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NATION-WIDE STRIKE CALLED BY FARMERS AT HOLIDAY MEETING; STRIKE DATE SET FOR MAY 13

NO PLANS YET

United Farmers League Is for United Strike Action of All Farmers

SPIRIT IS MILITANT

False Issues Injected Into Meeting by Some Leaders of Holiday Assn.

Nationwide strike struggle for higher prices to begin on May 13 was decided on at a meeting of 1,500 farmers in Des Moines, Iowa, on May 4. The meeting was held under auspices of the Farmers Holiday Assn.

The spirit of the meeting was decidedly militant, according to reports. Milo Reno attempted to slow up the farmers militancy by telegraphing to Senator Smith of the Senate Agriculture Committee, telling him that the strike would be held off if the Senate included "cost of production" in the farm relief bill.

ONLY THROUGH MASS STRUGGLE

The farmers, however, are beginning to realize that "cost of production" or a decent living for themselves and their families will only be achieved by mass struggle, not through pitiful pleas to Congress.

Issues not in the interest of the farmers were injected into the meeting by farm leaders. The Frazier bill to help the mortgage holders was endorsed. A. C. Lowmyer, of the Iowa delegation, introduced a resolution providing for the issuance of one billion dollars in scrip to be used during the strike.

"GO FISHING"

Farmers at the meeting were told to "go fishing" while on the strike, contrary to the militant actions which the farmers themselves have undertaken to win results.

Minnesota farmers decided to join in the strike at a mass meeting held at Montevideo on Monday, May 8.

A "HELPING HAND" FOR ROOSEVELT

Here, too, false issues were drawn into the strike meeting. C. F. Gaarenstrom, counsel for the Farmers Holiday Association, and formerly head of the Rural Credits Bureau of the state, urged the farmers to give Roosevelt a "helping hand" in his farm relief program.

The farmers are getting to realize what the "new deal" means and the Farmer-Labor politicians can think of nothing better than to ask the farmers to give this agent of Wall Street a "helping hand."

As yet no plans have been made for the strike, the farmers have been told that their part in the strike is to "stay home" and "go fishing."

U. F. L. SOLIDLY FOR STRIKE

The United Farmers League stands solidly in the front ranks of any strike struggle. It urges the farmers, however, to win the strike by militant picketing under their own rank and file leaders.

PARADE THROUGH PHOENIX, MAY DAY

Phoenix, Ariz., May 1.—An exact count showed 36 workers and farmers in the May Day parade here. Following the parade through the business section, a mass meeting was held with approximately 165 present.

FIRST AID FOR YOUR UFL LOCAL

Are your meetings dull. Do you talk a lot and get no where? If so, you will want to order the leaflet just off the press, "Are You Coming to the Meeting?" It is a reprint of Alfred Tiala's timely and pointed article which appeared recently in the Producers News.

We want all your members to get one so we are charging only 10 cents for 25 copies or 35 cents for 100 copies. Order a bundle for your next meeting.

National Committee for Action Supports Strike; Unity with City Workers

The Farmers National Committee for Action, which was set up as a UNITED FRONT committee of dirt farmers in the historic Washington conference, last December, has issued the following statement supporting the strike call issued at the Farmers Holiday meeting in Des Moines on May 4.

A nationwide strike of farmers for 'cost of production' has been declared by a national conference of farmers in Des Moines, Iowa, today. This comes as a result of years of ruinous prices for farm products, of wholesale evictions and foreclosures of impoverished farmers, and of countless ineffective "farm relief" measures from state and national governments. By declaring this strike the farmers of America announce that they themselves are going after a "new deal" and that they propose to get it through the massed power that lies in their hands.

"The Farmers National Committee for Action endorses and supports this strike because it is a mass movement of the stricken farm population against Big Business and financial middlemen. In conducting this strike we recommend that the strike demands be broadened to include 'a decent standard of living.' We believe that the striking farmers should not stop at 'fishing' as a method of winning their demands, which has been recommended by the National Holiday leaders. During the course of the strike, which is set for May 13, the farm population must not plan to withhold food from the cities but must first make a definite coalition with the great mass of city unemployed and employed workers and hospital organizations. We must unite with the city workers in directing our attack against that class of Big Business and financial middlemen which exploits us both.

LEM HARRIS,
Executive Secretary.

MINN. ELECTS U. F. L. MEMBERS

Farmers Turning to U. F. L. to Protect Them and Lead Them in Struggle

(BY A. M.)

Palisade, Minn.—I herewith give a report on the election in the township of Hebron, Aitkin county. Before I go on with the results of the election I wish to state that in 1928 there were only two or three Democrats and the balance were Republicans, except two who belonged to the Communist Party. If I, or any one else, had ventured at that time to say something about the corrupt practices of the misrepresentatives of the farmers and workers he or she would have been mobbed.

U. F. L. MEMBERS WIN

But today, four years later, what happened?

We had two capitalist-minded members on the Town Board on election day we elected a full house of U. F. L. members on the Township Board. The U. F. L. did not put up a ticket but it sponsored these people.

BROKEN IN HEALTH

In the 60 years of my life under the rule of the capitalist—whether Republicans, Democrats, or Farmer-Laborites—we have worked and labored to earn a little home of our own. There are millions of others who have done like we did. And after all our work, broken down in health, we are forced off the place we called our home.

However, we are opening our eyes and are waking up to see that without struggle we are hopelessly lost.

The writer went out about Jan. 15 with the hope of obtaining some members for the U. F. L. To date there are 34 members in Hebron township and 12 in Logan township.

United in struggle with workers we will form a united front against the misleaders such as the world has never seen before and establish a farmers and workers government which will be unbreakable and stand forever.

Rumor End of Relief; 3,000 Arizona Children Attend School Hungry

Phoenix, Ariz., April 30.—More than 3,000 Arizona children go to school here without noonday lunch. A limited number are fed by allowances from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation relief funds. And this R. F. C. help is rumored to be discontinued about June 1.

FARMERS GET ONLY 50 PER CENT OF INCOME NEEDED TO GIVE THEM FARM WORKER'S LIVING STANDARD

In the four years from 1929 to 1932 cash income of the American farmers fell sixty per cent, from \$10,286,000,000 in 1929 to \$4,202,000,000 last year.

This is the third successive year in which the income available to farmers after paying production expenses has been insufficient to provide a return to the farm family for their labor equal to that of hired labor.

The Department estimates that \$2,500,000,000 would be needed to pay the farm family "even at the reduced wages of hired labor"—which is at starvation levels.

But it is forced to admit that "income available for farmers' capital, labor, and management last year provided no return on investment, and fell short by nearly \$1,200,000,000 of paying the farm family for their labor even at the reduced wage rates for hired labor."

During 1932 expenditures for farm machinery, tractors, automobiles and trucks were only one sixth of the expenditures in 1929.

2,000 FARMERS AT PA. MEETING

Farmers Favor Conference for Philadelphia Milk Shed

(BY L. A.)

Erwinna, Pa., April 29.—Two days ago a farmer delegation from our organization the United Farmers Protective Association, got a big ovation at a mass meeting of farmers at the state capitol, Harrisburg.

The meeting had been called by the leaders of the York County milk strike and was to consider the calling of a milk strike against distributors around Harrisburg. However, lacking any real plans and purpose it seemed to be a fizzle in spite of the fact that at least 2,000 farmers were present at the evening session.

DEATH BLOW TO STRIKE

The chairman helped to give the death blow to the idea of strike by proposing that the farmers start a creamery plant of their own. However, bankrupt farmers have no money to buy stocks in anything which is doomed in competition with the big market monopolies.

When the spokesman of the delegation of the United Farmers Protective Association got up and told of the struggle the organized farmers of eastern Pennsylvania are carrying on with the aid of the organized workers and their plans for a big milk conference in Philadelphia on May 11 ovations greeted him and the farmers rushed up to take the Conference Call.

The basis of this Philadelphia conference is in laying plans for a struggle of workers and farmers "for the right to live."

