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Socialist Would Outlaw 'Yellow Dog' Pact

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

NEW YORK TIMES reports that Jesse Jones, a director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, made a pleasant visit to Representative Howard, asking him to keep the R. F. C. loans from being made public, because publicity would be contrary to the corporation's policy and would embarrass borrowers.

Embarrass borrowers! It sure did—one embarrassed man was former Vice-President Dawes, whose bank borrowed \$90,000,000 from the R. F. C. a few days after he resigned as chairman of the government corporation. He had been embarrassed before when the public thought it was only \$60,000,000, and he is almost mortified now.

Another embarrassed man is Jones himself, who is chairman of the board of the Bankers' Mortgage Company of Houston, Texas, which borrowed \$1,489,891. Another of the embarrassed is Ailee Pomerene, present chairman of the R. F. C., who is a director of the Guardian Trust Company of Cleveland, O., which borrowed \$11,915,962, and has just been authorized to receive another \$5,900,000. "Power Trust Couch," Arkansas' shining light on the R. F. C., is probably embarrassed a little, too. The St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company, of which he is a board member, borrowed \$7,995,175.

Notice, too, the "bargain sale" figures that in the "bargain sale" gag—\$11,915,962 instead of an even \$12,000,000; \$5,900,000 instead of an even \$6,000,000; \$7,995,175 instead of an even \$8,000,000. Clever psychologists these R. F. C. directors!

But anyway, Dawes isn't so bad. He at least had the good taste to resign!

WE HAVE A Twentieth Amendment. People began to think we ought to do something about "Dawes Ducks," a generation ago. Senator Norris has been fighting for a definite proposal to extinguish them for over ten years. When the proposal finally was put through Congress and submitted to the states, a year saw it adopted. The Constitution can be changed sensibly, after all!

The Socialists propose a Twenty-first Amendment. People began to think years ago that something should be done to keep the Supreme Court from ruling unconstitutional social legislation made by Congress. The Socialist party started over a year ago to fight for a definite amendment to cure the evil. Now to build our forces to have the new amendment accepted! Victory may be nearer than we think.

HERE'S THE EDISON Electric Institute, organized to purge the industry of evils that have grown up in some companies, such as the looting of operating companies by holding companies, the publication of inaccurate and obscure financial statements, and the use of questionable propaganda and lobbying methods. Sounds nice? Well, the Edison Electric Institute is headed by a group which has been in control of the National Electric Light Association, bribers extraordinary of American public opinion. Watch out for the new influx of "reform" propaganda!

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Feb. 5—Miss Williams
Feb. 12—Mark Starr
Feb. 19—Darlington Hoopes
Feb. 26—J. Henry Stump
TELL YOUR FRIENDS

HOOPES MEASURE WOULD KILL SLAVERY CONTRACT USED BY PENNA. BOSSES

Socialist's Measure Would End One Basis of Court Attacks Upon Unions—Long Fight to End Bosses' Coercion of Workers Hampered by Courts Back in 1894 by Ruling on Constitutionality — Economic Woes of Toilers Seen as Result of Workers' Lack of Political Power

HARRISBURG, Pa.—A bill to outlaw the "Yellow Dog" contract so fondly cherished by Pennsylvania textile manufacturers, has again been introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly by Socialist Representative Darlington Hoopes. The bill, a brief and concise measure of a couple of paragraphs would eliminate for ever the yellow dog contract of non-union slavery as a basis for court attack on striking or unionizing workers.

Introduced in 1931 first by Hoopes, in that session the measure actually escaped committee and gained the floor for a vote, where it met defeat in the House by a vote of 60-60. The record made by those members who either voted against the outlawry measure or signified their opposition by refusing to vote figured rather prominently in the defeat of certain members of the House from Philadelphia textile districts in 1932.

History of Struggle
As far back as 1894, the Pennsylvania legislature adopted a law making it a felony for a corporation to enter into a "contract" with an employee.

HOOPES' DEMAND FOR CASH AID DIES IN HOUSE

Old Party Lawmakers Defeat Socialist Resolution to Aid Jobless By Vote 142 to 45

HOOPES URGES ADOPTION
Capitalism's Lawmakers Frequently Interrupted Socialist's Plea For Respectable Aid to Unemployed

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The resolution introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by Socialist Representative Darlington Hoopes demanding cash payment of relief to unemployed was killed January 31 after a floor fight that clearly demonstrated the hatred of the dominant old party majority of any discussion in the open of the unemployed and their problem.

The resolution was sponsored by Rep. Hoopes at the request of the organized unemployed of Reading, and was called up for action on Tuesday morning with a full House and a gallery packed with visitors. Immediately the resolution was read, the Republican chairman of the rules committee who last week succeeded in getting the Socialist spokesman denied the floor, moved to commit the measure to the blanket Unemployment Relief Committee especially appointed to consider all unemployment measures and even more completely packed with reactionaries than the ordinary House committees.

Hoopes Fights For Cash
Hoopes aggressively maintained his claim to the floor and the motion which was aimed to choke discussion was delayed. Continuing his plea for his resolution as a measure of justice and recognition of the right of the unemployed to relief in a society that fails to give them jobs, two more Republican leaders of prominence, Rep. Turner of Delaware and Rep. Witkin of Philadelphia both attempted to interrupt the

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TAXPAYERS' BODY RESENTS REPLY TO 14 DEMANDS

Poor Board's Communication To Protective League Shows No Intention of Granting Any Requests

ANSWER NO. 5 IRES GROUP

Relief Work Has Provided Soft Jobs to Political and Business Favorites, Moore Declares

In a statement signed by all the members of the Poor Board, that body has replied to the 14-point demands of the Taxpayers' Protective League in a manner which officials of the League describe as "unsatisfactory." The Board's statement was delivered to George Moore, secretary of the League, yesterday and will be the basis for discussion at meetings of that organization next week.

"While all of the answers given to our demands are merely refusals to comply with our wishes, at least one of them shows a gross disregard for the welfare of unemployed

SEE SUCCESS OF PARTY BAZAAR

Free Sunday Program on Sunday, February 12, Will Open Eight Day Socialist Festival.

