NEW FOUR BILLION DOLLAR RELIEF PROGRAM STARTS OUT IN REVERSE

Relief To Be Decreased and Investigation Will Be Increase

Criminal Prosecution to Be Attempted by Relief

For several weeks the community papers published in various neighborhoods in the large cities and throughout the rural part generally have been carrying on an intensive campaign against alleged relief "cheatners." Now comes it that this was a curtain-raiser for another phase of the the "New Deal."

Changes in the personnel of the relief administration has been rumored for the last six weeks. Today, a press dispatch states that Walter Butler of St. Paul is to replace L. P. Zimmerman, the present relief head in Minnesota. Butler, president of the Butler Construction Co., was a member of the Democratic National Committee at their last convention.

Instructions have been made out by Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins to remove all "border line" cases from the relief rolls immediately. He adds that these cases may be put back on relief only after a thorough checkup by specially appointed investigators.

Cases of alleged "cheating" are to be placed before the grand jury for indictment and will be immediately brought to trial. On orders from Washington all live-stock relief has been cut off. Washington officials state that they "do not know how much money will be saved." In an attempt to "save" an unknown amount of money, the administration plans to parcel out all human consideration and plunging into a blind program which will bring misery to thousands. Snobbing by special investigators has been made in the past as compared to what can now be expected. This is a direct challenge to the manhood of the American workers.

To the unions! Into the unemployed sections!

Unfair Dairy Boss Resents Union Act

Albert Lea, Minn.—Because the Union exposed low wages and poor working conditions in the dairy, "Doc" Burns, president of the Albert Lea Chamber of Commerce, is issuing the local and central bodies for $5,750 worth of damages suffered by him through this exposure.

The suit immediately garnished the headlines in the local and central bodies of Lea Local and the Central Body, "taking up" about $1,200 in funds. Practically all the local and central bodies are assuming that this is true of businesses which are part of the dairy industry, and are petitioning the administration for the same damages.

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Garagemen Organize To Defeat the Bosses

Austin, Minn.—One of the first formal units of the Union Local 1 and one of the strongest in membership is the garage and service workers. Three weeks ago a committee from the unit started negotiations for a new contract. The employers and garage were in the same condition as the unions showed that the agreement was fair, the bosses decided to break it. It has been impossible to secure a break with the bosses. Lately the union voted to hammer two of the places as unfair to organized labor. The union officers thought that the affair was something to be laughed at and that the threat would be a laughing stock in the place.

A special meeting for the unit is called at which a strike vote will be considered. Maybe the bosses can laugh that off too.

Nights of Battling Wins Increased Relief

Dallas, Texas.—The recent nine day demonstration here won a $50 per cent increase in relief. The relief had been cut in half and the authorities restored one-half of the cut.

While the Dallas County Administrators insisted that they were completely out of funds and could not get no more money, yet they dug up $25,000 additional relief funds during the demonstration.

This is just one more concrete example of what happens through militant workers organization.

Working Harder Than Ever

The returns from the primaries of the Minneapolis city election bring tidings of a sweeping victory to the reformers. There are excellent prospects that the mayor's office and a majority of the seats on the city council will be captured in the final election. The reformers are voting a majority of their first order of business.

But to become over-confident is dangerous. Entrenched reaction does not give up easily. Only by redoubling our efforts, continuing our drive, can the workers guarantee the defeat of the Citizens Alliance. Work harder than ever.

Disturbing Report On Toledo Strike

By Special Correspondent

The Toledo, Ohio automobile workers have been waging a fight against the Chevrolet plant of the General Motors Company. This strike struggle has been carried on in a manner which has written new pages in the history of American labor and has served as a beacon light for progressive union action. A quick change has suddenly come in this situation.

True to form, the keep-press has given a very meager and much garbled account of the situation. This is entirely misleading. It is difficult to determine just what happened, but there is sufficient evidence to indicate that a splendid and heroic fight has been waged and must have turned into a precipitate retreat by Green's first string lieutenant, Dillon.

The agreement, according to reports, was accepted by a vote of 732 to 383 after Dillon had threatened to expel the Toledo local from the A. F. of L. if they went to reject the proposal. This high-handed rape of union democracy completely reversed any pretense on the columns of the Org.

The site of the opposing vote, together with the report that a strike vote will be taken without the smallest about the plant indicates clearly that the settlement was crumpled up and dropped by the company.

James Rolen, chairman of the Toledo committee, was named characterizing the whole action as a "dirty deal."