Both bills are before the Senate. If they pass there it is still up to the courts as to what action will be taken.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TODAY—\$2 a year.

MANOEUVER BY N Y MILK BOARD

Says Price Increase Should Go to Producers, Farmers Must Support Workers

Albany, New York, May 5.

The prospects for a milk strike have become so acute that the State Milk Board has issued a new decree designed to deceive the farmers.

The Board has ordered that the dealers must pay to the farmers any increase they have received as a result of the "stabilization" activities of the board.

The farmers will get increased prices only by mass pressure. That is what has forced the present action of the board. The farmers haven't yet got the increase though.

The dairy farmers will also have to guard against the milk board opposing the interests of the farmers to those of the city workers. The farmers should support the demands of the city people for lower retail prices for milk, the reduction to come out of the bloated profits of the milk trust.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE OF FEDERAL GOV'T CLOSED IN ARIZONA

Phoenix, Ariz., April 29.—Announcement has been made of the discontinuance of U. S. Employment offices in this state. This represents another step in the "economy" measures of the Roosevelt-Wall Street administration. The result of closing the Government Free employment service will be placing the unemployed job-seekers at the mercy of private employment agencies.

WISCONSIN DAIRY FARMERS EAGER FOR STRIKE; GIVEN NO VOICE IN DECISIONS

(BY H. C.)

Sturtevant, Wis., May 2.—There are many farmers in this section who are members of the Wisconsin Milk Pool. The dairy farmers, as much as the truck farmer which is my line, face a very serious condition.

HAVE BECOME SUSPICIOUS OF PRES. SINGLER OF MILK POOL; SHOULD CONDUCT OWN STRUGGLES

Mr. Singler, their president will decide that most important matter for them. Imagine a man is going to decide what to do, strike or not, for these thousands of farmers.

It Mr. Singler decides that there should be no strike, although all of the membership of the pool are for the strike, there won't be any strike. This one man's voice has more to say than the combined voices of the membership. This is a very dangerous situation.

I want every farmer to think about the matter. Don't you see brother farmer, how easy it is for the milk trust to jeopardize your interest.

ONE MAN DOMINATION

All it has to do is to buy Mr. Singler. It pays to offer him huge sums of money to call the strike or call off the strike on the concession from the trust after it has started. I do not say that Mr. Singler is bought off. I have no proof of it.

His conduct, however, in calling off the last Milk

MILITIA HUNTS EVIDENCE TO FRAME-UP JAILED FARMERS ON CRIMINAL SYNDICALIST COUNT

DEMOCRACY IN IOWA



Farmers being searched by national guardsmen in the Iowa area ruled by martial law. The militia is used against the downtrodden and destitute, never against the insurance companies or the rich.

150 ARRESTED

Des Moines Farmers Holiday Meeting Demands End of Martial Law

MARTIAL LAW YET

Farmers Thruout Nation Should Intensify Wave of Protests

The National Guard in northwestern Iowa is feverishly searching for "evidence" that can be used against the farmers arrested by them and still held in jail. The military plans to use the "evidence" to bring charges of criminal syndicalism against the leaders among the farmers, and conspiracy against the others arrested.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Three companies of troops have been removed from Denison, Iowa, but two still remain in that area. Martial law has not been revoked and two companies of militia are still stationed in Plymouth county.

The removal of some of the troops has been forced by the mass protests of the farmers to Governor Herring and the bitter resentment that developed through the county when his proclamation of martial law became known.

Nearly a hundred and fifty farmers are still being held for court martial by the national guard. These farmers have been arrested in eight different northwestern Iowa counties. More are being hunted down by the national guard in connection with the demonstrations held in defense of the farmers right to live on the land that they have tilled.

In Cherokee county, although martial law was not declared, the militia arrested two men without the formality of going to civil authorities. The county officials, outside of a lot of shouting did absolutely nothing to stop these illegal arrests.

RESENTMENT HIGH

The resentment of the farmers of the state to the declaration of martial law was evidenced in Des Moines, on May 4, when the farmers present at the meeting of the Farm Holiday Association passed a resolution demanding the ending of martial law.

On May 2 guardsmen arrested four persons in Sioux City and charged them with distributing leaflets announcing the Des Moines meeting and demanding the removal of the militia. The soldiers also seized a quantity of literature, two typewriters, and a mimeograph machine, also leaflets. One of the leaflets reported seized was issued by the Farmers National Committee for Action.

PROTESTS NEEDED

Martial law is still in force in northwestern Iowa. Only mass protests can force the governor to remove the soldiers from that area.

Over a hundred farmers are still held by the national guard.

Farmers everywhere should protest this military regime and demand of Governor Herring the removal of all troops from the area.

Demand the freeing of all farmers held by the military on orders from the insurance companies. Demand the abolition of the criminal syndicalist laws.

Intensify the struggle against foreclosures and evictions. Repel the vicious attacks of the insurance companies and the bankers.

Demand the cancellation of all debts and taxes, of impoverished farmers and elect local Committees of Action to force through this cancellation. Build the United Farmers League, the militant mass organization of the American farmers.

Only cancellation of the debt and tax burden on the destitute farming population can win them a measure of relief.

Finlayson Youth club, put on a successful May Day demonstration on Sunday, April 30. There were speeches, songs, music.

Comrades Carl Rasi and Arvo Lappako gave interesting speeches.

MAY DAY MEETING HELD IN PALISADE

Tiala, Secretary of Minn. Action Committee, Will Aid Aitkin March

(BY B. T.)

Palisade, Minn., May 2.—A May Day meeting was held at the Finn Hall on Sunday, April 30, in commemoration of the martyrs of the labor movement and to protest the jailing of those with courage enough to take active leadership in the struggle for bread, against evictions, mortgage foreclosures, and to demand the release of Mooney, the Scottsboro boys, Harry Lux, George Casper and the rest of our class war prisoners.

Comrade Tiala was with us and spoke at length on history of May Day and of the crisis.

At the evening meeting Tiala spoke in Finnish and some of our talented young people presented a play. A dance followed to raise some much needed money with which the message can be spread.

Comrade Tiala is to spend ten days in Aitkin county, during the latter part of May when a hunger march is planned to go to the county seat to enforce the adoption of the relief program.

END OPERATION OF FARM BOARD

Price Fixing Program Which Has Never Benefited Farmers

After three years of operations the Federal Farm Board has closed out its stabilization operations with a loss of over \$160,000,000 in wheat alone. The end of the stabilization operations came about when Henry Morgenthau, present chairman of the Farm Board, recently sold the last million bushels of wheat held by the U. S. and

From May 1930, when operation started, to March 1933, the Farm Board acquired a total of nearly a billion bushels of wheat. The speculators were the only ones who received any benefit from this, the farmers having lost millions thru these operations.

The Board still owns stocks of commodities which were pledged by cooperatives to obtain loans. These will be closed out in the near future.

WESTERN KANSAS IS BARREN WASTE

Three Months of Wind Have Turned Fields Into Sand Dunes

The rise in wheat prices several weeks ago due to the short winter wheat crop has as its background increasing misery of the farmers in western Kansas.

For the last three months, since Jan. 19, the wind has been blowing the top soil off throughout the western part of the state.

It has "turned most of the cultivated fields into craters four or five feet deep, particularly in the counties near the Colorado border. This means the complete annihilation of this year's wheat crop in that part of the country. The wind has taken "first the sandy surface and then the powdery loam of the subsoil, stripping the land down to a basis of clay hard pan, sterile as a granite slab."

CAN NEVER BE CULTIVATED

"Morton county from the air looks like an ocean beach after a storm," writes a New York Times correspondent, "for the once flat prairie is wrinkled with dunes from four to six feet high. Any obstruction—a fence post, clump of weeds—which breaks the force of the wind is the nucleus of a sand dune. Until another storm or a steam shovel removes these dunes the land can never be cultivated."

Successful May Day Demonstration Held in Finlayson, Minn.

Sandstone, Minn., May 1.—The Finlayson Workers club and the

MR. SINGLER



Since Singler, president of the Milk Pool called off the Wisconsin Milk strike, this spring, without consulting the farmers, they have become very suspicious of him and his actions.