Reports from all branches thus far indicate that the Bazaar will be another success for the Socialist Party of Berks County. "We are going to prove again that the workers can do anything when they make up their minds," declared Chairman McDonough this week when reports of ward workers were received.

Preliminary arrangements have been made, the final touch, including the erecting of stands and decorating will be done during the day on Saturday, Feb. 11, at which time comrades are asked to report at the St. Casimir Hall to get the place in shape for the opening in the evening.

The Socialist women's groups are as busy as bees in making preparation for the part that they will take at the Bazaar.

The door prizes that will be given every night of the Bazaar have been contributed by the following merchants: Nuebling's, Berks Furniture Co., Silver Electric Co., W. W. Weber, Merritt's Lumber Yards, Zeller's Hardware Co. and Arthur Schwemmer, Jeweler.

Free Sunday Program
An elaborate program has been arranged for Sunday evening, Feb. 12, which will make this event an eight-day affair. The Sunday program will be free and will start at 4 o'clock in the afternoon with singing by the Socialist Chorus and mass singing.

At 5 o'clock motion pictures will be shown, continuing until 6 o'clock. From 6 to 7 o'clock there will be a recess at which time refreshments will be served. At 7 o'clock there will be a lecture on Technology by Mark Starr, a member of the Brookwood Labor College. At 8 o'clock the Socialist Orchestra will give a concert and render music for dancing which will be free to all.

With the Sunday program completed, a week chunk full of activity is assured. The low price of Bazaar tickets and the big program ensures all a splendid time for little money. Keep on the job selling tickets and tell your friends about this big event.

TAXING HOMES AND FARMS

Plain Talk to Non-Socialist Voters

Perhaps you are one of the many people who read with sinking hearts of the County's plan to drastically increase tax rates. Perhaps you are condemning your county officials for a policy which is going to hasten the day when you will lose your home and the savings of a lifetime.

But, if you are a Democratic or Republican voter, the real culprit is yourself. You and the millions who have persistently voted for Capitalism and against the Socialist program are to blame for the evils which have come and will continue to come upon the people of this rich nation.

You have been trying to do the impossible—the thing which can not be done. By your votes you have been giving your approval to the system of industry for PRIVATE PROFIT and, at the same time, expecting that the PUBLIC WELFARE would be served.

When you vote for private Capitalism you vote for a system which makes the welfare of the owning class of paramount importance a system which merely uses workers for the enrichment of owners.

The system for which you have been voting has been operating for many years. And now we find that it has brought the nation to the sorry condition about which the Socialists have been warning.

Operating for private profit, Capitalism has placed the wealth of the world in private hands. What the great majority of the people and their governments have is insecurity, debts, poverty and charity.

And now that the owners have found machines to do the work of men, now that millions of people have no other resource except the alms-giving agencies, now your government is forced to take unusual measures to keep Capitalism's cast-off humans from starving to death too quickly.

Right now, when extra levies must be made you are feeling the effects of Capitalism's political victories of the past.

By the votes of the workers, the powers of government—which means the taxing power—have been placed in the hands of the owning class. It is the parties of that class which are determining that the food-voucher bills shall be paid by the small home owners and working farmers of America.

If the workers of America had heeded the Socialist warning last November, if they had placed the political power of the nation in the hands of a party which proposes to operate industry for human welfare instead of for private profit, the present needs of the jobless would be met in a different manner.

The Socialists would not take the homes from the workers and the farms from the farmers to feed the unemployed. On the contrary, they would make their levies upon the day-by-day incomes of industry which now go into the hands of a few people.

More than that, the Socialists would recognize the fact that all wealth comes from industry—and they would now be opening the industries in order that the people might produce and use an abundance of the things they need.

But we do not have Socialism in these United States. This is the Capitalist government, and so we groan under the Hoover policy of exhausting all local resources in order that the resources of the wealthy and powerful may be safeguarded.

What most working class voters failed to understand is that the source of wealth and well-being is not government, but industry. Lacking that understanding, people have been content to have the forms of political democracy while they have been serfs of an industrial dictatorship.

The people have permitted the wealth-producing resources of the nation to remain in private hands too long. They have gone along with Capitalism until the system at last broke down. And now they are complaining because the masters who own everything else are determined to also own the homes and the very lives of the dispossessed.

Men and women of America, you are now getting the ripened fruits of the poisonous Capitalistic growth which your votes have cultivated. There is but one way in which you can escape the poverty and the slavery which is engulfing you and all your institutions. That way is by taking the industries, from whence all wealth comes, and using them as the Socialists declare they shall be used, for social service and not for private profit.

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

GRAFT IN WORK RELIEF?
Investigators for the Taxpayers' Protective League are making efforts to learn the real reason why Frank Van Horn has been dismissed from his job as foreman in the Unemployed Relief work yard at Third and Buttonwood streets.

According to George Moore, secretary of the League, Russ Symontowne, Van Horn's superior, admitted that Van Horn entered the latter's touring car on the payrolls as a truck and collected money for its use. A further admission by Symontowne was that Van Horn had an interest in three trucks which were constantly kept busy while other trucks were used only part of the time.

Whether any further filching of the Poor Relief funds was carried on has not been ascertained. However, public suspicion has been aroused by the fact that none of the details of the Van Horn case were published in the daily papers.

Symontowne, a former "Times" editor and an advocate of full and open newspaper publicity during the Socialist administration's term in City Hall, has been keeping the matter "dark."

The fact that graft of any kind has crept into the administration of relief funds is not surprising. On the contrary, it is quite in line with the legal policies of Capitalism which is a graft system at best. After all, the horror of robbing the poor shall not cause us to forget that the actual cause of today's widespread suffering is the graft of rent, interest, dividends and profits which has been legalized by "respectable" gentlemen.

PLAYING BERTOLET'S GAME

Having failed to halt the trucking of coal from the mines, our city Fusionists are doing everything possible to hamper the activities of the truckers. For several weeks past the Fusionists have been sending out policemen to apprehend truckers who break the State's traffic code by overloading their trucks. Thus, in the name of law and order, trucking coal can be made a disagreeable job.

Just why "coal" truckers should be harassed in that manner can be better understood when it is remembered that Wellington Bertolet, sponsor and big boss of the Fusion movement is in the employ of the Retail Coal Dealers' Association, a group of merchants which keenly feels the truckers' competition.