As a result of the strike, no accurate information about the strike will be obtained directly from the Toledo strike leaders. The strike may spread and will appear in a special article

Highway Employees Ask Better Conditions

St. Paul,Minn.—At a special conference of delegates from all units of the State Highway Department the Minnesota State Employee Association drew up tentative proposals for improved working and working conditions for the employees in this department.

The proposals center upon three principal questions: a clear definition of management work, right of pay, and hours of labor. The employees were asked by the conference what out that a very loose definition of management work has led to the working of crews 10 to 12 hours per day as a common practice and frequently as much as 18 to 20 hours in one day. At a specific case the employees asked to be paid the full work on the classification of snow storms as emergencies. They contend that snow is a long recognized part of Minnesota winters, and as such should not be considered an emergency.

Citing the fact that long hours are now being maintained on the basis of the amount of equipment available, the memorandum states emphatically that "duration of employment must not be used to the detriment of the employee."

The proposal calls for the highest prevailing union scale for skilled workmen with the classification of specific duties to eliminate doing skilled work at the least.

Baseball Schedule

Local 574 will meet St. Helena Tuesday at the base on Sunday, May 19, 3 P.M. on the concrete ball field at Mound Grounds. EVERYBODY OUT.

Unions Endorse Voorhees

Austin, Minn.—In a special poll conducted by secret ballot over a two day period, the membership of Local 1 of the IUAW voted 182 to 2 to retain Joe Voorhees as their business agent. The action was taken after the executive board had voted 7 to 2 to accept Voorhees as the new official.

The question arose from an ultimatum given to the members of Voorhees must be divorced from the union or the packing plant would be closed down. Voorhees had carried this militant struggle against the company to violate seniority rights and speed up the pace of the workers.

Due to the resignation of Joe Voorhees the workers have indicated their approval of Voorhees' policy of defending the labor and welfare interests of the union membership.
Knitting, Not Splitting, Needed

True to their own form we find the Communist Party bending over backward to execute another sudden right face about in their trade union policy. After more than a year of complete isolation from the A. F. of L., during which time they condemned everything that stood for, and made no distinction between its honest and dishonest leaders, they have reversed themselves so completely as to attempt a united front with the most reactionary forces within that body.

Feeding upon the wounds of a fighting progressive force, inflamed by a desperate concatenate while in its death struggles, they have combined with a piety so great as to atone for their past sins against the movement. In their eager desire to rid themselves of a record of which they are now ashamed, they strive to pin up a figure that shall be thought.

Never was there a greater need for solidarity in the labor movement. A solidarity built upon truth, understanding, and militancy. Should the anti-union forces prevail in this fight, for it is clear that the victory of Coms is nothing short of a victory of the entire working class.

What the labor movement needs is not a splitting up but a closer knitting together of all the unions to a point where differences can be ironed out in the spirit of the greatest good to all workers.

* What About Emme? 

It seems that there are some who would like to feel that the discharge of Julius F. Emme from the Minnesota State Industrial Union was a political move on the part of their leaders, and those involved in the act against him have been heard to remark that they are laying low until the heat dies down. The heat is not going to die down, but the heat is not going to die down, and the heat will not die down until a hearing is granted him. It is to the best interest of the labor movement that this be done quickly.

The Railroad Pension Decision

Throughout the land there are over one million railroad workers, many of them now old and infirm, unable to adjust themselves to other work; men who gave the best years of their lives to the public service through their service on the railroads.

Congress, reactionary as it is, finally decided that the railroad companies could not exploit these men until their validity had been suppressed, and then throw them on the scrap heap as unemployable because to become public wards. But it remained for the United States Supreme Court, every member of which is a life pensioner himself, to order that Congress has not the power to pass a railroad pension act.

Surely the Grim Reaper has been derelict in his duty in failing to remove from the bench some of these fossils who, appointed to office, have lived beyond their usefulness to modern society.

The Full Rights of Labor

The full rights of Labor, as stated by none other than Samuel Gompers, himself, are "an ever increasing share in industry," a declaration with which we are all in full agreement. And perhaps due to the rapid advance in thought and policy during the last decade we might add, "until the worker receives the full social value of his toil."
PETITION ASKING REMOVAL OF FRANK T. STARKLEY CIRCULATED

St. Paul, Minn.—For a long time there have been rumblings of dissatisfaction with the handling of the affairs of the Industrial Commission. This has culminated in legislation which Governor Olaf Swenson is about to sign.