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UNITED ACTION UNDER RANK
AND FILE LEADERSHIP

A mass meeting called by Milo Reno and the Farmers Holiday Association in Des Moines on May 4 declared for a nationwide strike of farmers to obtain higher prices for their products. As we go to press the strike plans have not yet been announced.

The United Farmers League calls on all its members and other farmers to support this strike movement. It stands unshakably for mass struggle of the farmers, as the only way of gaining relief.

The experiences of the past year have shown us that the farmers of America are ready to struggle, against evictions and foreclosures, to win relief, and to force higher prices from the food trusts. These experiences have also shown us that only such struggle, the mass of farmers standing shoulder to shoulder in defense of their right to live, can repel the attacks of the bankers and the rich.

The Sioux City strike and the strike wave that resulted from it last summer showed with what determination the American farmer is ready to struggle.

The strike cannot be a fishing picnic. This strike is serious business—to the farmers at least. The United Farmers League, as the militant rank and file mass organization of the American farmers, declares that the question of the conduct of the strike warrants serious consideration from all farmers—particularly in view of some of the proposals that have already been made by the self appointed leaders of the strike.

How is the strike to be won? The leaders of the Holiday Assn. say it is to be won by "staying at home" or "going fishing." The farmers who have been on strike know better than the leaders. Their experience has been—in the Sioux City and related strikes of last summer, in the Wisconsin strike of this spring—that remaining at home may get the hogs slopped and going fishing may get some fish, BUT THEY WON'T WIN A FARMERS' STRIKE.

Only militant picketing can bring the food trusts to terms.

WHO IS TO CONDUCT THE STRIKE? Professional farm leaders? We recall to our readers attention the experiences that we have had during the last year from such leadership. Last summer Milo Reno told the farmers to declare a truce with the milk trust because the governors' conference was going to win results for them. Singler called off the Wisconsin milk strike this spring when it was getting really militant. Woodhead, head of the Western New York Milk Pool, has been holding back the farmers with visions of what they would get from the state legislature, visions that have ended in the State Milk Board which is a direct agency of the milk trust.

This strike cannot be and must not be a strike of the Farmers Holiday Assn. alone, or of the United Farmers League, or the Farmers Union. It must be a UNITED FRONT STRIKE of all farmers organized and unorganized, members of the Holiday, of the United Farmers League, or the Farmers Union, and farmers who are as yet organized.

A UNITED FRONT STRIKE demands UNITED FRONT LEADERSHIP. A successful strike demands a leadership elected by the farmers themselves. The United Farmers League will put its entire energies behind the strike struggle of the militant farmers, as part of a UNITED FRONT of all farmers. But as the more class conscious section of the impoverished American farmers, it will insist on agitating for conduct of farmers' struggles by themselves.

This is not the program of a few high salaried leaders. This is the program that the farmers themselves understand as necessary once they get into struggle.

In this week's issue we have a story on the situation in the dairy section of Wisconsin, written by a farmer who participated in the strike which President Singler of the Milk Pool called off "all of a sudden, when it was spreading like a prairie fire and had every prospect to be won."

From this experience this farmer drew the following conclusions for the coming strike, conclusions which every farmer will understand as correct.

"When the strike is called we must not let ourselves to be led by individual leaders like we did last time.

"We must organize immediate strike committees composed of all farmers whether they are members of the Milk Pool, United Farmers League or Farm Holiday or unorganized farmers.

"These strike committees should conduct the strike. If necessity arise that the strike should be called off, we the farmers through our strike committees should decide on it."

In this struggle the workers in the cities will be our staunch allies. We must crush every tendency to "starve the cities into submission" as some professional leaders have declared. These are our brothers, these city workers. Joint committees of workers and farmers must be formed to provide the working people of the cities with food directly.

UNITED FRONT ACTION, militant strike action, mass picketing—this is the only means by which the strike can be won. These are, therefore, the means by which it must be found, unless we want to give up before we have started.

UNITED FRONT RANK AND FILE LEADERSHIP. This is the only leadership which can be trusted to carry on a successful struggle, because it is our own leadership, elected by us, out of our own ranks.

300 Farmers Stop Sale In Fergus Falls, Minn.

FARMER'S WIFE FIGHTS FOR HOME

ARMED TROOPS
USED FOR SALE

Police With Machine Guns,
Tear Gas, Succeeds in
Fifth Attempt

(BY L. A.)

Erwinna, Pa., April 29.—This week's big news in these parts centers around the fifth attempt of the Sheriff of Montgomery county to sell the chattels of John Lehto of Red Hill, Pa. The sheriff succeeded last Tuesday and thus sent Lehto on his way with his family—down the lane.

This temporary success of the bankers was made possible by bringing in a veritable army of police in uniform and a display of arms, machine guns and gas. These paid mercenaries were brot in palatial busses from the police forces in all the towns in the county and then deputized on the place.

FARMERS OUTRAGED

Farmers are outraged at this act all over the state. It exposes Governor Pinchot's real attitude to the farmer in leaving this means of terror open for the bankers and creditors though he refused to give orders that the State Police be called out.

In view of the overwhelming display of force the farmers, and the workers from the Unemployed Councils, left the sale and stationed themselves in a field across the road. The police did their utmost to provoke them to violence, even going to the extent of arresting and detaining for over four hours two young farmers, holding them incommunicado in the patrol wagon.

Later these boys were released and it was learned that they had gone only for a drink of water to their car which was on the sale grounds. Of course the cops "sweated" these boys. One of them said, in effect, later, "If I wasn't a bolshevik before this, I'm surely one now."

The result of this forced sale is that the militancy of the farmers everywhere is only increasing.

ARNOLD PETERSON
ELECTED SEC. CLASS
'34 AT UNIVERSITY

Special to the Producers News: State University, Missoula, May 12.—Arnold Peterson, Plentywood, a junior in the school of business administration of the State University, was elected secretary of next year's senior class, in the school elections last week.

Officers of the Associated Students of the State University are Harvey Thirloway, president; secretary, Esther Lantz; business manager, Kenneth Duff; store board representative, Geo. Long. Flora Horsky and Grace Johnson tied for the vice presidency; each will have equal rights and duties. Those students elected to office for the Class of '34 are Bill Hawke, president; Virginia Cooney, vice president; Arnold Peterson, secretary; Clarence Watson, treasurer; Bud Sanders and Scott Stratton, Central board delegates.

WESTBY

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen, Hazel Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Pauls, Mrs. Galgrud, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Grytness, Clara Bredner, C. Wigness, Mrs. Lena Miller, M. and Mrs. Gunder Rust of Dakota attended the dance at Westby Saturday night.

Otto Steffler, Crosby, was a Westby caller Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Kronen and children spent the week end at the Ed Ferguson home at Elkhorn.

Mrs. Skeels, A. T. Olson, Myra Jensen, Oscar Hilseth, motored to the Lutes farm at McElroy for trees for the city park.

The W. D. C. installed a force pump at the park Tuesday.

Gertrude Kihusko, Myrtle Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jen-

Mrs. John Leiko (extreme left) told the agents of the bankers what she thought of them. She and her family were dispossessed when the third attempt to sell them out succeeded.

GRAND VIEW HOTEL
GETS BEER LICENSE

Another place where beer can be had has been added to Plentywood lately, the Grand View hotel having secured a hotel beer license.

Phil Bourassa, proprietor, has been ill for some time but is now so that he will be able to look after the supply and demand of his customers and will keep a generous supply of cold drinks on hand.

sen spent Friday night at Daneville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frieslebeu and Gertrude McAlister motored to Minot Saturday morning.

Mrs. Henry Skeels had as her guests Wednesday evening Mrs. R. Stubbe, Mr. Chas. Johnson, Mrs. E. E. Morrison, Mrs. John Rohweder, Mrs. Osar Helseth, Mrs. Henry Jensen.

Chas. Johnson and son Burton were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Ed Hass Friday evening.

Luther Hultgren is adding a bedroom to his residence.