When, as sometimes happens, the truckers have more coal on their trucks than the law allows, the consumer is benefitted, as the trucker gives him the entire load at the regular price.

But benefitting the public has never been a long suit with either Republican or Democratic politicians. The only reason either party has for existing is to help the business groups which they represent.

When the workers learn how to play politics as wisely as Bertolet does, it will be "curtains" for the old gangs.

YOCOM SURRENDERS

Councilman Yocom thinks that the

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MAURER TO ADDRESS T.P.L. TODAY IN CITY AUDITORIUM

James H. Maurer, former councilman, and for 16 years president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting today in city hall auditorium under the auspices of the Taxpayers' Protective League.

The use of the auditorium has been granted to the League between the hours of 1 p. m. and 4 p. m. Although the League's activities are mainly concerned with unemployed workers who have been forced to seek relief, its meetings are of general interest and open to the public.

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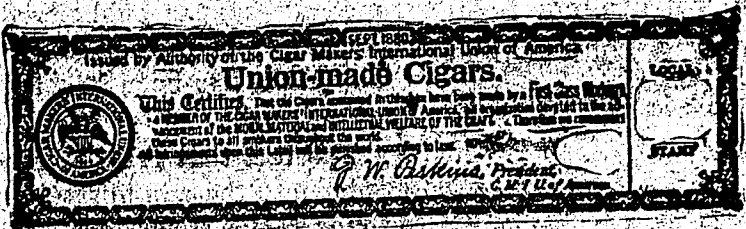
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S. P. CALLS FOR SALE TAX FIGHT

National Organization Urges
Local Groups to Organize
Opposition to Levy Favored
By Profit Takers

CHICAGO.—Denouncing the sales tax as a measure to "help the investing and income-tax paying groups escape their share of the tax burden based on ability to pay," the Socialist party last Saturday summoned all its local groups to organize opposition in their own districts to this tax, and invited other labor and farmer organizations to join it in the fight.

The Socialist resolution, authorized by the party's national executive committee, follows:

"The American people face the imminent danger of the passage of a general sales tax by this Congress or by the special session which the incoming President will call. This tax has already been recommended by President Hoover. President-elect Roosevelt has so far avoided any direct statement on the subject, but if he does oppose it, as is reported, he will find himself in difficulties with such leaders of his own party as Alfred E. Smith, William Randolph Hearst and John J. Raskob.

A Tax On Workers

"The sales tax is a pet measure of the banks and real estate interests, which, under cover of depression, seek dictatorial power over budgets and taxation, desiring to persuade the people that cheap government is good government.

"It is an undeniable fact, admitted by such non-radical organizations as the Taylor Society and the magazine 'Business Week,' that families with incomes of less than \$5,000 account for 80% of the total volume of purchases of consumers' goods on which a sales tax would fall. Families with incomes of less than \$1,000 buy 18% of the country's consumers' goods. In other words, a sales tax would fall on farmers and workers—even on the unemployed workers. It is intended to help the investing and income-tax paying groups escape their share of the tax burden based on ability to pay.

Brake On Economic Recovery

"Moreover, the imposition of the sales tax will hinder the resumption of purchasing on which any approach to prosperity depends. We need purchasing power, not investment capital, in this land of idle men and idle factories. Income and inheritance taxes can be increased, without social loss, to make this sales tax as unnecessary as it is unjust.

"We therefore call upon all farmers and workers, all lovers of reason and justice, to oppose these taxes. We summon our Socialist local groups to organize effective opposition in their own districts to this tax, and we invite all labor and farmer organizations to join us in this fight."

NEW TYPE ORGANIZATION PLANNED FOR CHICAGO

CHICAGO.—The new constitution of the Socialist Party of Cook County, adopted last week, makes several drastic changes in the structure of the organization. Centralization of administrative work is increased by the decrease from 15 to 9 in the number of members on the executive committee, and the increase of their powers.

The county delegate committee, representing the branches as such, will meet four times a year, or in special meeting on call of the executive committee or one-third of its members. Aside from the election of the executive committee, its work will be confined to determining questions of policy.

An annual county convention will determine the general plan of work and organization, and its decisions will be binding unless reversed by referendum vote of the membership.

For administrative and campaign purposes, the county is to be divided into districts composed of several branches each.

BROCKWAY SEES BRITISH CRISIS

L. P. Chairman Predicts
Decisive Struggle Between
Classes Before Workers Gain
Political Power

WASHINGTON.—Fenner Brockway, chairman of the British Independent Labor Party in an article contributed to the People's Lobby Bulletin in this country, foresees the possibility that "a supreme crisis and decisive struggle" between the classes in Britain will arise before labor can win a parliamentary majority at the polls.

He predicts a railway strike in the near future if the men are forced to accept wage cuts reducing them to the miserable pre-war level of existence. As soon as the railway strike begins, he says, the whole working class in Britain will begin to realize that it is hopeless to make its fight in sections and that a general strike will be "futile" unless it brings a change in the underlying economic system. Hence he believes that the strike will be revolutionary both in method and in purpose.

Protests Tory Tyranny

Brockway protests against the repressive measures taken by the MacDonald Tory government against the leaders of the unemployed, and particularly against Tom Mann, now 72 years of age, who is imprisoned because he will not promise not to commit any offense in the future. "Against this tyranny," he comments, "not only has Socialist and Liberal opinion protested, but even prominent sections of Conservative opinion.

"Conditions in Britain are steadily moving toward a crisis of more drastic character than a mere political change. I find that practically all the keener young minds in the labor and Socialist movement are thinking in these terms. They will endeavor to use the political method. They will do their utmost to win a parliamentary majority. But do not bind themselves to the possibility—and even probability—that a supreme crisis and decisive struggle will arise before that parliamentary majority is secured."

HUGE INCREASES IN WORLD UNEMPLOYMENT

NEW YORK (FP).—Severe increases in unemployment were registered by almost every nation in 1932, the International Labor Office reports. Outstanding is the fact that despite the war Japan is carrying on in Manchuria, her workers are suffering greater and greater unemployment. In 1932 it rose 26%. Nearly 8% of Japan's workers are on the breadlines—if there are breadlines.