The Honorable Floyd B. Olson
Governor of Minnesota
Your Excellency:

Come Now the people, all persons who have ascribed their names hereto, and do hereby exercise their sovereign right as granted by the Constitution of these United States of America, which reads as follows:

"Section 6. Every person is entitled to a certain remedy for every injury or wrong he may receive in his person, property, or reputation; and right to redress wrongs so caused shall not be denied or postponed.

and further pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, which reads as follows:

"Section 16. Every person is entitled to a certain remedy in the courts of the state for all injuries for which the state is liable, and right to redress wrongs so caused shall not be denied or postponed.


Now therefore do we signatories of this petition demand redress from the wrongs complained of herein and do as a part of that redress ask the removal from his position of Frank T. Starkley, for the reasons herein set forth and in conformity with the power vested in your office by section 16 of the Minnesota Statute of 1927 which reads in part as follows:

"Section 16. Every person is entitled to a certain remedy in the courts of the state for all injuries for which the state is liable, and right to redress wrongs so caused shall not be denied or postponed.

We further specifically charge Frank T. Starkley is guilty of malfeasance and thereby jeopardizing the welfare of injured workers under the compensation act.

That he neglects his office in most serious manner as is shown by the minutes of the commission as well as by his own admission.

That he has drawn salary and traveling expense money from the state for which he can make no service accounting.

That he is not fair and impartial in workers of this state but has expressed most bitter partisanship.

That his moral delinquency in a reflection on the commission is such as to demand his removal if he is to create confidence in the commission as its functions in behalf of the workers.

That his actions and words is a violation of his oath of office.

All the foregoing, in conformity with said section, is hereby presented unto you for removal of the workers and tax paying citizens of the state by the prompt removal from office of Frank T. Starkley,

Fargo Bakery Gyps Drivers

Fargo, N. D.—Some time ago, the drivers for the Fargo-Moorhead Region Bakery bought their trucks and some of these men ran as high as $30 per week. A few years ago, this bakery bought the trucks from their men less than half of the cost, thus forcing a big line on their employees. Some of the employees were laid off. Those who were retained were taken off the commission basis and are now paid a straight weekly wage of $22.50. Last fall the drivers for Rembold's Bakery were asked to sign Local 173. Did they join? No, they were told that the company does not recognize them and could see no need of organization, now they see the matter differently.

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With honor. One of the first things the new management did was to fire Edith Ludwigsen, an employee of the magazine for the last eleven years, for trying to organize an office workers union. The workers of the department immediately made demands upon the new management which were locked out. A new crew of office workers was installed at higher pay than that of the discharged workers. From now on you can look for the same kind of treatment to all the managers who are being cut from the staff.

AMERICAN MERCURY
TURN SCAB

Recent articles in the American Mercury, which lately had been publishing more or less radical articles, was sold to new owners allied with the Chase and the Rockefellers. This space has not been used because we want you to try out the subscription blank directly behind it on page 3.

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Straws in the Wind

With a new presidential campaign just around the corner, the managers of the two old parties have already begun training for their upcoming battle for public press co-operating by playing up at great length the preliminary showing of their candidate. Business is a put-up job in which the boss tries to give you the idea that you are the right to exploit the workers. This facet has about as much relation to the structure of labor today as the labor of the St. Vitus dance has to a May day celebration.

In a recent speech the Senator from Idaho never have much meant for the worker, and such promises as have been made have been kept. That's why a great big belly laugh greeted the right-wing incarceration of the Republican leaders who changed the Demo- crats--with "wholesale failure to keep faith with the people." In the next election these are the same old policies and the same old man. The same old party.

Three Strikes and Out

The St. Louis Council of Trades and Labor Unions has voted to boycott the St. Louis Cardinals until Leo (Lippy) Durocher, cap- tain and manager, is fired when he is arrested during a strike against a clothing factory in which his wife is an executive. He also made statements abusing the unions.

Labor is certainly becoming conscious of the importance of unity when it refuses to permit the popular St. Louis' greatest game to serve as a shield for assaults upon the unions. Our St. Louis women have the right ideas. Never take anything lying down.

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Labor Looks at the Press

"The rubber companies have fortified their plants with barbed wire, armed guards, and miles of bare copper wire capable of carrying death-dealing electric currents." News dispatch from Akron.

Balance Sheet of the Nation

ASSESSETS - Natural resources, standing timber, fish, wildlife, machinery, industrial state of mechanical techni- que, arts and sciences capable of production of 135 billion dollars per annum, equaling $4,370 per family.