E. E. Morrison is clerking at the Westby post office.

Mr. and Mrs. Lillithune of Williston spent Sunday in Westby being accompanied on the return by their children.

Lloyd Helseth is working for Martin Paulson at Ambrose.

Mrs. Ed Hass spent Thursday with Gertrude Klemisko at the Chas. Johnson home.

Casper Deisth is building a bungalow for himself, on the Dakota side.

Mrs. Vernon Kittleson of Daneville shopped in Westby Tuesday. Mooses are raging in Daneville and Westby.

Mr. Rohweder of Kilmare is a new man at the depot at McElroy. Saturday he and his family were dinner guests at the John Rohweder home in Westby.

A number of ladies enjoyed a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Enger Friday night.

Mrs. Tony Weiler and children are spending the week at her parental home.

Mr. Niblack left for Valley City N. D. Wednesday, being called to the bedside of his father.

Rev. Eversen of McCabe conducted Baptist services in Westby Sunday.

Mrs. Rohweder entertained a group of friends at lunch Monday night.

The W. D. C. ladies planted 100 trees in the park Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Olson after the planting was done.

George Frieslebeu motored Monday to Johnson, Clara Gundelson, Margaret Arundson, Bergloft Sand Harry Peterson, Francis Phelan, Theodore Larsen of the senior class to Crosby Monday to have their class photo taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hass of Pleasant Valley entertained at Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Rheiner Stube, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Friesberg and their families.

RESERVE

Miss Harriet Connole left for Havre last Thursday to spend a month with her sister and brother.

Three of our young people, students at the Medicine Lake high school, went with the Lake Band to Havre last Saturday. They report a very enjoyable time but the rain spoiled the street parade of the bands.

An inch and a quarter of rain Sunday and Monday left the roads nearly impassable but nevertheless was a great encouragement to the farmers.

Letters received from Hans Tjomsos, confined in a hospital at Rochester, Minn., indicate that he is recovering satisfactorily and will return to his home the latter part of this month.

A number of people drove to Plentywood last Saturday to attend the opening of Jim Evenson's new hotel. They report the roads as being bad.

A few car loads took in the dance in Antelope last Saturday evening and report a nice time.

Mrs. Evenson spent Sunday at Plentywood, returning to Reserve Monday evening.

The rural mail carriers report the roads as being in bad condition.

The local butcher and restaurant proprietor are putting the finishing touches to their ice house.

THE CAPITALIST
PRESS DISTORTS
FARM STRUGGLES

The adjoining story shows why we need the Producers News to give the farmers the real stories of their struggles. The Associated Press carried a story, which the capitalist press printed, of the postponement of the foreclosure on Abraham Mattson's farm.

BUT . . . The Associated Press did not say that it was the United Farmers League and the Finnish Workers club members who initiated the UNITED FRONT in this case.

The Associated Press did not mention the fact that James Flower, National Secretary of the United Farmers League, was one of the leaders at the demonstration.

The Associated Press did make a hero of the Rev. Flint, but it did not tell of the incorrect program that Flint laid before the farmers.

The Associated Press did not mention the fact that James Flower did bring forth a real class analysis of the foreclosure case, of the capitalist system, and gave the farmers a real fighting program.

HAY \$24 A TON.
COWS STARVING

No Market for Milk Because City Workers Have no Income

(BY E. R.)

Arlington, Wash., April 23.—We have had a very hard winter and late spring. There are many farmers out of hay and feed for their cows. Hay that they sold last fall for \$3.50 a ton costs now \$24.

Farmers can't afford to buy it now and so many farmers have been starving their cows. Milk prices cannot advance for the simple reason there is no buying power.

NEIGHBORS DECIDE
AGAINST FORECLOSURE

The neighbors of Mattson decided otherwise. They decided that this man who has been on his farm for 40 years, his son and grandchildren, had the first right to it. It was their living.

The neighbors, many of whom are members of the United Farmers League and the Finnish Workers Clubs, approached the Holiday Assn. to unite with them in stopping the eviction.

The Holiday Assn. accepted the United Front proposal and preparations were made.

At 10 o'clock, May 2, 300 people jammed the court house. A committee went to see the acting sheriff at this time.

WATCH SHERIFF, DESPITE
PROMISE

He promised that the sale would not go through. We watched him, however, as we have had experience with this kind of fellow before and know that they can be trusted as far as the farmers can see them, at no more.

However, at 10 o'clock, he came out and asked if it was the opinion of the crowd that the sale ought to be postponed and from the answer he got there was no doubt about what the farmers thought.

The sale was postponed.

HOLIDAY LEADER SPEAKS

The Rev. Flint of the Holiday Assn. got up and made a short speech. In it were a lot of radical phrases but he talked about cancellation of the farmer with the banker. He spoke for the Frazier bill and the domestic allotment plan of the stabilization of starvation.

He seemed to believe that there was too much to eat in this country and that because people can't buy we shouldn't raise it.

FLOWER GIVES REAL
PROGRAM

James Flower, National Secretary of the United Farmers League then told the crowd that we don't want any such laws. He pointed out that it was only the militant mass action of the farmers that had gotten them anything.

He pointed out that in Minnesota a law now goes to the federal judge and beg him to extend our mortgages and that he can then (if he feels like it and the security is there for a further extension) extend the mortgage.

STRUGGLE SHARPENING

He pointed out the new methods used by the farmers "friends." Frame up and arrest for every militant farmer who does not accept the bosses' starvation program. He showed the only way that the bankers will "conciliate" with the farmer is in favor of the bankers and insurance companies.

WHAT FLINT OVERLOOKED

Flower then pointed out what the Rev. Flint had overlooked, that there are classes in society, that the class which produces gets only misery and starvation, and the class that owns the means of production robs the working people of practically all they produce.

He then showed what inflation of the currency would mean, what the refinancing bill meant, and that the state serves the interests of the rich, the capitalists.

Many farmers who were there had never heard a speech of that kind and came to Flower after he was thru and offered to arrange meetings for him in their communities.

U. F. L. IN EVERY
TOWNSHIP

Now that a start has been made the United Farmers League should be organized in every township in Ottetall county. The farmers in this case learned the benefits of united action and the Holiday Assn. and the United Farmers League will unite in action again if the need arises. Under rank and file leadership we can and will win our demands.

Doings of the
Advance Guard

This week our list is not so very long, farmers are all busy in the field, but here and there somebody has done remarkably well.

There is Harry Gulbank of Wisconsin coming in with 58 points. Right in the busy spring time he goes out and gets 18 subs, which goes to show that subs for the Producers News can be gotten at any time. He says the farmers think highly of it and want it. They do that in other part of the country too. But many places they don't even know we have a Producers News. Don't forget to tell them every time you have a meeting, it is very important.

Then there is T. L. Edwards of North Dakota, he comes in as number two with 30 points. Investing in sub cards is safer than the bank, he says, and we agree with him 100 per cent. Sub cards are something you can always sell when you get in a pinch and need a bowl of soup.

Robert Kirmo and Ivar Husa of North Dakota, and John Jacobson of Minnesota, all have eight points, that's a good start too, and one of them might win the prize for May yet.

DOINGS OF LAST WEEK

Chas. Rivers, Schenectady Co. N. Y. wants 25 receipt books and another 200 papers.

Wm. Engelbert, Cook Co., Ill., renews, four points, and says "I like to do all I can for the paper."

Robert Kirma, Dickey Co., N. D., sends three subs, eight points.

B. A. Faulkner, Kent Co., Mich. orders 150 copies. Nicolai Nelson, Marshall Co., S. D. subscribes, one point.

P. J. Barrett, Mountrail Co., N. D., orders a sub book and bundle.

Edwin Pfeutzenreuter, of Brown Co., S. Dak., pays for papers sold at meeting.

C. H. Sharp, Brown Co., S. D., sends two subs, five points.

DOING IT IN A BIG WAY

Harry Gulbank, Racine Co., Wis., sends us 18 subs. 58 points. "The farmers in this section think very highly of the Producers News. It is the only farm paper that deals with the farmers' problems in a language that we can understand and shows the way out of the terrible conditions we farmers are in," he writes.