Chile saw 158% rise in unemployment last year. In the Irish Free State the unemployment increased 241%.

Czechoslovakia showed a 96% jump. France suffered a 136% increase. Fascist Italy's record was a 12% rise.

Other countries showed the following increases: Austria 12%; Germany, 6%; Great Britain, 4%; Belgium, 68%; Holland, 55%; Denmark, 30%; Finland, 34%; Hungary, 28%; New Zealand, 10%; Norway, 12%; Sweden, 70%; Switzerland, 85%; Yugoslavia, 4%; Canada and Australia, but 1% each.

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HOSIERY OFFICIAL SPEAKER AT LABOR CONFERENCE

After receiving reports from their legislative committee and their conference committee and arranging two mass meetings, the Labor Conference at the Labor Lyceum last Sunday listened to an address by Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers.

Mr. Rieve stated that he was "surprised" at the cold treatment the labor representatives received after being invited as guests to the noon luncheon of the Council of Civic Clubs at the American House to discuss vital problems affecting the entire community.

"Although I am surprised at the treatment your delegation received I am not surprised at the general attitude of the Civic Clubs, whose idea of a civic achievement is the planting of a tree or the placing of a stone," said Mr. Rieve.

Industrial and Political Action

Mr. Rieve also pointed out the fallacy of Labor's non-partisan political policy. "To depend upon industrial action when a large portion of workers are jobless is out of reason. But," said Mr. Rieve, "it is just as foolish to depend entirely upon political action. We cannot afford to cast a ballot and then sit down and wait a year or two until we can cast another ballot. It is necessary that the workers organize industrially as well as politically."

The conference arranged for two mass meetings to be held at the City Hall Auditorium. The first meeting will be conducted by the legislative committee to discuss legislation that will appear before the Legislature.

Although this meeting was planned for Sunday, Feb. 12, it has been changed to Sunday, Feb. 19 as the auditorium at the City Hall was engaged for the latter date.

The speakers at the first meeting will be Stephen Raushenbush from the Department of Labor and Industry; John Phillips, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, and former Councilman James H. Maurer.

Meet Again In March

The second mass meeting will be held on Sunday, March 5. The speakers for this meeting will be selected at a later date by the conference committee in charge of that meeting.

Earl White made the report to the conference for the legislative committee and Edward Callaghan reported for the conference committee.

Term Welfare Penance

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Thomas Asks Aid For Miners

NEW YORK.—"Friendless miners,

sometimes lacking in hope, shut up in their tents or little houses crowded with children, need money and clothing in their struggle against the organized operators." We must give now and be ready to supply funds and clothing when spring comes," Norman Thomas, chairman of the Emergency Committee for Strikers' Relief, wrote in an appeal for funds for striking Illinois, West Virginia and Tennessee miners. Money and clothing are being sent to Room 1105, 112 E. 19th street, New York City.

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HOOPES MEASURE

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attempt to coerce their employees into signing a version of the yellow dog contract. The courts licked this measure by declaring it unconstitutional on the technical grounds that it mentioned only corporations. It has only been of recent years that the employing-class has revived the use of this dastardly weapon against organized labor on a large scale. Contracts have been discovered in effect in places like Nazareth and other Christian sounding textile towns of Pennsylvania which were nakedly instruments for binding the workers into a condition of involuntary servitude, supposed to have been blotted out by the Civil War and the constitutional changes that followed. Workers at Nazareth were asked to agree not only to not organize or deal with a union but not to take similar skilled employment within a hundred miles of the Nazareth mills.

Political Action Needed
Only consistent neglect of independent political action by organized labor has enabled American employers to develop and use such instruments as the yellow dog contract. An example was given in the 1931 legislature when the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor backed a bill similar to the Hoopes bill, introduced by an old party legislator. In spite of the bitter hostility toward the two Socialist members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in their first term for their uncompromising stand on all questions, the aggressive insistence of Rep. Hoopes won his bill a report from committee and a vote on the floor while the old

party sponsored measure died in committee unknown and unmarked, the Federation never being able to spur the sponsor to aggressive fight for the measure.

HOOPES' DEMAND

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address and close discussion, on technical points of order. These unsuccessful attacks drew ironical comment from the Socialist member on the intense dislike of "certain members of the House to hear the unemployment besetting the nation discussed."

Demand Roll Call

A motion was immediately made following the conclusion of Hoopes' off-interrupted speech, to refer the resolution to committee which the two Socialist members opposed and demanded a roll call vote, which gave the first of the record votes which the working-class party spokesmen will gather during this session. The move to kill was successful by a vote of 142 to 45. Most of the newly-elected Democrats, a majority of whom were workers swept into office most unexpectedly last November, gave their support to the Socialist demand although the official Democratic group which composes 65 members, and two weeks ago meekly assented to the burial of their resolutions protesting the commissary system, were not in evidence, the rank and file of as yet uncontrolled members merely following the first fighting lead furnished them which was that of the two Socialist members of the House.

Wilson Wants Jobless Freed From Dog Tax

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Rep. Lilith Wilson, Berks Socialist, has introduced a bill to grant free licenses to unemployed for dog pets which otherwise will be destroyed in the absence of the owner's inability to pay the required fee.

Mass. Building Slumps

BOSTON — The total value represented by building permits filed in Massachusetts in December, 1932, was down to 33.5% of the total for December, 1931.

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PENSION FOR OLD FACES DEFEAT

Conspiracy Seen to Again Defeat Measure For Which Labor Has Waged 12-Year Fight

HARRISBURG, Pa. (Special).—The surrender of the Public Charities Association of Pennsylvania on the Old Age Pension issue at its recent state convention here, is seen as a grave threat to the authorization of an old age pension system, which after 12 years of struggle seemed fairly won.

Charles Denby, Jr., of Philadelphia, president of the association, in addressing the meeting, declared that while the twins of social justice legislation, old age pensions and unemployment insurance, were necessary and desirable eventually, that they might properly wait until the realization of the Charities Association's pet program for the sweeping reorganization of the poor law system. Denby is the attorney who was to draw and submit a brief to the present session of the General Assembly in support of old age pensions on behalf of the Public Charities which has been a champion of the measure up to now.

