started in 1889 and died on the battlefields of Europe in 1914. The labor and socialist map of the world had been transformed in the 25 years of its existence. Permanent and vital mass movements of the workers had arisen in every industrial land. Labor was a first-class power, and a challenge to the ruling classes of the earth. But it did not know how to mobilize its resources and it fell an easy victim in the cataclysm of the World War.

Today the working classes of the world are divided into two internationalisms, which are struggling for mastery. And the American trade union movement refuses to join the International Federation of Trade Unions of Amsterdam, it refuses to organize a labor party, and it refuses to go along to the Labor and Socialist International.

### Symbol of Freedom!

By A. I. Shiplacoff

WE are again celebrating Labor's International Holiday. The setting for May 1, 1930, in our country is not a particularly bright one. With millions of men reduced to dust by the economic depression, the labor movement suffering with anæmia, and the masses taking nearly everything for granted without showing any tangible signs of revolt; with this human setting for the first of May, it is not easy to become inspired.

There is, however, an intrinsic force in this holiday that raises it above the level of its surroundings and makes it a beacon of hope for all who can sound the current beneath the surface.

This force is the international character of the day.

The constant stream of new inventions that facilitate transportation and communication is rapidly bringing the human family more closely together. The European and American peoples and a substantial part of the population of the other continents have reached a state where isolation is impossible. More and more we begin to realize that no country can make great progress for any length of time while the rest of the civilized world lies prostrate.

The American who had been deluding himself by the mirage of prosperity for the past five or six years, is now waking up to the realization that the distressful post war condition of Germany, France, England and other countries could not forever make good for the shortcomings inherent in our own economic system.

The crash came. We are sobering up at the expense of a disgraceful and criminal situation of hun-

A leading delegate from France, Lavigne, introduced the resolution which was carried unanimously, with an explanation from the Russians that in the land of the Czar a May Day demonstration was impossible. The resolution inaugurating international labor day and designating May 1 as the day, read as follows:

"Let the workers of all countries and of all cities gather together on one day and thus constitute a great international demonstration. Let them demand of the public authorities the introduction of the eight-hour day and the enactment of the labor legislation embodied in the resolutions of the Paris Congress."

"Inasmuch as the American Federation of Labor, at its St. Louis convention in December, 1888, has already decided upon May 1st, 1890, let the international labor demonstrations all be held on this day."

"And let the workers of the different nations conduct their demonstrations as seems best to them, in conformity with the special conditions of their lands."

**Labor Day Proposed**

Why the trade union movement of this country withdrew from celebrating May Day as the international holiday of labor has never been explained. The New York Central Labor Union on May Day, 1882, suggested that the first Monday in September be designated as Labor Day and a resolution to that effect was adopted. Two years later the A. F. of L. officially endorsed the first Monday in September. In 1894 Congress declared this day a holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories and the States one by one declared it a holiday in the ensuing years. In the convention of the A. F. of L. in 1903, a resolution to declare May Day as labor's holiday was defeated and the trade unions have accepted the September day ever since.

Nevertheless, many of the more progressive trade unions have in each year joined in May Day celebrations in union with the workers of all other countries. That the bulk of the unions decline to celebrate it only emphasizes the fact that they are out of step with their brothers on this matter in all other countries as they are in the mat-

ter of independent political action. May Day is not only a day for pledging the fellowship of the workers of all countries regardless of sex, nationality, color or race, but it is a day for taking stock and to consider the road we have to travel before the world is made safe for the working class. Its symbolism of awakening life suggests the continuous rebirth and readjustment of the Labor and Socialist movement to a changing world. Its inspiration cannot be reconciled with the dead hand of precedent. May Day teaches that all things change. It teaches the universality of progress. It suggests a living movement, not one dead in the clutches of hoary tradition and archaic formulas.

This day must inspire the executives of the unions, the speakers, writers, organizers and members of the Socialist Party, to renewed consecration to the struggle of the workers to be free of class domination.

May Day is a call to service against war and the capitalist system that breeds it. It is a call for peace and fraternity among the nations. It is a protest against jingoism and the abysmal hatreds fomented among the peoples of the world.

Finally, May Day and its ideals forecast the day of working class deliverance from the menacing capitalism of our time. When these ideals are realized, when labor is triumphant all over the world, it will reconstruct capitalism so that every day will be a May Day for humanity. Art and beauty will replace the hideous cities that are now wretched monuments of the capitalist regime. Labor will labor for labor, not for idle exploiters. The cesspools and foul ghettos, the disease-breeding kennels of humankind, the anxiety and overstrain, the brooding fear of unemployment, the unmerited poverty and the uncertainties of this chance-world of capitalism, will be no more.

May Day spurs us to renewed effort today, inspires confidence in ultimate victory, and brings to us knowledge that hundreds of millions think as we think, hope as we hope, work as we work, conscious that mankind will flower into something better in the great days ahead.

Let us face our tasks resolutely. The International Federation of Trade Unions and the Labor and Socialist International cannot and must not repeat the tragic mistakes of the Second International. The class-conscious organizations of labor on the political and industrial fields must be prepared to prevent at all costs to themselves a repetition of the fatal surrender of 1914.

And for us in America, every militant, every class-conscious and internationally minded worker, must bend his every effort to help organize the tollers and make them working-class conscious. We owe it to our deepest faith in Socialism, we owe it to our comrades in all other lands, to do our utmost to build a larger, a more powerful, a more militant, a more class-conscious labor movement in this, the leading capitalist nation on earth.

For us, May Day is a moving and compelling call to action to do our part in fashioning a labor movement able to cope with the strongest ruling class in existence. May Day is a challenge for us, despite all obstacles, to agitate, educate, organize, for socialism and international solidarity. Whatever the needs of the moment may be, whatever the organizations and issues we are engrossed in, let us not forget our great goal: the abolition of capitalism, militarism and imperialism.

Let each May Day give us added courage and power to work and fight for the coming of the Working Class Parliament of the World.

### Labor Advances

By Benjamin Schlesinger  
President, International Ladies Garment Workers Union

THIS May Day finds the organized workers all over the world steadily advancing to greater achievements and the labor hosts inspired with the ideals of human betterment, economic security, and a world of peace and fraternity.

At the end of the World War the labor movement of the world was demoralized but time has healed old wounds. Out of the tragedy of the great conflict has come a greater and more powerful labor movement that advances through trial and error, experience and education, to more sure ground which promises ultimate victory.

Viewing the world-wide scene of Labor's aims and struggles, we may again regard this May Day as a day of rejoicing and hope, confident that all for which we strive will eventually be fulfilled.

## May Day Dramatic Holiday Belongs To The Workers

By A. J. Muste  
Chairman, Conference for Progressive Labor Action

RECALL how as a small boy in Grand Rapids, Mich., I was thrilled by the Labor Day parades in September. That was quite a good many years before the war. I lived to see the day when I sat as a delegate in the Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York and vicinity and heard a proposal for a parade on Labor Day turned down on the ground that there was not enough interest on the part of the workers to insure a good turnout, that workers did not like to parade any more, and that it would of course be foolish to have a parade and not make a good impression.

I can remember also those days when I was no larger a boy when I first obtained more than a book acquaintance with the radical labor movement and witnessed the May Day parades of Socialists and progressive trade unionists. Fortunately, May Day is still observed by many of these.

Turning to another side of the picture, it is interesting to observe that in combatting the celebration of the international labor holiday by the workers' capitalist interests use two types of activity, the quiet and subtle on the one hand and the direct and brutal on the other hand. In doing so they are of course following out the lines they have worked out in blocking the advance of unionism — company unions, welfare work and high pressure propaganda where possible, and spies, thugs, soldiers, yellow-dog contracts where necessary. Thus the president now annually proclaims the first of May to be Child Health Day so as to distract the minds of adults and children from the labor celebration.

This is not enough apparently, and so this year in New York City the reactionaries and militarists are resorting to more aggressive and brutal methods. The Veterans of Foreign Wars are going to parade on May Day and hold a mass meeting in Union Square. A considerable number of organizations and many individuals, including a number of conservative trade union leaders, have given their approval to this plan and signified their intention to cooperate in its execution.

It seems to me that this is an event both significant and ominous. Reactionary and Fascist tendencies in this country are here showing their hand. In the most insulting manner they propose to take a day which has for many years been devoted to the celebration and dramatization of peace, internationalism and labor solidarity, a day the celebration of which had its origin in the American labor

movement, and make it a day for celebrating militarism, jingoism and warfare against militant laborism.

It is beside the point to argue that the V. F. W. are entitled to freedom of speech and assembly. Does any one suppose that they are moved by a holy desire to shield those American liberties in arranging for this counter-demonstration of theirs on May Day precisely?

It is likewise decidedly beside the point to argue that the matter is of no concern to Socialists and progressives because the attack is aimed at Communists. One may be permitted to entertain some doubts as to the genuineness of the desire of these elements to combat Communism. They are constantly complaining that the Communists want and thrive on publicity and notoriety, and then they promptly set about after the example of the great and glorious Grover Whelan to give the Communists shiploads full of publicity and notoriety! We have not been informed as to the tactics the Communists expect to pursue in Union Square on May Day, but let there be no mistake that if there is trouble and bloodshed on that day the blame will rest squarely on the souls of these idiotic reactionaries.

In reality the V. F. W. and their allies are attacking the whole labor and Socialist movement. When the movement cannot take to the streets, sing, fling its banners to the breeze, march and demonstrate, when the means for dramatizing its principles and ideals are taken away, then a blow has been struck at its very heart.

Furthermore, by this puerile counter-demonstration an injury is done to all the workers in this country. May Day parades and meetings were to call attention to the widespread unemployment and suffering which capitalism has again brought into the homes of our land. How much are Republican politicians and big business men paying the V. F. W. & Co. to distract attention from this paramount issue and to prevent the spirit of revolt against injustice from being fanned to a flare in the hearts of the workers?

Let us accept the challenge. Let us make it clear that the duty of the police is to keep order on May Day, not to attack workers whatever their beliefs. Let us make it clear that May Day is our international labor day and that we intend to keep it such. Another year let us plan for some good old-fashioned May Day parades all over the land. Let the voice of protest against unemployment, injustices, yellow-dog contracts and war, mount to the very skies on Thursday night!