O. Hoopla, Wadena Co., Minn.,

VETERANS ENDORSE
MARCH TO DEMAND
PAYMENT OF BONUS

At a meeting of ex-service men of Roberts county held at Sisseton, S. D., April 23, endorse the Bonus March to Washington, D. C., on May 12 to get our bonus now; full payment on demand of all bonus insurance policies, etc., increase of all compensation to disabled war veterans and ex-service men; strictly against all imperialistic wars.

John Kjordstad, Williams Co. N. D., renews, four points.

Are Skeberg, Chippewa Co. Minn. sends one sub, one point.

A. W. Cromer, Hillsdale Co., Mich., renews, four points.

Alfred Tiala, Crow Wing Co., Minn., pays for bundles and orders 20 papers per week.

J. A. Ray, Lincoln Co. Wis., subscribes, two points.

Paul Yeoman, Crook Co. Wyo., subscribes, two points.

Ivar Husa, Mountrail Co. N. D. sends one sub for a year, eight points.

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SUPPORTERS OF OUR INSANE SYSTEM

(BY RODNEY SALISBURY)

Legislatures can pass laws and lawyers can quibble over them as far as human beings are concerned but they can't enforce laws to prevent a hungry dog from grabbing a bone, nor can they enforce laws to starve a mouse in a bin of wheat.

But they have passed laws (all in favor of the motley powers), that force millions of farmers into bankruptcy and 16 millions of workers to walk the streets in a search for work which under capitalism means the right to live.

No there are no jobs. Up-to-date machinery has replaced the human power in every industry, mill, mine, factory, farm and the railroad. Inventors are inventing blazers and better machines every day. It's up to us to invent a system to use this machinery for the benefit of the workers; not for use for profit for a few profiteers.

The capitalist class tell us they control the press, that they control the farmers and the trouble is that they have produced too much. If this is true then the zephors and grasshoppers should be a great help in keeping down production. Such simplicity!

In a sane system when workers had produced a surplus they could go fishing, hunting or jay riding. But under this insane system of capitalism the workers who have produced the most are first to starve.

Fellow inmates of this insane system, scientists say, with the machinery we have in the U. S. today, that every person between the ages of 25 and 40 years, working from two to four hours daily five days a week, could produce the equivalent of \$20,000 in buying power per year. How does

this sound to you who are in search of work?

In the insane asylums a few guards control hundreds of unfortunates. If the unfortunates realized their strength it would take many more guards to handle them. The guards' business is to study each inmate and keep the most dangerous ones locked up. To keep them wholly disorganized. They even have trustees that spy on other insane patients and report them to the guards.

This insane system of capitalism works about the same way. A few at the top own and control everything that is worth owning. Their guards, the sheriffs, policemen, federal finks, state cossacks, with thousands of snipers, snufflers and stoolpigeons, are always in guard to protect those that "have" from those that "haven't."

But the lantern jawed yaps with his hands in his empty pockets, rolling a quid of tobacco from one side of his cheek to the other, says, "We don't want to change it's 'agin' human nature." Well, Mr. Yap, you have what a mainstreamer of Plentywood would call a mighty strong argument. But, let's us think a moment. It isn't human nature to starve to death in a land of plenty, is it?

So the capitalist class has changed human nature already. So we don't have to bother any more about that. So let's go.

Is it human nature for mothers of children with knotted hands of honest toil to have to submit to a cross examination by old scoundrels with pride of seeing another moron, Ferdinand Schloppe hanged at Wolf Point, a few years ago. Does a man who goes to see an 18 year old boy hung the same as he would go to a movie have any human sympathy for mothers of children.

A moron will be a moron in spite of anything but, we object to such a character administering aid thru the R. F. C. in Plentywood.

Judge Paul recommended him for the appointment as chairman of the R. F. C. of Sheridan county. Now he says old Jack is the most stubborn man he has ever saw. But, at the same time he refuses to give Hans Rasmussen, Ferdinand Schloppe hanged at Wolf Point, a few years ago. Does a man who goes to see an 18 year old boy hung the same as he would go to a movie have any human sympathy for mothers of children.

Residents of the City are also not to get their DOG LICENSE from Jake Rieger at once. By order of the City Council of the City of Plentywood, Montana.

C. B. ROBINSON, City Clerk.

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CO. COMMISSIONER ADVISES WOMAN TO SELL HERSELF

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

Vern Sachow was out of work and like so many of the rest of us he had no money and no way of feeding his wife and baby.

In the papers Vern had read that over was going to save the country. Save the country was just what Vern wanted to do for many years he had had that burning desire but, he never knew how to go at it. Being was the way and he didn't know it.

So he started making beer. The most of it he gave away and a little of it he sold. The wife and baby had to eat the beer.

Vern was a little ahead of his time. The country was not yet ready to be saved. They put Vern in jail where he is now sitting off a few dollars a day for 30 days. The sheriff gets 75 cents a day and somebody else the rest, but Vern gets none.

At home sits his wife with the baby. She has plenty of work but she has no money. Al Hendrickson comes around every so often and wants his house rent paid, and she has nothing to pay with.

Mrs. Sachow went to the county commissioners for help and advice. Help they refused to give her, but Commissioner Olson gave her the advice that a good-looking woman like her should be able to make a living by getting a job in one of the beer joints as bartender.

Olson is the one who hands out the beer license. Now he wants to stock up the place with good-looking women. If you are good-looking then go to the beer joints and make your own living. That is the stand Mr. Olson as county commissioner, is taking.

Sell yourself to the highest bidder is the advice our county commissioner gives to the women when they come to them for help.

JUDGE CHANGES OVER NIGHT

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

After I had been insulted and threatened on the streets of Plentywood by Jack Bennett, who promised me the worst licking I have ever had and further said: "I might even go further than that." Which indicated to me he might intend to kill me. I went to Judge Paul last Friday and asked for a permit to carry a gun for my own protection.

After explaining to the judge what had happened, Judge Paul told me that he could see no reason why I should not have a permit. I was told to make out an application for a permit and to appear before him the next day.

On Saturday I again appeared before the judge with my application. What happened that day was just what I had expected, it was what others also had told me would happen. Although Judge Paul admitted that he was quite sure that Jack Bennett would go thru with what he had told me; and in spite of the fact that Judge Paul has issued permits to carry a gun to bootleggers, he refused to give me the permit. Judge Paul refused to give me the protection that I am entitled to and that it is his duty to give.

With him it is all right to have bootleggers carry guns. But, when it comes to me carrying a gun in order to protect myself against his friend Jack Bennett, the man he recommended for chairman of the Relief committee and very likely also for the postmaster job, then it was altogether different. What was justice one day had changed over night.

Jack Bennett has the right of way regardless of law and order, as far as Judge Paul is concerned. That's the kind of justice handed out in Sheridan county. Probably it was something in that line that made the Iowa farmers smear grease on the judge's face and pull off his pants.

It isn't that I have any desire for walking up and down the streets with a gun strapped on the outside of my belly like a border patrol but, if there is any justice in Sheridan county at all I should be given as much right to protect my life as a bootlegger is given to protect his.

A woman told me the other day that he made two mistakes in one day making her change a Great stuff! Sign up 'no loud talking in the P. O.' Old Jack hollering at the top of his voice. Just like he swears at the women who come in for relief. The main-streeters laugh at these things but it is not a laughing matter to the people who need aid to be compelled to deal with such a character.

It is not a laughing matter that John Enderlin was left in his shack several days after the doctor had ordered the relief committee to take him to the hospital. Comrade Jones of the Farmers Relief Committee on hearing that John was sick sent word to Comrade Wankel who came to town and took him to the hospital. His side was swollen and he was in much pain. He died a few days afterward.

Old Jack was one of his pall bearers. This is a shame farmers and workers. We must not stand for this criminal negligence. We must all join the U. F. L. It's the only way to protect our wives, our children and ourselves from the hard heartedness of capitalism. Organize with your class. The only road to economic freedom.