Unionists Suspicious

Pennsylvania Federation of Labor officials frankly ask if a deal has been made between the Charities and the state regular Republican organization always a bitter and implacable foe of social and labor legislation, whereby the reorganization of the anarchic poor boards would be the price for the sacrifice of the old age security measure this session. Mr. Denby although a relative of the former Secretary of Navy and the redoubtable Steel Trust Senator David Reed, has been counted oddly as a liberal on this and other issues, his connections with powerful leaders of the regular reactionary Republican Party being counted on as merely another Senate.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Labor under the aggressive leadership of its long-time President Jim Maurer, undertook to lead the fight for Old Age Pensions nearly two decades ago. By 1923 an old age pensions law was actually enacted only to be knocked out by the state supreme court in one of the crudest class decisions in American court history. One session of the Legislature passed a constitutional amendment but a concentration of the forces of the Chamber of Commerce and the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association blocked its necessary approval by a second and prevented thereby its submission to the voters in 1928. Now again the 1931 session has approved the amendment and it has only to be approved by this session to go to the voters for approval this November. If it fails to pass this session, the voters will not have a chance to vote on it until 1938 at least.

There are four constitutional resolutions in the House Committee on Constitutional Amendments sponsored respectively by two Republicans, one Democrat and Rep. Lilith Wilson, a Socialist member. Senator Harris of Pittsburgh, an irregular Republican, has a resolution in the Senate Committee on Pensions and Gratuities. No action has been taken on any of these measures in more than four weeks since the committees organized. Entrenched privilege and wealth are again out full armed to defeat this meagre justice to the aged worker. The supposedly liberal Governor Pinchot has been suspiciously silent on the matter, although like the deserting Denby, once considered a valuable friend of the legislation.

CHICAGO WORKERS REJECT "UNITED FRONT" PLEA

CHICAGO. — A second "United Front" demonstration, suggested by the Communist led Unemployed Councils, has been turned down by the Chicago Workers' Committee on Unemployment. "The Workers' Committee," its statement reads, "finds itself in essential agreement with all the demands proposed and wishes the Councils and affiliated bodies every success. However, we believe that the cause of gaining these ends can best be served through pursuance of our own plans at this time. Thus our pressure will augment that of the Councils, without the terrible waste of time and energy involved in manipulating United Front plans which have contributed more to division than to unity."

He didn't mention it, but doubtless Mr. Hoover would be willing to consolidate a lot of post offices now, too.

PINCHOT DINNER WAS COMMISSARY ADVERTISING

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP).—Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, who as father of the state commissary system for feeding the unemployed on 6c per day, has been under considerable fire, pulled a defense stunt by feeding distinguished guests at the Executive Mansion on materials drawn from one of the relief commissaries at York, Pa. The banquet given by the Republican Governor in this fashion was ironically enough largely attended by Democratic leaders with the wife of President-elect Roosevelt as the guest of honor. Seventy-five guests were fed at an average cost of 5½c per guest as compared with the 6c per day originally promised by the Governor for the unemployed. The desert for the meal was not included in the 5½c it seems. Neither was the rather ample facilities of the Governor's kitchen. The menu consisted of black bean soup with sticks of corn bread, cabbage rolls stuffed with salmon and rice, bread sticks of whole wheat flour, hamburger steak in white cornmeal rolls, spinach, an apple and orange salad and the desert, forbidden the forgotten man.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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best interests of the people of Reading will be served by certain improvements at the Maiden Creek pumping station. But he is not going to fight for those improvements, despite his former stand.

Somebody spoke to the councilman. Benefiting Reading and improving public property doesn't appear to be of primary importance right now. The big job is to save money for the big taxpayers. That was the job which the Fusion administration did when it reduced the mill rate from 10 to 9 for the coming year.

If times ever get better (!) and people begin paying taxes a rundown water plant will furnish a splendid excuse for future administrations to float loans and furnish investments for the people with cash.

WHAT IF THEY DIDN'T?

The Poor Board's reply to the Taxpayers' Protective League's demand for medical attention for the jobless is just one of those things which Berks countians describe as "dumb." The League wants the privilege of calling the family physician and the assurance that the Board will pay the bill.

The Board replies that it believes medical attention can be secured if people paid their doctor bills when they were employed.

Whereupon the question immediately comes up: "What if they didn't pay their bills?"

Are people supposed to die unattended merely because they couldn't find enough in their meagre wages to meet the emergency of sickness? Such an attitude is pretty hard on unemployed people. Moreover, it's thoroughly unjust to the children of a family which has an overdue bill.

It's impossible to imagine that the Berks County Dutch will approve of this attitude on the part of their officials.

WAGE CUTS AT ROSEDALE
It's scarcely news anymore when wages are cut; it's been done too often to be interesting.

However, just for the sake of the record, we'll report the fact that the Rosedale workers have been slashed again this week. Workers are getting from 3 cents to 7 cents less per dozen than they did a week ago, the slash affecting chiefly the female workers.

An interesting policy of the wage cutters these days is that the knife is seldom applied to all workers at the same time. One group will be cut and the rest will have a sigh of relief when they find that they've been spared. But it won't be long before the second cut will hit the group which thought it was safe.

This is a clever stunt of the employers to keep the workers divided. "You didn't care when I was cut; why should I care when your wages are reduced," is the attitude which the bosses want to foster. And, to tell the truth, they have been successful up to now.

The bosses know the value of keeping the workers divided. When, oh when, will the workers learn that it pays to get together?

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WORKER COUNCIL

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of utmost importance, is the organization of the workers of rural Berks together with the employed and unemployed city workers.

"It is especially important that the farm workers should be brought into close contact with the workers of the city," chairman Rhodes declared at the close of the initial meeting. "We feel that the time is at hand when the workers of the farm can easily be made to see that their interests are linked with the welfare of their brothers in the city factories and those upon the relief."

Commenting upon the low prices received for farm products by the food producers of the country, Rhodes declared that farmers are facing ruin as a result of their inability to meet mortgage charges, tax increases and normal expenses.

"The farmer can easily see that his prosperity depends upon the welfare of the entire working class," Rhodes declared. "With thousands of city workers either woefully underpaid or living on charity, the country worker who brings his produce to the city market finds that purchasers are poor. Consequently the demand for food stuffs falls off. In short, the farmer can not sell his products to city people who simply have not the money to buy."