## The Party Marches On!

By August Claessens  
Organizer, Local New York City, Socialist Party

MAY DAY 1930 marks another anniversary of the International Socialist movement. Another year has passed and a new one opens. Building upon the foundations laid by the great pioneers and founders, Socialists in many countries are busily erecting the framework of the new social order. Much progress has been made by our European comrades in clearing slums, advancing the welfare of the workers through social legislation and trade union organization and combatting militarism. The prestige and power of Socialism has advanced materially and spiritually.

The temporary set-back occasioned by the World War has been wiped out and our movement is in the ascendancy in most every country but those that are still in the grip of dictatorships. May First, 1930, is surely a happy day for Socialists and all lovers of international peace and brotherhood. We are one year nearer to the realization of our dreams.

In these United States and in all the republics of North and South America the Socialist movement has not yet achieved the stride of our comrades in Europe and Australia. We are still far behind in numbers, organization, power and accomplishments. Nevertheless, here also is evidence of growth. Our party has gained since last May Day. In many parts of the United States we have moved forward.

In California, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania we have strengthened our forces considerably. In New York City we have made the greatest gains. The splendid Mayoralty campaign increased our vote from 50,000 to 175,000. Since last May Day some 1500 new members have joined our ranks and our branch and district organizations have grown from 57 to 69. Thanks to the many devoted and energetic and efficient comrades in the City Executive Committee and its numerous sub-committees our City organization has the benefit of an excellent leadership. To render tribute to all these hard-working and heroic comrades would require a lengthy article.

The faithful comrades in our county and branch organizations have worked persistently and the many young people among the new recruits have added the pep and spirit that has contributed so much to our revival. We Socialists in

New York City are decidedly on the upward grade and every undertaking of ours is now relatively more and more successful. The coming campaign will demonstrate our new vigor and strength. The industrial depression, and the widespread unemployment will arouse attention to our message.

And so, May Day is also our day of rejoicing! We will echo the cry of our comrades the whole world over! Onward Socialism! Toward Internationalism and the coming of a United States of the World! Away with war, poverty and capitalism! Hasten the new social order, the solidarity of the great common people of the earth!

SCRANTON, Pa. (F.P.)—After a 3-year fight, master carpenters have signed up with the union which already had 50 per cent of the independent contractors signed up. The union has 800 members.

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## Home-Sick And Telephones

**T** CROON. They swoon." How's that for a Rudy Vallee theme song?

Well here I am back from Herrin. Scotch song. "Oh! Come back from Herrin, mavaurneen!"

Everything looks quite familiar including our favorite bill collector.

There is one impression that I want to eliminate immediately. I ran into one of the best men ever, namely Rheinhold Niebuhr, and he said that from reading my last column about how home-sick I was, he got the idea that I didn't think much of the reorganization movement among the United Mine Workers of America.

This is wrong. I'm here to state that not for many long years have I seen anything which gave me such a real thrill as this movement started by Alexander Howat, Adolph Germer and John Walker.

It's the real thing, boys and girls, and don't you forget it. My yawn about being home-sick was just a form of shirt-tearing and I'm going right back to that dear Egypt.

At that, though, it is nice to see New York again, even though "through a glass darkly." I hadn't realized what it was like to go through an entire conversation without one reference to homicide. The chief topic of conversation in the mine fields is violent death. "Yes sir, it was just too bad for Jake. The bullet went plumb into his head."

I put in a long distance call to my friend and good comrade, Dick Glover of "The Illinois Miner," a crackjack newspaper man and a boy you all ought to know.

I put in the call at noon and at three o'clock they were still trying to make the connection. I could have sent the message in a covered wagon faster but the voice with a smile won as usual. That is, I got Dick at four-thirty. Then I called up the president of the telephone company, who is a nice young man with a mustache who went to Harvard and is named Gifford. He was out. I suppose he had gone out to the telephone.

Anyhow I got his secretary and told her what a wonderful invention I thought the telephone was, and how did Robert Fulton ever think of it? She put that all down and half an hour later a Mr. Akerson, or Applison, or Haggood called up and said he was assistant to the President and was pretty sorry that it took me so long to get my call through. He said the telephone company aimed to please their customers and I said they were poor marks-men but this Mr. Dewar or Arkush, or however he spells his name, didn't get that and so we let the matter drop.

The point is that when you deal with the top men in a great corporation, as Bruce Barton is constantly pointing out, you set up human contacts. The bigger the man the more human. You know how that goes. So from now on whenever it takes you four and a half hours to get Illinois on the telephone, call up Mr. Gifford and tell him about it. "The mails are fast, the telegraph is faster, but the telephone is instantaneous." And me and Eddie Levinson have a big bank account and the doctors bring babies in black bags.

McAlister Coleman.

"All for ourselves and nothing for other people" seems in every age of the world to have been the vile maxim of the masters of mankind.—Adam Smith.

The "Commonweal," a New York weekly, declares that "Governor Roosevelt is a liberal of sincerely proletarian leanings." He leans upon the proletariat all right. So do the great magnates of industry.

And have you observed the universal response of city, state and national officials, who emerged triumphant out of the "nonpartisan political policy," in framing programs for the relief of the millions of the unemployed? No? Well, neither have we.

We notice that our Royal Grand Duke is also affected by hard times. John D. has been handing out nickels instead of new dimes.

The jobless millions who are crowding the bread lines need have no fear of being forced to divide up their wealth with the Socialists. The capitalist system has relieved them of the fear and an income as well.

Where is the prosperity chorus that has sung the sweet virtues of the "new capitalism" in recent years? Have the members also joined the ranks of the unemployed?

Membership in the Socialist Party costs but a few small financial contributions each year which is certainly much cheaper than the many weeks wages which jobless men no longer get.

Remember the inspiring speeches Hoover made over the radio two years ago? If you are gloomy read them again just to renew your inspiration.

Those droll wits who occupy chairs of political economy in our universities and who have assured us that the new capitalism has destroyed Socialist economics have been strangely silent since the prostration of American capitalism. Are they all ill?

May Day is far from being a Gay Day for the working class but the terrible lesson which the prostration of capitalism is teaching is better than not to learn it at all.

The old argument that "Socialism won't work" has lost something of its force in these days when millions of workers cannot find work.

Socialism is science applied to all realms of human activity.—Bebel.

What is war? I believe that half the people who talk about war have not the slightest idea what it is. In one short sentence it may be summed up to be "the combination and concentration of all the horrors, atrocities, crimes, and sufferings" of which human nature on this globe is capable.—John Bright.

In every country the dangerous classes are those who do not work.—Longfellow.

Thy friend has a friend, and thy friend's friend has a friend; be discreet.—The Talmud.

It is about time to put an end to the reign of old men in the world.—Rev. Rhondia Williams.

# The Miracle of Fleet Street

London Herald Now Third Largest British Daily; Editor Tells How It Was Done

By William Mellor

Editor, London Daily Herald

**A** DREAM has come true. As I write the new Daily Herald is twelve days old. At last the British labor movement is provided with a daily voice journalistically and technically the full equal of the other great popular newspapers.

Except for the experts few people ever fully realized the staggering handicaps under which the old Daily Herald labored. In money, for the provision of a comprehensive news service, for special features, for insurance, for circulation and development, and all the other requirements of a modern newspaper, it always had to think in pennies, while its rivals thought in pounds. That despite this the Daily Herald was the really good paper it was remains one of the outstanding marvels of journalism.

But all the time we who were at work on the old paper were painfully aware of our limitations. Nothing was more heartbreaking than to know that however good our contents and however exclusive our scoop we had no machinery to make our paper widely known to the millions of newspaper readers who ought logically to have read the Daily Herald.

Or again, could anything have been more galling than to fail to keep abreast with our competitors in news-getting because of the purely physical fact that we had not sufficient reporters to go the round of all the stories that would break on any given day or night? And so one could go on, but at bottom all our disabilities were due to lack of money, with its consequential under-staffing and inability to command the advantages of modern technique and machinery.

All that is now altered. Today a

million readers and more are served by a daily paper that in size, make-up, news, politics, sport, features, literature and pictures is a worthy representative of labor in the newspaper world.

No one will pretend that the new paper is perfect. Attractive as it is in appearance and reading matter, no one on the staff is content to regard it as the finished article. Every day we are at work on its columns seeking to improve them with the firm intention of producing the best paper with the biggest circulation in the whole country.

But already the new Daily Herald represents months of active preparation. Side by side with the daily publication of the old paper, a staff of journalists and printers were at work at the new premises experimenting and testing, going over every page with minute care, trying out new headings and gradually assembling the new paper.

Those who see the Daily Herald today would hardly recognize it in the original trial copies that were being produced a few short weeks ago. And the great change that has taken place during that rapid evolution is an earnest of the improvements yet to come now that the full Daily Herald staff—old stagers and new-comers—are working together in the new building. There is no finality in newspaper production and we shall not stand still.

In our task we have the immeasurable advantage of the really magnificent and spacious accommodation and the up-to-date equipment provided at the new premises in 12, Wilson street, Long Acre. Instead of make-shifts and second-best the staff now has at its disposal means of producing a paper that are second to none.

With this great machine at our service what are we aiming to do?

First and foremost we seek to provide our readers with the news of the day. Primarily a newspaper exists to record what is happening at home and abroad. The true measure of its merit lies in its success or failure to mirror the doings of individuals and nations.

No paper can expect or deserve to have a nation-wide circulation if it neglects this elementary duty of providing its readers with the best possible chronicle of the daily doings of the world in which they live.

And that chronicle of the world's affairs must be no narrow survey of one small corner. Readers of the old Daily Herald are perhaps the best political audience in the country, but they must remember that there are millions of people who, though they vote Labor and have a progressive attitude towards public affairs, do not make political highbrows, for instance, sometimes make the mistake of despising the crowds who pack the great football arenas, but it is a fatal mistake. One has only to see the Labor Party colors worn at many of these matches during a political contest to realize that football fans in the industrial areas are amongst the most ardent of labor supporters.

Quite naturally these football enthusiasts want to read about their favorite game, and it is the duty of a daily newspaper to provide them with the best reports of soccer and rugby. The same applies to every other form of sport and recreation. Then millions of their neighbors are interested in what goes on in the police and law courts. The phenomenal craze for detective stories is one of the indications of this wide-spread interest. A good newspaper must give first-rate accounts of the cases which come before judge and magistrate.