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What Famous People Say of "Road to Life"

"'Road to Life' is an appealing human document. It presents in the simplest terms Soviet Russia's largely successful effort to care for the waifs left in the wake of war and revolution. The picture has the fine artistry which we have come to expect from the better Russian films, and at the same time presents in a most entertaining and appealing way some admirable lessons in education. Every teacher should see it."—H. V. Kaltenborn, former editor Brooklyn Eagle.

"I would rather see this picture than the slickest society drama that ever came out of Hollywood."—MALCOLM COWLEY, Editor, The New Republic.

"Excellent direction, superior photography, and the unusual subject make this an outstanding subject."—GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

"I saw this picture in Leningrad and had one of the thrilling experiences of my life. 'Road to Life' is one of the greatest pictures I ever saw and, as a depiction of the work that Russia has done for the reclamation of its orphan children, it is incomparable."—DR. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, Pastor, Community Church, New York City.

Letter to Mayor Neville

Plentywood, Mont.
May 8, 1933.

Mr. P. G. Neville
Mayor of the City of Plentywood
Plentywood, Mont.
Dear Sir:

On April 20th you had published in the Plentywood Herald, above your signature as chairman of the Commercial Club, a statement in which you said that you "stand solidly behind the enforcement of our laws."

Mr. Neville, you are now the Mayor of the City of Plentywood. You are now the one who's duty it is to see to it that people are not molested, threatened and insulted in your town. You are now the law enforcer.

On April 11 Jack Bennett, the postmaster and one of your most prominent citizens, walked up on Rodney Salisbury from behind and without the least bit of warning hit him in the face. This was done on your public street.

On April 30, the same Jack Bennett insulted and threatened me (Hans Rasmussen) on your public street. He "God Damned" me and called me names, he said he would give me the worst licking I ever had, he also said: "I might even go further than that." Which I take as indicating that he might intend to kill me.

Now not only I, but the people of Plentywood and Sheridan county, want to know what you as Mayor of the City of Plentywood are going to do about it. Are you going to stand for people being insulted, threatened and beaten up in the town in which you are the Mayor?

On May 27 you are inviting farmers to your town. Do you expect them to carry clubs and guns in order to protect themselves from being beaten up by the prominent citizens of Plentywood? Or, are you going to give them some assurance that they are as safe on the streets of Plentywood as they are on the farm?

You have said that you "stand solidly behind the enforcement of our laws." Now we want to know if you are going to enforce the law against Jack Bennett and make the town of which you are the Mayor a safe place for citizens to live in.

This letter will be printed in this week's issue of The Producers News. The farmers of Sheridan county will be looking for and expecting a public statement from you to be printed in the same issue.

Respectfully,
HANS RASMUSSEN.

NOTED EDUCATOR INTRODUCES SOVIET MOVIE "ROAD TO LIFE"

Professor Dewey Speaks From Screen in Film to Be Shown at Orpheum Theatre, Plentywood, June 3

Dr. John Dewey, Professor Emeritus of Columbia University, and one of America's greatest educators and philosophers, introduced the film "The Road to Life" which will be shown at the Orpheum, June 3, in a spoken prologue.

Professor Dewey visited Russia in 1923 as the head of the Dewey Delegation of American educators and scholars. While there he visited schools such as the one seen in "Road to Life." His introductory speech which he gives on the screen is as follows:

"Ten years ago every traveler in Russia came back with stories of the horde of wild children who roamed the countryside and infested the city streets. They were the orphans of soldiers killed in the war, of fathers and mothers who perished in the famine after the war.

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"You will see a picture of their old road to life, a road of vagabondage, violence, thieving. You will also see a new road to their new life, a road constructed by a brave band of Russian teachers. After methods of repression had failed, they gathered these children together in Collective Homes they taught them cooperation, useful work, healthful recreation. Against great odds they succeeded—There are today no wild children in Russia.

"You will see a picture of great artistic beauty, of dramatic action and power. You will also see a record of a great historical episode. 'These boys are not professional actors: they were once wild children: they once lived in an actual Collective.

"You will also see an educational lesson of the power of freedom, of the power of work and play to redeem the juvenile delin-

THE TREATMENT OF JOHN ENDERLIN

Last week John Enderlin died in the hospital. They called it pleurisy. He had lived in a little shack south of the track and had, for many years walked with a cane.

It was Thursday when the neighbors called Dr. Hall. John was very sick in bed. The doctor says he notified the Central Relief committee that John should be taken to the hospital right away.

On Tuesday I saw John. He was on Thursday and old John laid until the next Tuesday. No relief committee and no doctor came near him. He was suffering and was in great pain, he was swelling up and ready to burst; he begged the neighbors to take a butcher knife and cut him open so he could get some relief.

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About a week later John died. Probably there was not much of a chance of saving his life after he got to the hospital. He had been neglected too long. It is a dirty shame and a disgrace to Plentywood, that the Relief Committee and doctor leave this old man lay in his shack for nearly a week when they knew that he was sick and suffering, needing hospital care. It is next to murder itself.

And what did we do here in Sheridan county? Here self-appointed leaders, like Judge Paul and Jack Bennett, set to work and tried to figure out how little of that relief money our county could get along with, without having the people creating into stores, and helping themselves. Actually, done all they could to keep as much of that money away from the county as they possibly could, by doing so keeping our farmers and workers as near the starvation point as possible. Although they knew that this money was not to be paid back by the county.

The remarkable thing of this is that all the half starved business men, professional men and politicians, all sided in with their pin head leaders. When Art Wankel made an attempt to get some more money, well, not one of these here mentioned raised their voice in favor of it. Asking for more was a disgrace for Sheridan county, it was all right though for Dawes to get his 80 millions, to that these people have no objections, but it is different with Sheridan county. Sheridan county has to help save the country by starving its people.

Carl Peterson Returns
From Washington, D. C.

Last Saturday Carl B. Peterson returned from Washington, D. C. to where he had traveled in company with Burley Bowler of Sooy, as delegates to the National Red Cross convention. Carl reports a very interesting trip.

When farmers from here go to Washington, D. C. they pay their own way and get there as best they can. But not so with Carl and Burley. They travel in comfort and somebody else pays all expenses, with probably a little bit left over.

The Red Cross is accused of spending 60 per cent of all money taken in, for administration purposes. Part of that is used for giving Carl and Burley a nice, comfortable and pleasant trip to Washington, in appreciation of the amount of Red Cross goods they have been able to keep from the people who needed it.

Carl had a nice trip while the Red Cross blankets were locked up in the jail at home where people who needed them could not get at them.

THE FARMERS' AND WORKERS' WORST ENEMIES

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

In our minds we often picture our worst enemies as being the one we never saw, the big fellow who lives far away in some mansion that he made us pay for. But he is not the worst one. The worst one, the meanest one, and the one doing us the most harm is the one who lives right among us. The leaders among the business men, the professional men, the politician and a few aristocratic minded farmers.

At every election these people run their cars, they plan how to steal the votes, they do everything in their power to keep the big fellow in his mansion and keep down. Not only does he do that at election time, but he does that every day in the year whenever he has a chance. Without using their brains at all the rest blindly follow these leaders.

Let us take a look at the relief proposition and see how these people are doing all in their power to keep this money away from the farmers and workers and by doing so keeping it away from everybody else.

There were 300 million dollars appropriated for relief by the federal government. It was a kind of first come first served proposition. The big fellows grabbed the biggest part of it right away. There was nothing modest about it at all. Charles G. Dawes grabbed 80 millions and others about as much.

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Our worst enemies are not the ones farthest away. They live among us, and many of them are willing to suffer themselves, if they can only make us suffer just a little bit more.

Would not everyone in this county have been much better off if the several hundred thousands of dollars worth of money, going on here at this time, could have been done by the county, like they do in South Dakota and the money earned and spent by the people right here? But, did you ever see Judge Paul, Jack Bennett or the county commissioners, or any of their supporters, life one finger to help promote anything of the kind. No you never did. But, when it comes to cutting the people off of the relief they are right there to do it.