"If present conditions continue there is certain to be a need for relief measures far different than those which have thus far been attempted. It is therefore in order to organize city and farm workers now in order to prepare for any emergency which may arise."

Among the legislative reforms

which the Council views as immediate necessities is a law fixing the poll tax at one cent. A bill to establish a one cent poll tax, presented to the General Assembly by Rep. Darlington-Hoopes, was endorsed after several members declared that the present tax is disfranchising many unemployed workers.

Other measures which will be urged upon the county's representatives at Harrisburg were: Payment of unemployment relief in cash instead of in food vouchers and the restriction of unemployed relief work in such a manner that the jobless thus employed will not do the work of "free" labor.

At the initial meeting the groups represented, were organized labor, unemployed, ex-service men and farmers. It is planned to hold weekly meetings until the entire county is organized.

Continual dieting to reduce depression the mind, says an M. D. But nothing, Doc, like failure to reduce.

Labor Councilmen Suspended For Defense Of Jobless

GLASGOW. — Vehement protests from Labor members of the Glasgow Council over the refusal of that body, by a vote of 42 to 26, to admit a delegation of jobless for a hearing, resulted in the forcible ejection of one Labor representative and the suspension by the chairman of seven others.

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HOOVER TO VETO HUNGER RELIEF

Passage of Costigan-LaFollette-Cutting Measure Seen As Impossible Under "Rugged Individualist"

WASHINGTON (FP)—President Hoover is expected by the regular Republicans in Congress to veto the Costigan-LaFollette-Cutting hunger relief bill if that measure is passed by the Senate and House before Mar. 4. President-elect Roosevelt is understood to favor the measure, so that it may finally become law early in the special session. It was reported favorably by the Senate Manufacturers Committee, Jan. 26, by the votes of the progressive Republicans and all Democrats who attended the meeting.

As amended in committee, the combination of the Costigan-LaFollette and the Cutting bills provides that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation shall sell debentures to the amount of \$500,000,000 which shall provide funds for the use of a separate board of three persons, one of whom shall be trained in social work, which board shall distribute the funds among the states and shall require that \$15,000,000 of this money shall be used by the states to assist homeless or transient persons who might otherwise become tramps.

Would Augment State Funds
Forty per cent of the relief fund is to be granted to the states in proportion to their population—with the proviso that this 40 per cent shall in each case be not greater than the amount already expended by the state in its own relief work. The remaining 60 per cent is to be granted on a basis of actual need. No pretense is to be made that these funds are being loaned to the states; they are a federal grant, on the basis of the right of the bankrupt farmers and the unemployed to stay alive.

Reactionary senators will filibuster against the bill in this session, as they fought a similar relief measure a year ago. Gore of Oklahoma, Walsh of Massachusetts, Reed of Pennsylvania and other foes of hunger relief will be active in opposition. Costigan and LaFollette are waiting to see whether Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic floor leader, will defy the wishes of Roosevelt by blocking the bill at this time as he did in 1932. Meanwhile the rail labor organizations and the American Federation of Labor, with the radical labor groups, are bringing pressure to bear on the liberals to make no compromise and permit of no delay of the finish fight on this relief program.

CALLAGHAN WARNS SOLONS AGAINST TROUBLE MAKER

Edward F. Callaghan, as spokesman for the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, has addressed letters to Senators Reed and Davis and Congressman Liechtenwaldner, warning those officials against Henry C. Cummings as a spokesman for the Naval Association Radio Committee. Callaghan's letter, declaring that Cummings is held in "disesteem" by reputable agencies, follows:

"I wish to call your attention to the fact of an address at the Reading Exchange Club recently made by Henry C. Cummings, purported chairman of a 'Naval Association Radio Committee', in which Cummings declared 'continuous weakening of our national defense in the name of economy is the most serious danger that confronts the American people'."

"Regardless of the merits of the big navy and big army position may I point out that the military groups' task of convincing a peace loving people of the necessity of their military needs is severe enough without suffering discredit and disgrace through an alliance with Cummings. 'Cummings is an industrial parasite and notorious labor spy, agent provocateur and high-class racketeer. He fattens on trouble and creates it to benefit thereby. He is in disesteem of all reputable agencies of the community, the courts, the employers and the church, as an investigation of his record will show'."

Socialist Sports Groups Plan International Meet
LIEGE, Belgium.—The Congress of the Socialist Workers' Sports International, meeting here, has urged that June 25, 1933, be set aside throughout the world as "Workers' World Sport Day" by its affiliated groups. Cooperating organizations will include the Labor and Socialist International, the International Federation of Trade Unions, the Socialist Youth International and the Socialist Educational International.

Women Prove Worth To European Socialists

ZURICH, Switzerland.—Two remarkable achievements of European women's Socialist organizations have been reported to the International offices here. In Holland, women canvassers for Socialist publications secured 4,193 new subscribers in a six week campaign. In Austria, groups of 20 women, organized in teams, set out on a membership campaign, and secured 120 new women comrades in Stockerau and 111 in Schwechat, in two hours and a half. The Vienna party had an October recruiting campaign aiming for 10,000 members, and actually secured 19,087—6,182 men and 6,905 women.

Unemployment Relief Boards have considered expenses in working out a better balanced food ration at a reduced cost. As to more liberal food vouchers, this is controlled by the State Board, as funds for food vouchers are taken care of entirely out of state and federal funds.

4—Better housing facilities be acquired. This means that we are opposed to putting several families in one house, or a large family in a small house, or in any forcing the unemployed to live in a way that is not healthful and sanitary.

4—We, as Directors of the Poor feel that we are giving the Unemployed as good housing facilities as it is possible under conditions.

5—Families to be allowed to call in their own physician and their fees to be paid by the relief organization.

5—The Poor Board feels that the unemployed today are not without medical aid unless they failed to pay their doctor while employed.

6—Abandonment of the distribution of second-hand clothing.

6—We find that used clothing has been a great saving, and considering the fumigating and sterilizing process that this clothing goes thru, we feel that we should not attempt to stop the distribution of used clothing.