All this does not mean that political news must be submerged, but it must take its proper place as news and not sprawl all over the paper coloring every page and obtruding itself into every nook and cranny. We shall try to avoid that mistake.

Moreover, we shall set ourselves to eradicate that incurable tendency of political journalists (ourselves included) of adorning every item of political news with the appropriate moral. Headings and reading matter should convey the news and not give a propaganda twist, which is bound to irritate and annoy.

Not that the new Daily Herald will be any less a champion of Socialism and Trade Unionism than it was in the past.

We have no desire simply to produce a sensational catch-penny. In the columns devoted to news and opinions we shall seek to make the Daily Herald a serious-minded advocate of the good for society and a merciless critic of abuses, of grievances, and of shams.

In its leader columns and in its special political and industrial articles, the new Daily Herald will always speak, I hope with courage and forthrightness, on the side of the oppressed and exploited, and in support of the great social changes for which the Labor and Trade Union Movements stand.

We shall remember, too, that man does not live by bread alone; in drama, and the wide cultural interests of men and women we shall aim at providing Daily Herald readers with first rate criticism and understanding interpretation.

These in broad outlines are our aims, and there is every indication that they are being approved by an ever-increasing army of readers. The information which we get from all over the country of the way in which the new paper has gripped the public imagination is the most heartening thing in the whole history of labor journalism.



WILLIAM MELLOR, editor of the London Herald, British daily of labor and Socialism.

When one hears, amongst other marvels, of a village where under the old dispensation eight Daily Herolds were sold and where under the new 40 is now the net sale it is possible to visualize in miniature the tremendous revolution in newspaper sales that is going on.

And the end is not yet. When later on in the year our Northern edition, printed and distributed from Manchester, gets under way and our Northern readers are supplied every day with an edition as complete in its news and service as any paper in the country there is no earthly reason why the new Daily Herald should not have a bigger circulation than any of its rivals. Today Labor's Herald has the third largest circulation in the country. We shall not rest until it leads them all.

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## May Day And Youth

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**M**AY DAY sees millions of young and old getting together in large numbers to celebrate the beginning of a new year for the labor masses, who have already rallied around the red banner of the Brotherhood of Man. Our leaders remind us of our deeds of the past; the sacrifices of those who struggled for better working conditions in the mine, mill, and office, and we listen to their words with nods of the head or with applause and cheering. We then go back to our daily labors. Some of us remain with the enthusiasm of the meeting, and most of us do not. The same small handful goes on with the job of spreading the message to those whose eyes are still blinded, and the rest forget the handful to the extent of letting them carry on the burden.

Young people always have the prerogative of asking for more, and so it is with us, the members of the Young People's Socialist League of America. We know how great is the task of organizing the unorganized, we know that with our limited means we are fighting against a Colossus, in the form of Capitalist newspapers, schools, churches, and the like, but still, we realize that we must go on with the work with ever increasing

momentum. We dare not slacken our pace for fear of falling too far behind. We have witnessed, to our regret, that the work among our elders seems to be the main concern of the Party. On the other hand, we know that the youngsters of our generation are more receptive than they have been in the past two or three generations. We wonder why our Party leaders neglect the work of organizing young workers and students as much as they do. They are always emphasizing the work among those of voting age and over. We do not disagree with the necessity of this work, but we do disagree with the relative importance. There can be no hope for the rise and growth of a stronger party of workers if we do not take pains to have the young people of today, who will be the leaders and Jimmie Higginnes of tomorrow, well trained for this job.

We must take our cue from the churches of the world, especially the Catholic. They take the child under their guidance when it is young and its mind is plastic. They inculcate their ideas into the young mind in such a way that they are sure that in the child's later years it will be a strong supporter of the church. Sov-

iet Russia, too, has followed the churches in this respect. They realize that the elder generation has had ideas put into their heads which are almost impossible to eradicate. They waste no time with changing those whose minds are set. Neither should we.

This May Day we must begin with a new aspect of the scope of our work. "The small handful" must be increased so that it be "the great majority." The work of the organizers should not be considered only theirs. We must make our organization a mass group of organizers. In the mine, shop, and school, we have the raw material to work with. We must keep the teachings of the Socialist philosophy before their eyes day in and day out. When men are on the breadline, we must show them why they are there. When elected officials rob and pillage the city, town and nation, we must make our fellow citizens realize why they are permitted to do so, and how it can be prevented. When youth is perplexed as to the course to take we must be ready to show them.

May Day greetings, comrades! Let us go on with open eyes and minds, and ready to do our task!

Harry Lopatin.

## Plea To Youth

**Y. P. S. L.:** Yours is the day. Up! Awake! Forward! Onward! Groping Youth that holds the world in its fingers... for we follow Still the beacon lights of old That have inspired those before us, Prophets, dreamers, sages and workers; Christ and Tolstoy, Marx and Lenin, Debs the martyred... Rise, you shirkers...  
**Reply:** But we are lonely, sad forsaken. Cynical, skeptical of the mold We've been cast in, for no desire Wells within but that we're told Every passion, ideal, vision We must obey, we must deny We must quench our youthful fire And of life must make a prison Barred and walled as any dungeon And to its rigid rules conform Slaving for a master's gain. Never free from a master's horn...  
**Y. P. S. L.:** But can't you see the beacons gleaming.

And can't you hear the tocsin call? We are free, alive, and pleading; Forward, Youth! Join us, one and all.  
**Reply:** But all is darkness...

**Y. P. S. L.:** And what the dark But the harbinger of the dawn; You grope in night... but in the offing We see the dawn... You are the dawn. Yours is the day... Up, Awake! Groping Youth that holds the world in its fingers... leave not forsaken The eternal beacon lights that glow Slow, ever-moving thru the years, Casting on us their fiery glare; They have kindled in our mind's eye Vision of a world more fair; Vision of a world where men Labor for the common weal; Vision of a world where war Shall be a legend, dim, unreal; Vision of a world where sun Holds brotherhood in every ray... Students! Workers! Youth! Unite! We can, we will achieve the Day.  
Michael C. Arcone.

## National Activities

**Membership Drive Notes:** From all over the country come reports of new circles formed, and of increased activity in old circles. The newly organized South Side Circle in Milwaukee is gaining members rapidly and a new circle has been organized downtown. Chicago Circle Two is getting under way in fine style. From Los Angeles come reports of Yipsels eager to enter into activities and to establish contact with Yipsels in other cities. Comrade Hall has succeeded in organizing a circle in Chelsea, Mass., and a fourth Junior Circle is being started in Philadelphia through the able efforts of organizer Joe Gorelik. Akron, Ohio, has fallen into line with a circle organized by several comrades from

Cleveland. Enthusiasm is running high everywhere.

**Milwaukee:** Two new branches were recently organized. Since the first of the year the membership has been tripled in the Milwaukee Y. P. S. L. The Circles have each organized baseball teams, and have organized the Milwaukee Leader Baseball Team. A very interesting debate took place at the North Side Circle on the question, "Is the institution of marriage a failure?" Ronald O'Brien upheld the affirmative and Rudolph Floetz the negative. At the next meeting, Ernest Bruncken, Secretary of the Harbor Commission, will speak. A May Ball on May third, will be the closing event of the membership drive in Milwaukee.

## Philadelphia:

A "study and organizers group" has been formed. Each member has been assigned to study a particular subject. The themes are planned so that seven or eight consecutive talks can be delivered in follow-up fashion. This plan facilitates the provision of speakers for circles.

## NEW YORK CITY NOTES

**Yipsel-Rand School Classes:** The Y. P. S. L. in conjunction with the Rand School, at a joint committee, drew up plans for a special course for Junior and Senior Yipsels for this fall. It was thought best to hold separate classes for Juniors and Seniors. The year will be divided into three terms. The first third will be a class in American Politics, followed by a course in Parliamentary Law and Procedure for the second third. The last third will be devoted to current events. All Yipsels interested should communicate with the City Office.

## A Correction:

Through an error last week, we failed to include the name of Jack Altman of Circle Two, Kings, as one of the nine members of the new city executive committee.

## Manhattan:

**Circle One:** On Sunday, April 27th, at 4:30 p. m., the Rand School Circle will hear Prof. J. C. Bonbright of Columbia, an appointee of Gov. Roosevelt, on the committee for the regulation of Public Utilities, on "Present-Day Public Utility Regulation." Admission is free. On May ninth, at 8:30 p. m., at the Rand School, Dr. Alfred Adler will lecture on the problems of sex life and proper living. Admission: 50 cents unreserved, and \$1.00 for reserved seats.  
**Circle Eight:** This circle will hold a youth rally tonight at 96 Avenue C, at 8:30 p. m.



## Bronx:

**Circle One:** Esther Milgram will speak on "Labor Legislation and its Importance," at the weekly meeting on Sunday, April 27th, at 4 p. m. The circle meets at 1167 Boston Road.  
**Circle Two:** Comrade Morris Cohen of Circle One will speak on "The Economic Interpretation of History" at the circle headquarters, 3451 Giles Place on Friday, April 25th.  
Williamsbridge Group, 808 Adeo avenue: Comrade S. Lipnolzh will address this newly organized group on the subject of Unemployment at its weekly meeting on Tuesday, April 29th, at 8:30 p. m. This group is anxious to hear from young people residing in the Williamsbridge section of the Bronx. Jack Skurnick, 39 Arrow avenue, is the organizer.

## Brooklyn:

**Circle Four:** On May 2nd, at the Savoy Mansion, 65th street and 20th avenue, Brooklyn, this circle will hold its youth rally. Young people of the circle have been invited.  
**Circle Nine:** Open-air meetings in conjunction with circle 13 and the 22nd A. D. Party branch are being planned. Dr. Breslow is continuing his series of talks on the history of the Socialist movement at the meetings which are being held every Friday evening at 218 Van Sicken avenue.  
**Circle Thirteen:** Tonight, at 482 Sutter avenue, Brooklyn, this circle will hold a dance and entertainment. Comrades, who are acquainted with affairs of Circle Thirteen, will make it a point to attend. Admission will be 35 cents.

## The Chatter Box

**W** RITING a May Day column with any sort of verve is a good deal like repeating an annual prayer.

And, when the editor remarks in his friendly way, that this week something inspirational ought to be said about May Day, in the higher register, I hunch up, snarl inwardly and bristle a bit.