A MOTHERS DAY SUGGESTION

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DON'T MISS IT!

Norway's Independence Day

Wednesday, May 17

Will be observed at Scobey by the showing of two travel pictures under the auspices of the Scobey Lutheran Mens' Club. A picture of Norway will be shown in the afternoon at 3:30 p. m., and a picture of Norway, Sweden and Denmark will be shown in the evening at 8 p. m. Admission will be 25 cents and 10 cents for the matinee showing and 35 cents and 15 cents for the evening showing which is a talking and sound picture. There will also be Norwegian songs and music in connection with the pictures. Plan to go to Scobey on May 17.



Jobless Workers Killed in Crash
Martinsburg, W. Va., April 29.—At least five jobless workers were killed and eight were injured today when 35 cars on the east bound Baltimore and Ohio freight were derailed. The workers were part of the migratory section of the population which is beating its way from one city to another looking for a meal.

Georgia Schools Closed
Atlanta, Ga.—Prior to April 1, schools in 76 of Georgia's 159 counties had been closed. Most of the teachers have already exhausted their credit at the stores and what pay they get goes to the merchants.

Dollar Falls to Lowest Since 1879
New York.—On May 1 the dollar fell to 81.7 cents in terms of the French franc, the lowest level reached by the dollar since 1879 when specie payments were resumed after the Civil war.

Committee Formed to Aid Victims of Fascists
New York.—A National Committee to Aid the Victims of German Fascism has been permanently established in the United States. Many working class organizations have already decided to support the campaign to aid Hitler's victims.

Cox to Represent Wall Street at Conference
Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt may take part personally in some of the sessions of the World Economic Conference in London during June. James M. Cox, Democratic candidate for president in 1920, has been invited by Roosevelt to be a member of the delegations and since Secretary of State, Hull, will participate in only part of the conferences, Cox will probably be the chief agent of Wall Street for the majority of the sessions.

Gold Bonds Will Not Be Paid in Gold
Washington, D. C. May 1.—The Treasury department has refused to allow the export of gold to pay interest or principal on U. S. government bonds owned abroad. This, despite the fact that the bonds call for payment in gold.

Reforestation Workers Strike for Decent Food
Camp Dix, New Jersey, May 5.—Forty-five unemployed workers in Roosevelt's reforestation camp were sent to their homes because they would not stand for the slops which was being handed out to them as an excuse for food. The army officers are blaming it on the "reds."

Morgan Partners to Tell of Wall Street
New York, May 5.—Subpoenas have been served on ten of the twenty Morgan partners to appear before the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency to tell how Wall Street is run. It is rumored that the investigation is going to be quashed before anything comes of it.

Large Surety Company Fails
New York.—The business of the National Surety Co. has been taken over by the State Advisory Board. \$32,000,000 of the company's assets are frozen. The National Surety is one of the largest companies in surety insurance field in the United States. The State Advisory Board was created for the purpose of salvaging the insurance companies which are on or near the rocks.

International Committee to Aid Hitler Victims
New York.—An International Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism has been established to aid the victims of Hitler. It is located at Paris, France, with the following members from the United States: A. J. Muste, Conference for Progressive Labor Action; J. B. Matthews, Fellowship of Reconciliation, George Soule, John Dos Passos, Prof. H. W. Dana, Alfred Wagenknecht, Workers' International Relief.

German Financial Structure Weakens
New York, May 5.—Hjalmar Schacht, head of the German Reichsbank, who arrived in New York today, admitted that the gold backing for its currency was "ridiculously low." He intimated that drastic action would have to be taken by Germany in case an international currency war developed.

Security Supervision Bill Passed
Washington, D. C. May 5.—Roosevelt's bill to supervise distribution of securities by Wall Street was passed by the House today. Since neither workers, farmers nor small businessmen have any money to invest, the bill means nothing for their relief. It is only a whitewash to cover Roosevelt's failure to grant the working people any real relief.

Burn Home of Scottsboro Negro Witness
Chattanooga, Tenn.—The vengeance of the Ku Klux Klan against those who fought to cheat the lynchers of their prey in Decatur, Ala., reached into Chattanooga, Monday, April 17, and while E. L. Lewis, Negro witness for the defense in the Scottsboro case, was attending court at Decatur, waiting to be called in the trial of Charley Weems his house here, at 220 Central avenue, was burned to the ground, and all its contents destroyed.

High Speed Soviet Plane Developed
Moscow, May 4.—With the active participation of the workers, a new airplane was tested in Kharkov recently. The plane was designed by young Soviet inventors. It has a cruising speed of 185 miles per hour but the trial flights showed that this speed will certainly be exceeded.

Share Croppers Given Vicious Sentences

Landlords Try Break Share Cropper Union

17 NEGROES FEARLESSLY TESTIFY AT TRIAL OF NEIGHBORS; LABOR DEFENSE IS ACTIVE

BULLETIN
Dadeville, Ala., April 27.—Vicious sentences were today meted out to the Tallapoosa share croppers. Ned Cobb was sentenced to the state penitentiary for 12-15 years; Judson Simpson, 10-12 years; Alf White and Clinton Moss 10-12 years; Sam Moss 5-6 years. Sam was refused for all except Sam Moss. In sentencing the defendants, Judge Bowling revealed clearly that the basis for vicious sentences was hope of crushing the Sharecroppers Union.

Dadeville, Ala., April 27.—"Guilty"—this was the verdict brought in today by the jury in the Tallapoosa case against five Negro sharecroppers charged with "assault with intent to murder." Judge Bowling announced from the bench that he would fix sentences soon. Fourteen other croppers had also been indicted, but have not yet been put on trial.

The croppers, Judson Simpson, Ned Cobb, Sam Moss, Alf White and Clinton Moss face prison terms ranging from two to 20 years on each of four counts. They were arrested after sheriff's deputies attacked Cliff James and other members of the Sharecroppers Union who resisted the attempt to seize James' mule, cow and other stock for an alleged debt due W. S. Parker, a landlord merchant of Natusulga, Ala.

TO APPEAL
Irving Schwab and A. W. Morrison, attorneys for the International Labor Defense, immediately announced that they would carry the case to the Alabama Court of Appeals.

The jury brought in its verdict after "deliberating" one hour and twenty minutes after listening to speeches by ex-Senator Thomas J. Heflin and Prosecutor Powell which bore a striking resemblance to the ranting, venomous speech made by Solicitor Wade Wright at the trial in Decatur of Haywood Patterson, one of the Scottsboro boys.

EXPOSES SLAVE SYSTEM
Defense Attorney Schwab in his summation described the plight of the tenant farmers and sharecroppers as well as the workers in the cities of the South. Replying to Heflin who appealed for the maximum penalty in the name of "law and order," Schwab said that "the most brutal crimes in history have been committed in the name of law and order," citing the attacks on the Bonus and Hunger archers and pickets on strike.

ON THE CHAIN GANG

(BY JOHN L. SPIVAK)
We talked in low tones, sitting there on the two worn, wooden steps of the Seminole County, Georgia, convict camp stockade. The night was heavy, stifling.
The rasping sound of snores disturbed the hush over the wire inclosed world. They came from a huge cage, like one in which a circus pens its most ferocious beasts. Two lanterns hanging on the outside threw a sickly, yellowish light over the stockade.
In a momentary lull in the chorus of snores the faint sound of rustling could be heard, a sound as of a wild beast creeping through tangle of jungle brush.
"What is that?" I asked.
"Straw mattresses," the night guard replied. "When they turn in their sleep, you know."
"Yes," I said, "and that clinking sound of iron?"
"The clank of their chains when they turn in their sleep," said the guard.
A mosquito lit on my neck and I slapped at it. A fly droned about our heads.
I strolled over to the cage. A sickening stench rose from a zinc pan under it, used by the prisoners at night. Through the screened bars I saw them stretched out on the iron bunks ranging the cage in three-decker tiers, the whites in a compartment near the door and the Negroes in the rear. Coats and shoes were off. They slept in their trousers, their chests bare, for few had underwear. In the faint light from the cross the sweat on their backs glistened.
One scratched himself tiredly. Another slapped at one of the insects that hummed and buzzed in the cage, insects attracted by the pan under the sleeping men and entering through the holes in the screen. And one, who could not sleep, lay on an elbow looking at me through the bars with despair in his eyes.
"What did these men do to be chained and caged like this?" I asked.
"Anything from vagrancy to murder."
Thirty days and thirty years mingled indiscriminately. There, with his face pressed close to the bars for the cool feel of iron on his hot forehead was a boy who could not have been more than a teenager; and in the bunk adjoining him was a thin, weakened man in his fifties, with a face marked by years of suffering and being hounded.
"A killer," explained the guard.
The cook, sleeping in a sagging, dilapidated shack in a corner of the stockade, was awakened.