7—No water to be shut off under any circumstances since water is a necessity of life and also because of the health laws of the state.

7—Outside the jurisdiction of the Directors of the Poor.

8—No gas or electricity to be shut off as these utilities are considered necessary to the housewife today.

8—We have been paying bills of this kind in extreme cases, when classified as such.

9—Reduction of all utility rates. This includes the abolition of the service charge where it is in force.

9—Since food vouchers are paid from State Funds, this is out of the jurisdiction of the Directors of the Poor.

10—Labor supplied by the relief agencies not to be used to displace legitimate workers.

10—This is being done in all cases where it is considered practical.

11—More efficiency in the distribution of relief.

11—Compliance with this request is entirely outside our jurisdiction.

12—Payment of mortgage interest on workers dwellings, to forestall foreclosure.

12—We are complying with the State Law on this question.

13—The dismissal of all salaried workers on the relief forces who have not been citizens of the county for which they are working for one year previous to their appointment. Also the dismissal of all relief work-

ical aid unless they failed to pay their doctor while employed." The demands of the League follow with the Board's reply printed in black face type:

1—Complete control of the Relief administrative and distributive machinery. Since relief was organized because of the unemployed, the unemployed should run it.

1—Since the personnel of the Poor Board are elected by the voters of Berks County, it is impossible, so far as the County Funds are concerned, to transfer the duties of the Directors of the Poor to any other designated agencies.

2—All relief to be paid in cash. All relief work to be paid the prevalent rate of wages in cash.

2—This has been under consideration for quite some time, and we believe we have established an economic system, but we have an open mind, and if we can be shown a more economical plan, we shall be glad to consider same.

3—A carefully balanced food ration made possible through a more liberal allowance of relief. This to be \$5.25 per week for single people and families to be rated in proportion.

3—As to receiving more balanced food rations, the State and County

families," Moore commented yesterday. Pointing to the answer to question number 5, in which the right of unemployed families to call in their own physician at the expense of the county, Moore described the Poor Board's attitude as one which gives more consideration to doctor bills than to the health of workers and their children. The reply which has aroused indignation within the League states:

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In Reading the drop in number of workers and in wages earned exceeded the average, with 28.2% fewer workers and 23.1% smaller payrolls.

Largest losses in employment occurred on street and highway construction other than State Highway Department forces. State Highway forces in December dropped 41.2% and other highway employment 37.3%. Employment on construction work other than building and street and highway construction declined 13.7%. Decreases in employment were reported from practically every section of the State. Most of the decline is attributable to seasonal causes and adverse weather conditions during the period covered by the report.

Brooklyn Edison Tells P. S. C. "Don't Butt In"

NEW YORK (FP)—Violating the code of ethics of the newly-formed Edison Electric Institute, to which it belongs, the Brooklyn Edison Co. has challenged the right of the Public Service Commission to question its labor policies.

The Brooklyn Edison has been fighting organization of its employees and the complaint filed with the Public Service Commission by the National Committee on Utilities and Labor charged that it had fired 5,000 men although it had necessary work to be done and did not lack funds. Increase in capitalization, dividend payments and surplus were cited as proof of this charge.

The Brooklyn Edison denied all the charges—but in such phrases that it evaded the question of whether it had fired the 5,000 with or without "cause."

FARMERS STOP SALES; HALT CLOSED BANKS NOT TO FORECLOSE

LOGAN, Ia. (FP)—Logan, which has already seen one sheriff sale stopped, saw another farmers' victory over the sheriff, while in Des Moines State Banking Supt. L. A. Andrew announced that receivers of the 348 closed Iowa banks had been ordered to hold no more mortgage foreclosure sales and to postpone the sales already scheduled.

The Logan farm was to be sold to satisfy a \$4,200 mortgage held by Rep. Malcom Baldrige and F. D. Wear. Four hundred farmers gathered two hours before the hour of the sale—and there was no sale. The sheriff sent the execution back to court unsatisfied.

Meanwhile in Bedford, Ia., 1,000 farmers forced an indefinite postponement of a sale. At Onawa Dist. Judge M. W. Newby announced he would not sign any decrees foreclosing farm mortgages during January.

In Clarinda, Ia., 600 farmers in a series of resolutions demanded immediate tax relief from the state legislature. Farmers will gather in Lincoln, Neb., state capital, to demand relief.

Sardonic was the report that A. E. Hoover, Pleasant Valley, Ia., farmer, who claims to be a cousin of Pres. Hoover, appealed to the Mower County Farmers' Holiday Assn. to help stop foreclosure on his farm mortgage.

The Shah of Persia thought the world would be eager to buy his chair. Can he be related to George Bernard Shaw?

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SOCIAL TREND STUDENT TO BE FORUM SPEAKER

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All the forum meetings this year will be held in the auditorium of the City Hall.

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North Wales, first and third Wednesday at 8 p. m. at Century Club, Main street.

Norristown, second and fourth Thursday at 8 p. m. at 531 Cherry street.

Pottstown, every Wednesday at 8 p. m. at 24 South Charlotte street.

LEBANON SOCIALIST NOTES

At the branch meeting last night reports were received as to the work to be done in Lebanon County. The first meeting held in Cleona was the largest crowd ever drawn there for a Socialist meeting, and will be followed by another one this month. Lebanon comrades are well pleased with their meetings, but don't forget to talk it around. Hand people literature; get them to attend the lectures every Tuesday evening at the Red Men's banquet room (basement) Ninth and Willow sts., at 8:15 p. m.

Lebanon Branch is organizing a speakers' and debaters' class. Their first meeting was held on Wednesday evening, February 1, at 21 S. 11th st. Each speaker is picking the subject he is best fitted for.

When doctors disagree for nothing, that's human nature. When they get paid for it, that's a consultation.

Your vocabulary is your own business. You can call Mr. Heever "De-president" if you want to.

Activities of the Reading Socialists

SOUTHERN PREPARES FOR TWO CARD PARTIES

The Southern Women's Branch will be busy this week end. Friday night (tonight) a card party will be held for the benefit of the State Committee at the Southern headquarters, 829 Franklin street. Lunch will be served from 5:30 p. m. until the end of the evening. Card playing will start at 8:15 p. m. Attractive and useful gifts for men and women players will be awarded. If you play hokum, pinochle, hassenpfeffer, bridge or parcheesi, the Southern Branch is the place to spend Friday night. Only 25c per corner.