As if, during the rest of the year, we wear sack-cloth and douse ourselves with ashes and make all the other gestures of sorrow and penitence.

As if, on this First of May, a pious observance will perform such miracle of atonement for all the sins we radicals have performed during the rest of the year, that we may walk forth again pure and beyond reproach for another spell of easy thinking.

For the last eighteen years, every day has been May Day for me. All the symbolism, and all the traditions that garland themselves about that milestone of the year must be kept green and renewed every hour of the struggle for a better world.

The reason why I dislike to make statements and special messages for occasion is because I read all those made by leaders and officials, and the repetitive monotony of sentiment and phrase makes a humdrum out of sincerity and doldrum out of good intent.

In these days, there is no magic in the runes that high-priests mumble through their beards.

But since something must be said on this day, as on any other, the season lends itself to firstling buds on tree twigs, and the splendid young lads and girls that are coming in good number into our ranks.

Out of these comes the summer of accomplishment. And all we old bucks ought to do is to stand back and let them carry forth the banners we now find so heavy to hold in the van.

Bless you old comrades, you have all done nobly and in the best of your power to do. But the zip and fire of your May Daying are memories.

Some of you are tired and yet you keep going through the motions of the march forward. You cannot do otherwise while you live. And there are a few of you who perk up and look every now and then at yourselves. Only the mirror is the past, and the reflection is marred by haze and streak. And then there are the few who still hold on to such scraps of power as remain. Kingship over a sparse domain is sad. And passion for leadership per se is at once an illusion and an ugly fact.

But now the first sprigs of life in the party are flowering forth with promise. The young folks are telling us things. They are not content with the slow swing toward the right that our party had been compelled to take during the last decade.

That is well. It means life is starting to move through us. It means growth. It means fruition. Years back we heard the Yipsels break out with cheers at our staid old banquets. We old 'uns bore with their undignified shouting and singing. We smiled a sort of fatherly understanding, when we should have joined them in cheer and song.

Perhaps, we will learn from them the futility of dignified posturing. Let us hope that we will grow unashamed to join their hurrahing and their tunes.

True, they do not realize how impractical it would be for the Party to suddenly blaze forth with revolutionary fervor, thunder anathema into the A. F. of L., razz the unions, and dish up the ancient dicta of our philosophy as a brand new declaration of faith.

True, they will find it difficult to understand how easily men and women can lose the working class feeling once their own economic circumstances remove them from personal experience with slums, poverty and despair.

But we, for our part, must not stand before them with the ancient show of parental authority... We must not make ourselves so ridiculous in their eyes. They have learned more than we will ever know again. Youth in these years moves too quickly ahead of the elders. They are not hampered by cynicism, or weariness. They read on from where our dimming eyes drop and the page becomes blank. They are not hampered by barnacled habits. They run where we crawl.

It will be hard to admit their greater usefulness to the cause. Instinctively we will fight for our place in the sun. After all we have given our lives to the movement. The least we have earned is some consideration for what we have sacrificed.

All of which may have its value in sentimental banquets. But in the world of revolutionary dream and deed, sentiment is a corset and a hoop skirt of crinoline. Our youth is lithe with wisdom.

They will make their errors. But they will be singing while they fail. Youth has a way of triumph through failure. They will make bold steps, about high desires, they will ask for the moon, enthusiastically.

Let it be for us to stand by and see our own revolutionary past go by in gay parade. We will hear from their lips and see in their deeds all the things we said and did twenty years ago. For this May Day is appropriate.

Perhaps, through them, and through them alone will the workers be urged to join in the cause. Without the workers, our Party means nothing. With them we are complete in soul and flesh.

Something has happened to our manner of thought and demeanor that keeps us out of step with the masses. We have grown too literary, too dogmatically wise, or just too lazily light. There is no blame to be placed. Human beings are that way.

We have grown too complicated in our needs and personal responsibilities. Families have grown up and need our economic resources... our spiritual guidance... our physical energies. We have grown used to a standard of living that exacts so much of us to keep up, that little indeed is left for leisure to dream and work in the cause. The Debeses come one at a time. The few who are left to walk in his way are overworked and in danger of wearing themselves into early graves.

So we must look to youth to carry on. Perhaps we will be able to catch from them a new glow and a quicker pace...

There is so much to do, and it is for youth to do it... Let this be our May Day resolve... And let us clear the way for them... Now.

S. A. de Witt.



### Unitary Socialists Advance Movement For Italian Unity

(By a New Leader Correspondent)  
Paris—On March 29 the executive of the Unitary Socialist Party of the Italian Workers (Section of the International) met to consider the results of the recent conference in Grenoble. At the end of a discussion in which all the members present took part, the following resolution was passed:  
"The executive of the Unitary Socialist Party of the Italian Workers notes with enthusiasm the fact that the majority of the Italian Socialist Party expressed itself in favor of Socialist unity at the conference which has just been held in Grenoble. In accordance with the decision of the Paris conference of December 1927, the executive is willing to begin negotiations on the unification of the two parties, which are called to re-establish the former fraternal solidarity between the Italian Socialists and to respond to the passionate calls for unity which have repeatedly come from Italy."

The party executive has appointed a committee, consisting of Claudio Treves, G. E. Modigliani, Oddino Morgari, Pallante Rugginenti and Bruno Buozzi to negotiate with the executive of the Italian Socialist Party on the realization of Socialist unity.

The Maximalist Party has entrusted its executive with the unity negotiations. The members of the executive are: Pietro Nenni, Franco Clerici, Ugo Cocchi, Antonio Bianchi and Mario Gabini.

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# "Hotel Universe": The Problem of Our World

The Stage      The Movies      Music

## THE WEEK ON THE STAGE

By Joseph T. Shipley

**EXCELLENT PORTRAYAL**  
"HOTEL UNIVERSE." By Philip Barry. Theatre Guild. Presentation at the Martin Beck Theatre.

ON the terrace of a house in the south of France, a group of Americans are spending their farewell hours with an old friend who, caring for a sick father, must be left behind. Without curtain interruption, we watch them and hear them talk, and for the first hour have one of the most incisive and unerring pictures of the over-wise post-war generation that the American theatre affords.

It is wise in several senses, this younger generation; but ways worldly-wise. Financial success it has not found hard to win, a sense of material security and often independence; sex has no secrets—and, apparently, little charm. But all of those we watch—Lily Malone, the sharp-tongued and clear-eyed comedienne; Pat Farley, born to millions and bred to culture; Tom Ames, who had been trained as a Catholic; Norman Rose, risen from selling imitation furs to corporation president—all feel that somewhere in the process of conquering the world they have lost their own souls. The generation before them, the youth that had gone through the war, for the most part scorched to a recklessness that refused to think; the younger folk who grew to adolescence after the war, are judging the world and find it evil, are searching their own spirits and find them void.

Such crisis of the spirit have come before, as the wave of suicide after Goethe's "Sorrows of Young Werther" attests; and the group at the Hotel Universe has had its problem pressed poignantly home by the suicide of a gleaming youth who for a brief moment had symbolized to them life's promise. But each such critical age works in the mood of its time's conditions have evoked, and the "school of the drowned-in-tears" of the early romantics is far from the cutting cynicism and dread despair of the more intelligent of the young folk of our day.

In a manner well suited to the picture, Philip Barry brings these qualities forth. Employing at moments the stream of consciousness, at others flowing ideas out like sparks from pinwheel fireworks; finding whimsy (and more later) in the Scotch Barrie; carrying on (as Stewart in "Rebound") play-conversations that ripple laughter over deep, dark waters; he has a wit that pricks where his vision penetrates. With the suave playing of the Theatre Guild company, especially Ruth Gordon as the young but world-weary Lily Malone and Glenn Anders as the bitter Pat Farley, stricken in self-pride—the first hour of "Hotel Universe" is a mordant contribution to the many depictions of post-war life, and perhaps the best of its sort in the theatre.

**RUSSIAN REALITY**  
"UNCLE VANYA." Rose Gaylor's vision of the Chekhov comedy. Produced by Ted Harris, with Lillian Gish at the Court Theatre. The work comedy, when applied to a Russian play, usually designates one in which the characters, instead of committing suicide, look forward to lengthening years of dismal emptiness. In "Uncle Vanya," the circumstances work toward this end through the picture of three persons of promise doomed to wasted movements for life's remaining grant. A breath of beauty in their lives brings only further blight, because it, too, is bound by the chief force of evil in the drama: Sham, Alexander, the venerable professor in high regard of whom his mother-in-law has always lived, is recognized as a pompous fraud by Uncle Vanya. But this discovery comes too late to rescue Vanya; he will already have spent too many years beside his mother, working the farm that Alexander may continue to overawe professors and captive women in the city; and the ability to see truly, that might once have guided him upward, now leads him only to despair. On both him and the lax country doctor, fallen from early hopes, the charm of the professor's young wife, Helena, lays its spell. (In this role, the frail beauty and soft quietude of Lillian Gish appear to best advantage; she has well chosen her part for a return to the stage). But by his hopeless love Vanya is driven to thoughts of suicide from which only the equal suffering of the professor's daughter by his first wife, the pain of young Sonia, who vainly loves the doctor, can turn him back to work, their one refuge and solace.

Walter Connolly as Uncle Vanya does splendid work, and Eugene Powers makes the professor convincingly self-centered; indeed, the entire production brings out to good advantage a sound and searching play.

**MUDDY SYMBOLISM**  
But a play—even a tragedy, which this is not—is expected, Barry remembers, to bring into a world of disillusion, doubt, and destruction, a whisper of hope, a

breath of idealism, a gesture toward reconstruction. The cynic, in this scientific age, are quick to sneer at any such thought; and those whose spirit requires some "universal," some thought of a unity or single trend in all things, try to bolster their dreams with the names of scientists—who are at once by all the others derided. It is almost forgotten by now, at least in America, that Sir Oliver Lodge was president of the Mathematics and Physics Section of the British Association; he is regarded by non-spiritualists as a sort of crank. Yet, as though scientists were greater authorities on God than, say, poets or lawyers, we are told Steinmetz declared the realms of reason and faith are quite separate (which, of course, denies his own right to speak with authority); and Millikan wins great popularity, on the one hand, with his words of a scientist's faith, and on the other is rebuked for weakening his scientific reliability with vague remarks in so questionable a realm. When he is seeking a figure to convey his positive philosophy, therefore, his sense of continuity in the spiritual world, Philip Barry gives us, instead of the Mr. Lob, the Puck, that contented James Barrie in "Dear Brutus," a scientist (one of America's few sound physicists) who his daughter thinks is sane but most others believe is crack-brained. With his assistance (on the Freudian principle that the way to overcome a neurosis, a fixation, or other mental set, is to revive the original experience, live through it with older understanding, and conquer it), the various characters beat down their inhibitions and simplify their complexes—save, of course, Hope Ames, the mother-type who never had any, and Alice whose mind is still all body—so that suicidal thoughts are replaced by a hope, a belief, a purpose, that restore to life its zest. Then the old scientist, his work done, is contented to die.