LIABILITIES - An outworn economic order kept from falling to pieces by governmental doles to bailing, bailing, bailing, bailing, transportation, agriculture, labor and merchandising.

- Occum-Augerator.

American Guardian Cuckolds

The hand that feeds the nation is held out in supplication.

The financial collapse of prosperity by creating scarcity is like trying to feed more mouths with less soup by adding more corn. If it works, the corn.

One Hundred Dollars

"If the population of the U. S. were one hundred, and the total wealth of the country were one hundred, the following would be the proportions of ownership:--

A man who owns $59, one man would have $59, twenty-two men would have $2,117, and twenty-two men would have seven cents each."--Senator Robert LaFollette.

Seventeen Ways to Kill Your Organization

1. Don't attend meetings, if you do, arrive late.
2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is over.
3. Never have anything to say at the meetings; wait until you get out.
4. When the meetings, do not vote.
5. Take no part in the organization.
6. Be sure to sit in the back so you can talk it over with a friend.
7. Get all the organization will give you, but don't give the organization anything.
8. Never ask anyone to join the organization.
9. Try to get labor leaders, but don't co-operate.
10. At a social opportunity, threaten to resign and try to get others to resign.
11. If you always go, always say that you haven't time.
12. Never send anything to your local, or try to make it small.
13. Never accept an offer, as it will seem to you that you are too busy to do things.
14. If a meeting is proposed, never give any time or serv- ice to the committee.
15. Refuse to get out of bed, do not work for your dues, ignore it.
16. Don't do any more than you have to, and then do it as unwillingly and uselessly that you won't help the good cause along, thereby cause the organization is run.

Special Interest to Young Workers

Minneapolis, Minn.--The Youth Today conference to be held in Minneapolis on May 18 is a very important one for young Minnesota youth.

The program is prepared with young people and by young people of the state. The requirements for the admittance are: Age, 18 to 25; ticket from local union, labor students committees, a board of in- quisition; come prepared; be sure it's patriotic.

Observers will not be allowed. The chairman and the discussion leaders will not be youths. Discussion will be limited to the prepared program.

With these exceptions the conference is a fully democratic youth gathering. The delegates retain the full right to breathe in the management of their group.

"Mr. Cooley, don't care what men's lives is a nation, if we can get our own way in our in- junction."--Mr. Dooley.

Labor Study Draws Interest

Austi, Minn.--Questions arising from the importation of the I. W. W. at Austin, show workers education classes in the demand. The an- swers showed the most interest in public speaking. The next class meet in demand is labor law and the third is labor history.

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Temple of Labor, 40 Green, corner 3rd Ave. S. and Washington.

If the government becomes the source of all major efforts in that direction, it renounces all fundamental of inspirations to the spiritual growth of the family or to the development of the indi- vidual."--Herbert (Fat) Hoover.
We'll trade our "fundamental inspirations" for a balanced budget for three squares a day, Herbie.

No Wonder They're Jubilant

"Out of every FWA dollar, 34¢ went to labor and materials. Reducing is necessary to increase the proportion of wages and materials. Any reduction in wages will increase the proportions of wages. If the whole of 651 millions which the CCC has so far disbursed, 293 went into payroll; the balance of 358 millions went into the pockets of industry."--Business Week.

A Scissors Bill Writes Letter Home to Paw

Dear Paw,
I got here the 14th and started to work the 15th. I got a job with the "New York" company and it's some strange reason can't get the job. They said I was too young and have no work experience as work. I'm an inspector, repairman, and everything else around the job. I've learned a little but I can't do it. I can do all this when I never did nothing else but the regular chores around the farm. I've been in this work for not too many years, but very easy. I haven't done a tap of work since I've been here. I'm not complaining, I'm just wondering whether it's the company they take the same work and pay in other places carrying bounties about the government and the federation of something.

I haven't got the best job in town, but I can't do any worse. I'm one of the young men dressed in nice uniforms, seem to be working too well. They do, but make me work harder, to think that way I can't. I'd like to get a job after some time, I think I'll try to get a job and learn some more, but I'm in no hurry. I have no plans. I'm going to stick it out here for a few more days. I can't. I'm trying to figure out a plan.

They've got me about half scared, too, especially since they told me we might have to buy ourselves some guns and ammuni- tion. When am going to be ready. At any rate, I'm here in this town, my health is holding out and I've got a job, and if I could only tell you to fix the fence out on the northeast corner of that forty out there in the country, you could be sure to watch my horse's head, that's the only right way I left. Hope you'll talk that over along fine.

Regards to all.

Your son

(RUB)