This Spirit Will Win

(BY R. A. T.)

Dyersville, Calif. April 22.—Please mail to me ten copies of the Producers News for free distribution. I will try to get subs for the paper. We are organizing a local of the United Farmers League on Bull Creek.

None have seen your paper except one of the Dec. 18 issue that I have been passing around. I haven't ten cents to send you but will take a penny collection at our next meeting to pay for them. I am secretary but none of us have much money. I have to borrow a stamp for this letter.

SPRING SOWING IN SOVIET UNION DOUBLES RECORD OF LAST YEAR

Collective Farms Have Already Exceeded Program By 18 Per Cent; Enthusiasm High

Moscow, April 26.—The sowing campaign thruout the Soviet Union is making increasing progress. By April 20, 34,600,000 acres were already sown compared to 16,000,000 acres at the same date last year.

The Ukraine had sown over 8,600,000 acres by April 20, compared to 4,900,000 acres at the same date last year. The North Caucasus has sown some 5,000,000 acres, considerably more than in 1932.

The sowing campaign is progressing with especial rapidity in the Volga region, the Central Black Earth Belt, and the Tartar Republic. The Lower and Middle Volga region has sown about 10,000,000 acres compared with only 700,000 acres by the same date in 1932. The Tartar Republic has sown some 1,500,000 acres, while last

year the sowing had scarcely commenced there by April 20.

COLLECTIVE FARMS FORGE AHEAD

The collective farms of the U. S. S. R. have sown over 29,000,000 acres or 18 per cent over this year's general program while last year only 12,000,000 acres had been sown by this date.

The machine-tractor grain stations sowed over 12,000,000 acres, or 21 per cent of the total plan, which is more than last year's accomplishments. Sowing is progressing very successfully on the State farms. The State farms in certain regions of the Soviet Union have already sown about 50 per cent of their program.

SOCIALIST COMPETITION

The sowing campaign in the Tartar Republic has been brilliantly effected, as illustrated by the fact that collective and State farms have already completed the grain sowing campaign in a number of districts. The collective farms in five districts of the Tartar Republic are now sowing wheat as a counter-plan to the program, greatly exceeding the initial plan.

The socialist competition between different collective farm brigades has taken on extensive scope in the Tartar Republic. The spirit of the workers on the collective farms is particularly high. Reports are pouring in from all over the country of production quotas being exceeded.

ARREST MEXICAN WORKER TO STOP PEA FIELD STRIKE

San Jose, Calif., April 7.—Alberto Vegas, a Mexican worker, was arrested today while distributing Spanish leaflets in the pea fields outside San Jose. He was charged with vagrancy and bail fixed at \$100 cash. The sheriff refused to let anyone see him except an attorney.

The International Labor Defense immediately organized a committee which raised the bail and obtained a lawyer.

Comrade Vegas is a militant member of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Union. Spanish speaking workers in the pea fields are forced to work for as low as 10 cents an hour and many of them are joining the union.



Italy to Build Warships
Rome, May 4.—Admiral Sirianni, Secretary of the Navy, announced in the Chamber of Deputies today that the Italian Government had decided to construct two cruisers of about 7,000 tons each and two torpedo boats of 600 tons during the fiscal year 1933-34.

German-Soviet Agreements Renewed

Berlin, May 5.—Renewal of the previously existing economic agreements between the Soviet Union and Germany was provided in an agreement signed today in Moscow by Dr. Herbert von Dirksen, the German ambassador, and N. N. Krestinski, Soviet Deputy Foreign Commissar.

Krupp Will Give Hitler Orders
Berlin, May 4.—An even closer tie-up between German capitalists and the Fascist government will result from negotiations which Hitler has been carrying on with the Federation of German Industries, the organization of German industrial capital. Dr. Krupp, head of the Krupp Steel works, will remain head of the Federation to give Hitler the orders of the capitalist class.

Catholic Trade Unions Surrender to Hitler

Berlin, May 3.—The Catholic Christian trade unions and the office workers organization, have surrendered completely to Hitler.

Japanese Plan Renewed Attack

Tientsin, May 4.—Plans for a renewed attack in Northern China by the Japanese imperialist troops have been made according to a spokesman and for the headquarters of the military attaché here.

Britain Increases Preparation for Trade War

London, May 4.—The huge sum of 200,000,000 pounds sterling (\$782,000,000 at current exchange rates) is to be added to the British exchange stabilization fund, bringing the total of the fund to 30,000,000 pounds sterling (\$1,360,500,000). This fund is to be used by Great Britain in the currency and trade war with the United States and France.

War for South American Trade Sharpens

London, May 2.—A trade treaty has been concluded between Great Britain and Argentina by which most of Argentina's trade will be restricted to Great Britain. This will injure the trade of the United States considerably and is part of the trade war between the United States and Great Britain.

No Trial Yet on Reichstag Fire

Berlin, April 30.—Although two months have passed since the burning of the Reichstag building the Hitler government has done nothing to bring anyone to trial for the case. "Investigations" of the burning continue. Three Bulgarian workers have now been arrested as scape goats for the fascists incendiaries. The Manchester Guardian of London has printed a full report showing that Hitler's immediate colleagues directed the burning of the Reichstag to make it possible for him to suppress the Communist party.

World Economic Conference to Last Six Months

London, May 5.—The world economic conference which will be attended by representatives of all capitalist countries will probably last six months. Public sessions will last for two weeks, during which these representatives will make long winded speeches. After that will come the closed sessions during which skirmishes among the imperialists will take place.

End of Soviet Government Proclaimed Again

Paris, April 29.—Grand Duke Cyril, who calls himself the heir to the ex-tsar, has proclaimed the end of the Soviet Union. His proclamation about the near end of the Soviet rule went out to the hordes of white Russian parasites living in France.

Police Attack Philippine May Day Meeting

Manila, Philippine Islands, May 1.—Several workers and one policeman were injured in a May Day demonstration today, which was attacked by the police. Farm workers were on strike in three provinces in the islands.

Socialist Unions Crushed by Hitler

Berlin, May 2.—All offices of the Socialist trade unions have been seized by Nazi storm troops and practically all officials of the unions have been arrested. Hitler is going to use the trade unions to crush the working class into submission as Mussolini has done. These unions total 4,000,000 in membership.

"Calculated Breach of Contract"

London, May 2.—The British capitalist press is riled by the refusal of American corporations to pay the interest on their bonds off in gold as stipulated in the bonds themselves. British capitalists who own these bonds call it a "calculated breach of contract" on the part of American capitalists.

Sign Italian-Soviet Trade Treaty

Rome, May 7.—Premier Mussolini and M. Levenson, Soviet Trade Commissar to Italy, yesterday signed a commercial treaty and tariff agreement between Italy and the Soviet Union. The treaty provides that the Italian government guarantees Italian exports to the extent of 75 per cent of the value of imports from the Soviet Union up to a total of 300,000,000 rubles (\$50,000,000) annually.

Moroccan Tribesmen Repulse French Attack

Casablanca, Morocco, May 4.—A French attack on a native rebel stronghold at Ait Haddou in the Atlas mountains was repulsed by indignant tribesmen today. Two officers and ten infantrymen of the French Colonial Army were killed.

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