"Hotel Universe" adds to O'Neill's "Dynamo" its testimony that American playwrights have not achieved clear symbolism. Perhaps this is because we have not yet attained true faith. With the uprooting of the men who have come to America, their religions were left dangling in air, without the solidity of the centuries, which colors even the atheism of a European. Even a Catholic or a Jew, here, finds himself, but loosely bound to Rome or Palestine; hence the great numbers our ways have weaned from orthodoxy. For an English Newman, Chesterton, or Belloc, we can offer but a Babbitt or a More, with a religion dragged in, as it were, to give support and warmth to their cold humanism; but of a McCabe we have countless lesser counterparts, mockers and maimers of ideals and of faith, even to the majesty of a Menckin. We have learned how to destroy, oh, well indeed; but this country lacks the old-world experience, and therefore the assurance, of the ever-rebuilding. Our playwrights, themselves seeking and floundering, cannot make structures on sure foundations of forward policy, and do not, therefore, achieve clear symbolism when they approach our major problems. In this defect, however, they but the more fully mirror this age; and, despite its too obvious device and superficial comfort, "Hotel Universe," as a provocative study of our own conditions, our questions, and our attempts at answer, is worth a half a hundred sound dramas from abroad.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell To Speak Tonight

In the ballroom of the A. W. A. Clubhouse, 353 West 57th street, this discovery comes too late to rescue Vanya; he will already have spent too many years beside his mother, working the farm that Alexander may continue to overawe professors and captive women in the city; and the ability to see truly, that might once have guided him upward, now leads him only to despair. On both him and the lax country doctor, fallen from early hopes, the charm of the professor's young wife, Helena, lays its spell. (In this role, the frail beauty and soft quietude of Lillian Gish appear to best advantage; she has well chosen her part for a return to the stage). But by his hopeless love Vanya is driven to thoughts of suicide from which only the equal suffering of the professor's daughter by his first wife, the pain of young Sonia, who vainly loves the doctor, can turn him back to work, their one refuge and solace.

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## Billie Dove in "A Notorious Affair," at Strand Theatre

Billie Dove's newest starring picture, "A Notorious Affair," a drama of London society, will have its premiere Friday (April 25) at the New York and Brooklyn Strand Theatres. Basil Rathbone, Broadway stage favorite, is cast in Miss Dove's support. Others who have principal roles are Kay Francis, Montague Love and Kenneth Thomson.

The picture is based on the stage play "Faithful," by Audrey Warner, called "Faithful." It was directed by Lloyd Bacon.

Also on the Strand bill, in the program of Vitaphone Varieties, is Ann Pennington in "Hello, Baby," a musical revue in Technicolor.

## "Framed" with Evelyn Brent at the Hippodrome—Ce-Dora Heads Bill

"Framed," Radio Pictures gangland drama featuring Evelyn Brent and Regis Toomey, will be the screen attraction at the RKO Hippodrome for the week commencing Saturday, April 26. Rolf Harcourt, William Holden, Robert O'Connor and Eddie Kane play prominent roles in this photoplay with an unusual plot.

Ce-Dora, the girl in the golden cage who defies death at every performance heads a fine vaudeville bill which includes the Norman Thomas Quintette, sensational colored jazzologists; Joe Melino and Dolly Davis, two points of comedy; Francois and Denmore, in a unique dance; Frank Conville, the personality boy with a sense of humor and a pair of nimble feet; and Max and Henry Goldsmith with their clever dogs.

## THEATRE GUILD PRODUCTIONS

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## A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY

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Eves. 8:30—Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30

## Character Actor in New Play



Gordon Westcott does a splendid character study in "Room 349," a new play by Mark Linder, which opened at the National Theatre last Monday.

## "Sergeant Grischa" at The Little Carnegie

Herbert Brenon, daring adventurer of the films, has tossed precedent to the winds again and delivered another dramatic creation to thrill and startle the world's playgoers.

Brenon's new achievement is Radio Pictures' "The Case of Sgt. Grischa," now at Little Carnegie Playhouse, an almost literal translation into film of Arnold Zweig's devastating novel of war.

With Chester Morris in the title role, Brenon builds his drama around this central figure of a common man caught in the relentless machinery of war. It is a story which moves swiftly, brings down its points with terrific effect, yet never loses the human qualities which must motivate all great drama.

Knitted closely into the story of Grischa's clash with the war machine is his romance with the girl outline leader, Babka, played by Betty Compson. Jean Herscholt plays the radical officer, Posnanski; Alec B. Francis, the kindly general, Von Lychow; Gustav von Seyffertitz, the iron-handed commandant of Eastern forces, Schiefenzahn.

Daring innovations in theme, treatment and mechanical technique are introduced by Brenon in the production, upsetting many of the oldest and most substantial prejudices of the screen.

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## An Interview With Eisenstein

By Irvin Shapiro

"I don't want to make films." These words are from Eisenstein, the director of "Potemkin" and "Ten Days That Shook the World," from the director who is without question the foremost. They were told to writer by Eisenstein in Paris where he is spending part of this year's leave.

Of course, the words were qualified. But substantially they express a complete idea.

Other directors love the cinema; they are willing to produce anything to remain within its realm. But Eisenstein is interested in the cinema only so long as it interests him.

"If I have a problem to solve, then, and only then, do I want to make a film. And once I have solved the problem, I am no longer anxious to continue making films on the same line."

Here the Engineer Eisenstein is speaking. And also here is the force that enabled him to revolutionize an art with only a bare knowledge of its instruments.

As he says: "The making of 'Potemkin' was thrilling. In that picture I was attempting to solve the problem of film construction."

It is easy to imagine what genuine thrill "Potemkin" gave Eisenstein. It was produced in three months. From idea to finished film, it was done in the white heat of a discoverer's passion. And it still remains the most perfect example of construction.

Eisenstein continued: "In 'Ten Days That Shook the World' the problem was no longer mere construction. I was faced there with the task of picturing the revolution and doing it without the aid of artificial situations and characters."

"The General Line" (this is the film which will be shown shortly at the Cameo Theatre under the title of "Old and New") presented the question of how to convey to the great masses—the ideas of collective farming. Our job was to make this subject intelligible to the peasant. Technically, the problem was enormous. How well we have succeeded remains to be seen.

"My next picture presents the greatest problem of all. For this film I must create an entirely new form and at the same time produce a synthesis of all the varieties of the cinema—the silent film, the chronicle, the 'absolute film' and sound. It is, of course, Karl Marx's 'Das Kapital'."

He is going to take a holiday from the cinema some day to write his book on aesthetics.

## A Charming Lass in "Jonica"



Joyce Barbour is one of the good reasons for seeing "Jonica," a new musical comedy at the Craig Theatre. The play has, besides pretty girls and tuneful music, real popular prices within the reach of all.

## "Bride 68" Stays Third Week at 55th St. Playhouse

The first German-made dramatic sound and talking picture, "Braut Nr. 68" ("Bride 68"), will be held over for a third and last week at the 55th Street Playhouse beginning Saturday, April 26.

Conrad Veidt, who appears as a telegraph operator during the early days of the gold rush in Australia, has the starring role, and is supported by such well-known European players as Elga Brink, Clifford McLaglen, Mathias Liepmann and Ernest Verbeke.

Amongst Veidt's achievements in the silent film era were parts in the following notable American and German productions: "Dr. Caligari," "The Student of Prague," "Husbands or Lovers," "The Man Who Laughs," "A Man's Past" and "The Last Performance." A few weeks ago he completed a 100% talking picture for UFA, "The Last Company," soon to be released here, and is fulfilling a stage engagement under Max Reinhardt's direction in Berlin and Vienna.

## Famous Director Henri in Last Recital of Season



M. Eisenstein, noted European director has some important things to say in this issue.

## About "Stepping Sisters"

The story of "Stepping Sisters" is one that is written for laughing purposes only and one that has never been brought to the attention of the theatre-goers before; therefore it is one that should be of interest to many.

Twenty years ago there traveled through this country a burlesque company known as the Dolly Dimple Burlesquers, and there were three chorus girls in that company which provided the plot for "Stepping Sisters," the Howard Warren Comstock farce comedy which is now at the Belmont Theatre. The first of mention is Cissy, the other was Queenie and the third was just plain rough and ready Rose La Marr. Cissy married into society, Queenie also married, but later took up the reading of Shakespeare, while Rose continued to play in different burlesque companies, rather she remained just a spear carrier in a burlesque show. In "Stepping Sisters" the audience will discover Rose as head of the great Rose La Marr Burlesque Company but tougher than ever. Grace Hux is the rough and ready Rosie. Others in this hilarious farce comedy are William Corbett, Frederic Tozere,

## Katherine Louise Schnitzer Dies

It is with regret that we report the untimely death of Katherine Louise Schnitzer, wife of Herman Schnitzer, well known in Broadway theatrical circles. The dramatic department of the New Leader extends its sympathy to the bereaved.

## Henri, creative protagonist of the modernist dance, gives his last New York recital at the Civic Repertory Theatre on April 27, after a most successful season.

It was the brilliant dancer's first New York season in six years, for he had been on a world tour and his work has created sensational success on three continents. Early recognized as an aesthetic pioneer, whole schools have grown around his conception and interpretation of modern music. In Berlin, where he has had a great success, his name has taken on almost legendary dimensions. Ironically enough, his dance has been brought to his home by others at "German" art.

On the afternoon of April 27, he will present manuscript compositions by Ernest Bacon, Henry Brant, Colin McFee, Hans Rebiebs, Anton Rovinsky and Ruth Warfield; also creations to the works of Casella, Stravinsky, Honegger and Lord Barnes.

Muriel Draper, Dr. Will Durant, H. L. Mencken and Joseph Stella are the distinguished artist-patrons who sponsor this unique evening.

## "Song of the West" At the Beacon Theatre

"Song of the West," the Laurence Stallings-Vincent Youmans-Oscar Hammerstein operetta, of which Warner Bros. have made a pretentious Technicolor production, goes into the Beacon Theatre Friday (April 25) for a run at popular prices. Featured in the cast are John Boles, Vivienne Segal and Joe E. Brown.

The program of Vitaphone Varieties which will supplement "Song of the West" includes Ruth Etting, Ziegfeld star, in "Broadway's Like That"; Chester Conklin in "The Master Schemer"; and H. B. Walthall in "The Pay-Off," a one-act crook drama.

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# United Norway Socialists Grow In Membership

## Party Congress Considers Possibility of Taking the Reins of Government

(By a New Leader Correspondent)  
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1927: 68,016 members in 1133 branches; 1928: 70,523 members in 1316 branches; 1929: 76,579 members in 1543 branches. Final proof of the unity of the Party was provided by the conference held in Oslo from March 14th to 16th, 1930. There were no differences with regard to Socialist principles or with regard to the practical policy of the Norwegian Labor Movement as a whole. The Party program adopted at the Unification Conference was carefully revised. A motion to include the dictatorship of the proletariat in the program was unanimously rejected after a speech by Comrade Bull.

The opinion of the Party was laid down as follows in special "Anti-militarist Principles": "Complete disarmament and dissolution of the White Guards; 2—Organized propaganda groups in the Army and Navy; 3—As long as the ruling class maintains the military system and the White Guards, Labor Defence Forces will be formed as defence organizations. The question of taking over the Government was also decided by the Conference affirmatively, and practically unanimously. It was pointed out that the Party Executive would be free to decide in an acute situation. The resolution adopted says: "The Norwegian Labor Party has no interest in the

formation of a Labor Government that is so weak that it must carry on a bourgeois policy of reform with the support of certain bourgeois groups. The Conference therefore decides that the Party Executive and Council may not agree to the formation of any government without a guarantee that it is possible to carry on an independent policy and make important advances in a Socialist direction."

Unanimous resolutions were passed on most of the other points of the very full agenda, including the question of the international relations of the Party. Several speakers expressed their sympathy for the L.S.I., including Magnus Nilsen, the Vice-Chairman, Oksvik, the Party Secretary, and also Comrade Stern, who was not on the side of the Social-Democratic Labor Party before the unification. No resolution for affiliation to the L.S.I. was moved by its supporters, as it was thought that the time for the solution of the affiliation question had not yet come. On the other hand there was a motion for affiliation to the Paris Bureau. The Party Council, which had already dealt with this proposal in its preparations for the Conference, had recognized its motives and advised against its acceptance. The proposal for affiliation to the Paris Bureau was then withdrawn at the beginning of the discussion on this subject, and the attitude of the Party Council approved. The following resolution was passed unanimously: "The Party Conference instructs the Council: 1. To inform the membership on the Labor Movement in other countries; 2. To send the foreign press informative articles on the Labor Movement in Norway; 3. To work for collaboration with groups and organizations whose opinion on international class unity agrees with that of the Norwegian Labor Party. In this connection the aim should be to assemble all Parties within or without the existing International for active work in favor of international unity on the basis of the class struggle."

SAN FRANCISCO.—(F.P.)—Sec. Clarence Snider of the Socialist Party is in California in the interests of a new campaign for Money and Billings. Gov. Young, foe of their freedom, has announced he will run for reelection.

MILWAUKEE.—(F.P.)—Fifty dollars was donated to Milwaukee's soup kitchen for the unemployed by Carpenters Local 264. Over a thousand jobs get two meals a day at the kitchen.

# Dane Socialist Govt. Completes Year in Power

## Party Gains 14,073 Members — Wages Great Fight for Complete Disarmament

(By a New Leader Correspondent)  
COPENHAGEN.—The latest annual report of the Danish Social-Democratic Party shows that 1929 has been a red year not only in view of the election results but also for the organization of the Party.

During the year the membership increased by 14,073, so that the number of organized members is now 163,193. All members are individual persons. There is no collective membership of trade unions or other organizations. The membership includes 54,034 women (or 33%). All parts of the country—country districts as well as towns—have contributed to the increase.

The number of Social-Democratic branches has also increased, so that the Party now includes 1,064 branches as against 1,040 in 1928, which is hardly 1,400; it will be seen that the Party organization is very widely spread, and that the Party is approaching its aim of one branch in every commune.

In Govt. For a Year This organizational success in the first year of the Social-Democratic-Radical Coalition Government is of course of the greatest political importance. It represents a clear vote of confidence for the Government and encouragement for the work of organization. It may be assumed that it will also give food for thought to the opponents of the Government in Parliament.

Events that may be of great importance have taken place in Denmark in the last few weeks in the sphere of disarmament. After the elections there was a solid majority for the Government proposal, both in the House of Commons (Folketing) and among 77 votes against 68—at least 77 votes against 68—and among the electors to this House. As against this there is a majority of four votes against the Government proposal in the Upper House (Landsting). It has therefore been impossible for the present to carry the proposal. Under the Constitution it was also impossible to

dissolve the Upper House and to attempt to secure a majority of this House through a new general election. Such a solution can only happen in 1933 or 1934. On the other hand one half of the seats in the Upper House will be renewed by ordinary elections in the autumn of 1932 (that is, in 2½ years) and if the Upper House majority had been "buried" the disarmament proposal or perhaps still flatly rejected it, there would be a favorable opportunity of securing a majority at these elections already, because among other things the electors of the former Government Party (the Liberal Peasant Party called "Venstre") are by no means enthusiastic for collaboration with the Conservatives in the sphere of military policy.

Action Is Delayed This situation caused the leaders of this Party to begin private negotiations with the Government a few weeks ago. The Government has always expressed its willingness to negotiate on details as long as the principle of the Government proposal is maintained, and the negotiations took place on this basis.

The negotiations were broken off however after a few weeks, principally because an agreement could not be secured on whether a form of universal compulsory service should remain, or whether the personnel should be recruited in the manner proposed by the Government.

The news of this new political situation naturally aroused actual terror in Conservative and military circles. It is impossible to say for the moment what further developments will take place. The Parliamentary sessions will end before Easter, and it will therefore be impossible in the circumstances to complete the discussions on the disarmament proposal in the Folketing. There is no harm however in this. When Parliament reassembles in October the disarmament proposal will be laid before the Folketing again. Then it will soon be shown whether new negotiations may lead then to a satisfactory solution of this important question, or whether its solution must be fought for in a few years' time.

SAN FRANCISCO (F.P.)—On one day 288 men entered an employment agency on the San Francisco skidboard in 15 minutes, and only two got jobs, according to a checkup made by a jobless worker for Federated Press.

# Socialists of Austria Show New Gain '29

## 80,056 Now in Party, an Increase of 4,222 Over Previous Year

VIENNA.—The report on the membership of the Austrian Social-Democratic Labor Party shows that the Party had a membership of 780,056 on the 31st of December, 1929. This number includes 488,398 men and 229,658 women. Vienna alone has 418,055 members, including 267,125 men and 150,930 women.

As compared with December 31st, 1928, these figures represent an increase of 4,222 members for the whole of Austria, and 708 members for Vienna alone. It is particularly worthy of mention that in Styria, where it will be remembered the Heimwehr made their heaviest attacks against the Social-Democratic organizations, the membership has been increased by 1,121 to 63,673. In spite of the frightful economic crisis with its severe mass unemployment which has continued for years, in spite of the furious attacks of the Heimwehr, the strength of the Party has not only not been reduced, but has been still further increased!

## Anniversary of "Het Volk"

The thirtieth anniversary of the chief organ of the Dutch Social-Democratic Labor Party, was celebrated on the 1st of April. Special honor was paid to the present editor, J. F. Ankersmit, who has been active on the editorial side of the paper since its foundation, and of the five printing workers, H. F. M. Vleugel, C. den Broeder, H. W. J. Beuning, who have worked for the same length of time. The following telegram was sent by van der Veen, manager of the paper, and Ankersmit to P. J. Troelstra, the first editor of "Het Volk":

"On the thirtieth anniversary of the foundation of 'Het Volk' the business and editorial staff remember with deep appreciation the first editor, who gave the paper its stamp.

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## MIDWOOD BRANCH

Meetings will be held every Thursday evening, at 8:30 p. m., in the Workmen's Circle Center, 1503 Coney Island Avenue, beginning with Wednesday, May 1st. The speaker at each meeting will be a prominent local leader. This will be a series of lectures on the coming branch meetings.

## QUEEN'S COUNTY

The final lecture of the month will be given on Monday evening, April 28, in the Workmen's Circle Center, 1503 Coney Island Avenue, Jamaica. The speaker is August Claessens, his topic "The Essentials of Socialism."

## QUEEN'S COUNTY

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Meetings will be held every Thursday evening, at 8:30 p. m., in the Workmen's Circle Center, 1503 Coney Island Avenue, beginning with Wednesday, May 1st. The speaker at each meeting will be a prominent local leader. This will be a series of lectures on the coming branch meetings.

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Office, 63 E. 16th St. Tel. Lehigh 3141. Exec. Board meets every Tuesday at the office. Affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Regular meetings every Wednesday evening, 7-9 P. M. at 120 E. 14th St. Ziadore Silverman, Fin. Sec'y-Treas. Nathan Zughaft, Rec. Sec'y-Treas.

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## Judge Parker

REJECTION by a Senate committee of the nomination of Judge Parker to the Supreme Court is a distinct victory for the forces opposed to present reactionary trends. Those who share in this victory are the trade unions, the Socialists, and organizations for the protection of Negroes against discrimination. Whether President Hoover will risk a fight for his choice by forcing the issue in the Senate is doubtful as certain reactionary Senators are against him.

We wish that we could say that the adverse report against Parker was prompted by opposition to his reactionary views but a candid consideration of the facts makes this impossible. Political considerations, not disagreement with Parker's reactionary views, induced the reactionary members of the committee to vote against Parker. This is a year of Congressional elections and with the prosperity bladder sadly deflated G. O. P. leaders have no desire to invite special opposition from two sources.

If the Parker nomination could have been delayed till after the November election we are inclined to think that even with industrial stagnation and many protests Judge Parker would be ushered into the Supreme Court. There would be two years for the masses to forget and they have often revealed short memories. But here was a kick in the face a few months before election by a President who is not a skilled politician. The code of capitalist politics does not exclude such kicks but it does consider the time for administering the kicks. Hoover ignored the time element and thus offended his brokerage associates in the Senate.

Nevertheless we hope that Parker is shelved for good.

## Voodoo Economics

IT WAS inevitable that the unemployment problem would be solved by a specialist in love-sick fiction. We award a garland of skunk cabbage to *True Stories Magazine* which, in a full page advertisement in the daily press, has found a simple solution. Here it is.

Every worker has a car. When he loses his job he limbers up his buzz wagon and drives from ten to thirty miles to another city. There he finds another job. He is sure to get it "since all industries are neither down nor up in production at the same time."

Thus the jobless hell is transformed into a busy heaven because of the flivver. It was never solved before because workers had no means of getting from one place to another. This wipes out the cattle car and "side door Pullman" of unemployment history. Railroads are fiction, not history.

We look for the next installment advertising the magic powers of a rabbit's foot in wooing the elusive job. Voodoo economics rates as high as the true stories of this magazine.

## The Jobless Salarist

NO information is available regarding the number of salaried men who are being released as a result of the consolidation of business corporations and the financial slump in Wall Street, but recently *Forbes Magazine* declared that "Never before were so many salaried men looking for positions. Men formerly receiving \$10,000 to \$30,000 are now anxious to start at half salary. Thus, many bargains in human material are available."

Here is an economic trend that promises to transform discharged members of the salariat into opponents of capitalism. The man who has been accustomed to \$10,000 or more a year only to find that he must join the jobless man who has been displaced by a machine is not likely to think kindly of the system that provides no place for him.

He may be considered a "bargain in human material" by financial publications. He may be

"treated with every courtesy," as *Forbes* advises, but he is a human being with rent to pay, a family to support, and a jobless existence is not likely to reconcile him to the status of a commodity in a glutted labor market.

Hitherto this salariat has had no sympathy with the labor movement while Socialism has been regarded as a wild vagary of unbalanced minds. The discarded salaried man is likely to think that the industrial system that turns him adrift is unbalanced and that his future is bound up with some fundamental changes in society that will abolish the inequity of which he is a victim.

This is the intellectual fruit of the present industrial revolution. Treating these men with "courtesy" will not pay the rent or the grocer. Socialism will relieve them of this worry.

## Stupid Sentences

ASSESSING a sentence that may mean three years in prison for four Communists because of the riot in Union Square on March 6, the court of Special Sessions becomes brutal and ridiculous. The Socialist Party and the trade unions certainly hold no brief for the Communist movement but we submit that had the disturbance occurred in England a few days or a week's detention would have been the punishment. The contrast measures the difference between a civilized nation and one that is not.

Moreover, to permit this sentence to pass without protest is to invite the noose for representatives of organizations that fight more intelligently against abuses. The sentences are an example of one stupidity clashing with another and in the conflict more shackles are forged for civilized human beings.

## Sweating Labor Power

MORE than twenty years ago the Taylor system came into vogue in American industries. By studying the human machine and eliminating waste motions more values were extracted from labor power without increasing wages. In other words, the workers parted with more of their physical powers without being paid for it.

Psychology is now being applied to the study of workers and for the same purpose. The Federal Board of Vocational Education is kindly experimenting along this line to make the "mental outlook" of the workers more productive for the owners of industry. Investigation has shown that here is a source of more intensive exploitation that has been overlooked and the information will be reported to the captains of industry. An example of the results obtained is reported in *The United States Daily* of April 21:

Applied to dipping chocolates in a candy plant, an elimination of unnecessary movements increased the dipping 88 per cent. Another illustration of wasted energy through lost motion is that of folding cloths. Once taught how to fold with the least movement, 20 to 30 motions were reduced to 10 and increased the output from 150 dozen to 400 dozen per day. When the same experiment was made in assembling carburetors, the time element was reduced from 450 minutes to 45 minutes. Likewise, principles of utilizing wasted energy have been introduced in coal mining in respect to the proper motion in using the pick, and in agriculture in sorting potatoes and in picking fruits.

This is another process of labor displacement. Say what they will, the apologists of capitalism regard labor power as a commodity to be sweated to the limit for private owners of industry. A government department cooperates and passes the discoveries on to the owners. More efficient labor power should be a blessing but with industry a source of private enrichment it is a curse to the workers. A Socialist world would transform the curse into a blessing.

## IN A NUTSHELL

A large collection of antiques are on sale in New York this week. It is reported that the Republican and Democratic Parties will display their platforms.

That feeble minded wife of a millionaire whose life in an asylum for 31 years has increased her million dollars to 16 millions would make a hit lecturing on "How Brains Are Essential to Millionaires."

The latest merger of millions is one of gangsters and racketeers in Chicago who also plan political action and control of the city government. They are tired of sharing dividends with capitalist politicians.

The machine does not kill but it discards. . . For death, industry substitutes unemployment—a living death.—Samuel Crowther.

John D. should hand a new dime to "Nation's Business," organ of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, for its honest statement that "the primary purpose, the proper purpose, the right purpose of business is to make money. Why should business be so afraid of the profit motive, so prone to prate of 'service,' as if the end and aim of business were to do good to others?" But it does do us good—if you get what we mean.

I cannot think it probable that the working classes will be permanently contented with the condition of laboring for wages as their ultimate state.—John Stuart Mill.

Perhaps Judge Parker likes yellow dogs because he thinks that all workers belong to the spaniel breed.

Man is born in chains, but is everywhere struggling to be free.—L. T. Hobhouse.

It takes much money to make a rich man, but it takes little virtue.—George Bernard Shaw.

The house organ circular of Henry Claws & Co., expounds the "good effects of abundant money." Why not distribute this circular to the jobless in the breadlines?

Competition is ever and always the law of death; cooperation ever and always the law of life.—John Ruskin.

## M. T. Belley And The Judge

(A playlet in one act and two obscene scenes.)

### OBSCENE I

M. T. Belley of Red Jacket, West Virginia, a coal miner out of work, broke, with wife and seven children to support, seen approaching Mine Boss for a job.

Mine Boss: "What in the hell are you hanging around here for?"

M. T. Belley: "I would like to have a job in your mine, if you please, sir."

Mine Boss: "The hell you would."

M. T. Belley: "Please sir, I've been out of work for five months, and we haven't had a bite in our house for three days. The children are—"

Mine Boss: "Oh, bother the brats. Do you belong to that damned Miners Union?"

M. T. Belley: "No sir."

Mine Boss: "Well, did you ever belong to it?"

M. T. Belley: Well, sir, it's this way. About three years ago I—

Mine Boss: "Oh, cut it out. Did you or didn't you? Yes or no!"

M. T. Belley: Y-e-e-e-s."

Mine Boss: "I thought so. Well, we are not going to have any of you God damned reds around. Get to hell out of here!"

M. T. Belley: "But please sir, the children are starving and mother said she'll kill 'em all if I come home without a job."

Mine Boss: "All right, all right, sign this contract."

M. T. Belley, free-born American citizen, of lawful age, sound mind and empty belly, freely, voluntarily, and without duress signs contract solemnly pledging himself not to join Miners Union, while in the employ of the Flintheart Coal Company of Red Jacket, W. Va.

### OBSCENE II

(Six months later.)

M. T. Belley, having worked intermittently in the mines of the Flintheart Coal Company at Red Jacket, West Virginia; lived in company three-room shack, vegetated on beans and sow belly bought at company's Pluck-me Store, washed down by water from company's well, adjoining company's privy, had listened to siren song of Union organized and joined Miners Union in pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, thereby viciously, maliciously and with malice aforethought violating sacredness of contract as exemplified in yellow-dog agreement, freely and voluntarily entered into between himself and the Flintheart Coal Company of Red Jacket, W. Va., is now sitting on the mourners bench of Court Room for having violated injunction by trying to induce his fellow slaves to join union.

Judge Parker on Bench, sternly. "Now, Mr. M. T. Belley, when you signed that contract, did you do so freely and voluntarily, or was any coercion used?"

M. T. Belley: "Well, your honor, my family was starving and the old lady had threatened to kill the children if I came home without a job, and the Mine Boss said I couldn't get on, unless I signed—"

Judge, impatiently: "What I mean by coercion is, did anybody stand behind you with a baseball bat and threaten to knock your brains out, or otherwise threaten you with violence or bodily injury if you refused to sign this contract?"

M. T. Belley: "No, your honor, I only signed it because we were hungry up at the shack and I was afraid the old woman would make good killing the children, being that there were such a wild look in her eyes when she said—"

Judge Parker: "So there was no coercion and you entered this contract freely, voluntarily and in full knowledge of what you were doing."

M. T. Belley: "Y-e-e-s, your honor, only we hadn't anything to eat for three days and I imagined I saw those poor kids lying around the floor with their throats cut, and blood—"

Judge Parker: "That'll do, sixty dollars and ninety days in jail for contempt of court."

M. T. Belley, desperately: "But your honor, my family is evicted. They threw our furniture out into the street and there isn't a bite—"

Judge Parker, with air of finality: "Too bad, my man, but you should have thought of that before violating the greatest bulwark of American liberty, the sacredness of contract, and followed it up by violating a no less great American institution for which the founding fathers of this great republic have bled and died, the injunction. Next!"

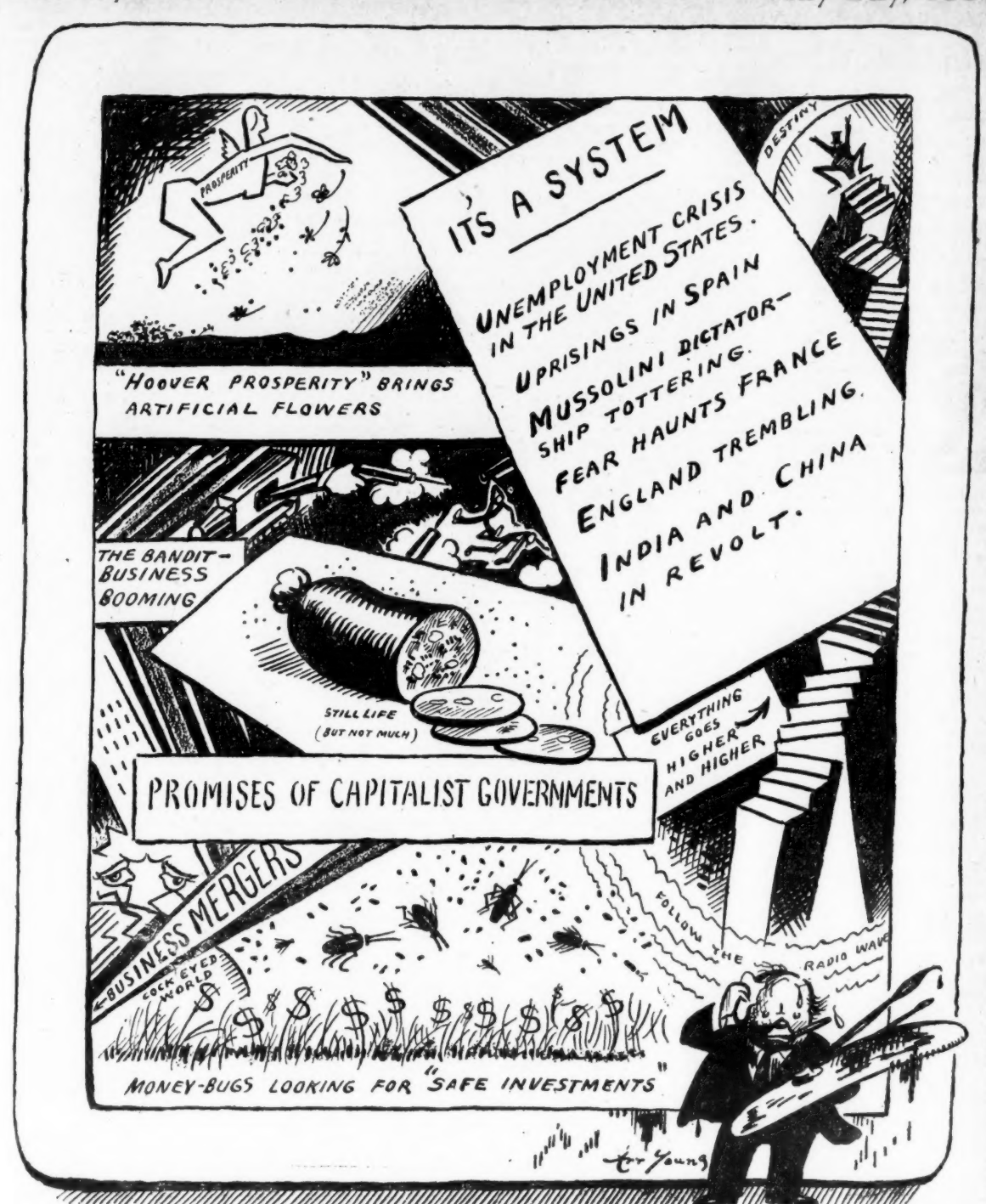
## 400 Hear Mayor Hoan In Miles City, Montana

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

Miles City, Montana.—Selfish, greedy and oppressive governments fail, governments functioning with justice, love, service and character survive, Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, of Milwaukee, Wis., said, during the course of an address to an audience of 400 persons in the Auditorium Wednesday night. "Unemployment and Its Solution," was his subject.

Jacob Kruse, one of a party responsible for the mayor's speech here, thanked the large audience for turning out to greet the Milwaukee chief executive.

## The "System"



It's Called A System But It's A Mess  
(A picture of the times painted in modernistic design by Art Young for The New Leader)

# Prisons And Politics

## Ohio Legislature Ignored Warning Columbus Penitentiary Was A Fire-Trap

WITH 320 convicts dead and 231 in the hospital at Columbus, Ohio, the most hideous disaster in American prison history is now under investigation. One test of the character of a civilization is its treatment of its prison wards. History shows that our prison regime has improved little in the last one hundred years.

No other nation has had the frequent prison revolts we have had here. If these revolts were occasional and spread over a number of years they would be a normal aspect of penal institutions but the frequency of these revolts indicates some fundamental abuses.

Whether the heaps of dead at Columbus are due to an attempt by some convicts to fire the building in the hope of escaping is a matter of conjecture. One recent inmate declares that such an attempt was made three weeks ago. He gives some details that at least make his story plausible.

Whatever may have been the cause of the fire, the terrible death toll is an indictment of the prison administration. News accounts indicate that the scene of the fire was a tinder box of wood. There was no fire drill to meet such an emergency. The ruined section was the oldest unit of the prison. With accommodations for about 2,000 prisoners the number incarcerated was over 4,000.

As though designed to confirm the indictment of this Columbus hell, the National Society of Penal Information recently published its study of American prisons and reformatories. A section is devoted to this prison which shows that while Ohio ranks fourth in population and wealth, following New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois in the order named, Ohio has but one prison to four for New York, three for Pennsylvania and two for Illinois. Overcrowding is inevitable.

In fact, the report declares that the penitentiary at Columbus "suffers from a condition of overcrowding worse than that of any other large prison. . . . The present situation should not be tolerated. Ohio, like many other states, has allowed its prison population to get far ahead of its building program, and socially minded citizens should demand legislative and executive action without delay. When over-crowding is coupled with the amount of unemployment found here, the state of affairs becomes increasingly critical."

Moreover, this fire which took 30

many lives did not come without warning. A few years ago a similar fire brought death to convicts. Of this the report declares:

"A second occurrence which received widespread publicity was the fire which destroyed a wooden building used as a dormitory for prisoners at the brick plant. The shocking loss of life which took place, when prisoners were unable to free themselves from the burning building, called attention to a condition which is paralleled in many other states where prisoners, especially on the farms, in road camps and on other outlying details, are quartered in buildings that are fire traps, with inadequate provision for their immediate release in case of fire."

## Socialists to Participate In Novel Performance Of 'Samson and Dalila'

For the first time in America a massive festival presentation, along modern European lines, of Camille Saint-Saen's biblical opera, "Samson and Dalila," will take place at Madison Square Garden on Saturday evening, May 24th. At that time, "the love story of the ages" which boasts the world famous love song "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," the pulsating Bachanale, and the most profound solo and ensemble singing to be found in any grand opera will be offered through the media of an augmented orchestra, chosen from the ranks of foremost symphonic organizations, an impressive chorus, a large ballet and an all star cast headed by Madame Eleonora de Cisneros, who was paramount among Saint-Saen's personal favorites as Dalila, as well as others to be announced shortly.

The Socialist Party will share in the proceeds of this magnificent presentation which is under the direction of Maurice Frank, who has grown up in the movement and is well-known for the successful musical activities offered under his sponsorship at the Garden, Polo Grounds, Ebbett's Field and numerous other stadiums and coliseums, throughout the country. Popular prices will prevail.

Tickets have already been placed on sale at the general city headquarters of the Socialist Party, and at the Rand School, 7 East 15th Street. Within the next few days tickets will be available at all Socialist institutions throughout the city, the Jewish Daily Forward, the Brownsville Labor Lyceum, the Borough Park Labor Lyceum, the

All accounts of this latest fire show that the above paragraph referring to a previous holocaust adequately describes the one this week. In spite of one experience where human beings were roasted to death the old policy of neglect continued and the result is the smothered and burnt dead and the injured in hospitals. These dead and these injured are the fruits of criminal neglect. They are ghastly markers pointing to political administration of our prison system. How often must we have revolts and fires in our prisons before these cess pools are cleaned out? The over-crowding is obvious in nearly all these institutions while favoritism, graft, and brutality are widespread.

## Workmens Circle English Branches Hold Conference

A CONFERENCE of all English Speaking Branches of the Workmen's Circle was held April 13, 1930, at 2 p. m., at 175 East Broadway. Upon roll call it was found that six branches were present with a delegation of twelve. Each branch was represented by two delegates.

It was decided to request the General Office to address all communications to the branches pertaining to official business in the English language.

It was further decided that in order to further intensify the campaign to get new members that this body become a permanent Central Committee of all English Speaking Branches.

The conference elected the following officers: Chairman, Bernard Schaub, Branch 665; Vice Chairman, A. Sosen, Branch 455; Corresponding Secretary, Philip M. Sunshine, Branch 650.

It was also decided that we meet once a month the last Sunday at 2 p. m., at 175 East Broadway. It is requested of all those in English who conduct their meetings in English to please send delegates to the next conference. As to the time and place information can be had at the General Office at 175 East Broadway.

Those who think that the inmates are incapable of being reclaimed, that they are the dregs of humanity, will read some of the deeds of heroism at Columbus with amazement. Convicts risked their lives for their comrades. One died after having saved seven. In a great crisis the men in convict garb rose to heights of nobility that make the conduct of their keepers look cheap indeed.

Our prison system is fouled in capitalist politics. Reclamation as a policy is almost impossible in such a mire. A more human social order is necessary before such inhuman episodes pass into history with the branding iron, the stocks and the cat-o-nine-tails.

## N.Y. Communists Get Indeterminate Sentences

Indeterminate sentences, which may extend to a maximum of three years, were given four Communist leaders when they appeared in special sessions court, New York City, for sentence. They are William Z. Foster, Robert Minor, Israel Amter and Harry Raymond. Joseph Leston was given 30 days. The indeterminate sentence was given for the misdemeanor of unlawful assembly. Felonious assault charges against the five will be heard April 30.

Threatened with charges of circulating insurrectionary papers and inciting to insurrection, which under a carpet-bag law may carry the death penalty, M. H. Powers and J. Carr, Communist organizers arrested at a meeting March 9 are on trial in Atlanta.

## Whalen Is Blistered By Harvard Law Prof.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(FP)—Police Comm. Whalen of New York came in for blistering comment by Prof. Felix Frankfurter of Harvard Law School, lecturing at Yale. "Postwar hysteria and humorless fears," he said, "have made people who ought to know better assume too naively that dangers from abuse of power passed with the 18th century. Others, like the present head of the New York police, do not know the experience of history embedded in the Bill of Rights, because history for them begins with their own experiences. With jaunty ignorance, they seek to transfer to government the efficient methods of a department store."