At Labor Lyceum Saturday Night The second event sponsored by the Southern women is also a card party but it will be held at Labor Lyceum. A delicious menu is being prepared and will be served from 5 p. m. on. Play any game of cards you choose, and if you are lucky enough to be one of the high scorers, one of the many beautiful prizes will be yours. As usual, 25c per corner.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT WEST READING

Bargain prices will prevail at the West Reading headquarters, 233 Kline street, on Saturday night, when card players will be charged the small price of 15 cents per corner.

However, that does not mean that the prizes will not be up to the usual high quality. On the contrary, the winners will carry home trophies of which they can be proud. The eats, too, will be just to everybody's taste. Pay a visit to West Reading and learn for yourself what a lively crowd lives across the Schuylkill.

WEST LAWN CARD PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT

With the West Lawn women in charge, the branch in that suburb will hold a card party Saturday night at 2023 Spring street. Playing will begin at 8 o'clock and the fee will be 15 cents per corner. Fine prizes, good lunch and a happy crowd will make the event enjoyable.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

The card party on Saturday night at the Northeast headquarters, 1811 North Ninth street, will be for the benefit of the State Office. If you like to play you can get plenty of action there and help the work throughout Pennsylvania at the same time. The prizes will be good and the lunch delicious.

CARD PARTY WEDNESDAY AT LAURELDALE BRANCH

All Advocate readers who play cards are invited to spend Wednesday night at the Laureldale headquarters in Yerger's store building. The prizes have been carefully selected and the lunch will be the kind you like. Don't miss this event.

CARD PARTY AT BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS

Our card party at Peterson's barber shop on February 9 at 8 p. m. is not going to be beneficial only to the State Office but to all that will participate, for we consider it a lesson in humor and comradeship. So, come and give a good example. High scorers will get a prize; refreshments are free of charge and the cost will be only 10c per corner.

MEETING SCHEDULE OF MUHLENBERG BRANCH

Meetings of the Muhlenberg Branch will be held in Hyde Park Fire Hall every Tuesday night except the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings originally scheduled for the first Tuesday will be held on the Thursday night following that Tuesday. This change will become effective for the first time beginning next week.

CHORUS TO REHEARSE FOR MINSTREL

The Socialist Male Chorus will start rehearsing next Wednesday night for their first annual minstrel show. All those persons wishing to take part in the minstrel should be at the Northeast Branch at 8 o'clock next Wednesday night.

The chorus wishes to thank the Women's Socialist League for their co-operation in holding the card party in which \$14.30 was made.

WOMEN'S CHORUS, ATTENTION! In order to enable all members of the Women's Chorus to the Labor College play on Sunday night, there will be no rehearsal on February 5.

The next rehearsal will be held Sunday, February 12, at 7:30 p. m. in Labor Lyceum and all members are urged to attend.

The lady choristers announce that more voices are needed and invite all who care to join the chorus to present themselves at the next meeting.

NORTHWEST WOMEN EARN \$10 FOR STATE OFFICE

Northwest Women's Branch was the first to turn in their proceeds of a card party for the State Office fund. The amount was \$10. Hearty congratulations. Keep up the good work!

Who's next? NOTICE: Branches desiring speakers during "Bazaar" week, send in your request.

BAND REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY

Band rehearsal will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 8:15 at Labor Lyceum. Bring your horn and have a good time. We are also calling for donations of alto horns and clarinets for the Socialist band and orchestra. We need these.

Y. P. S. L. PROGRAM

Friday, Feb. 3, Circle 2, business night; Monday, Feb. 6, Circle 2, labor organization; Wednesday, Feb. 8, Circle 6, speaker, Austin Adams; Wednesday, Feb. 8, Circle 7, business night; Thursday, Feb. 9, Circle 4, speaker; Thursday, Feb. 9, Circles 1 and 9, Valentine Party. All Yipsels are invited. Friday, Feb. 10, Circle 5, pep meetings.

There will be a general hike Sunday, Feb. 5, leaving the Labor Lyceum promptly at 2 p. m. All Yipsels and friends are invited to go.

Friday, Feb. 3, a group of Yipsels will travel over to the 18th Ward, 421 Summit avenue. Comrade Jacob Hiestand will be the chaperon on the hike.

WORKERS' THEATRE

The Workers' Theatre will have a rehearsal of "Good Citizen" on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Labor Lyceum at 4 p. m. The same cast that took part before is requested to attend. All those who signed up for the Russian presentation will meet Saturday at the Labor Lyceum at 4:30 p. m.

BRANCH MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 6

Tonight: Berkshire Heights: Darlington Hoopes. Exeter: George W. Snyder. Northwest: Albert Hartman. Shillington in Borough Hall: Stewart Tomlinson.

West Lawn: Miles Williams. Kenhorst in School House: Chas. Sands and Socialist Octette.

Sunday, Feb. 5: Newmans town in Band Hall at 2 p. m.: James Wesner. Monday, Feb. 6: Northeast: Mark Starr. Central: Jacob Hiestand.

Tuesday, Feb. 7: 18th Ward: James Wesner. Farview: Stewart Tomlinson. Kenhorst: Discussion.

Laureldale: Discussion. Muhlenberg: George W. Snyder. Northwest Women: Wm. Schweren. Southern: Cleve Long.

Vinmont: Albert Hartman. West Reading: Wm. C. Hoerver. Womelsdorf: Jacob Hiestand.

Wednesday, Feb. 8: Womelsdorf Women: Social nite. Thursday, Feb. 9: Exeter Women: Raymond S. Hofes.

Friday, Feb. 10: Berkshire Heights: Lincoln Stelgerwald. Gibraltar: Fred Merkel.

Northwest: Howard Moser. West Lawn: Darlington Hoopes. Southern Women: Social nite.

EXPOSE GRAFT IN CANADIAN RELIEF

OTTAWA, Canada. — Investigations into misappropriation of public relief funds in various parts of Canada have brought to light cases of landlords receiving relief while in receipt of substantial rents, of gross overcharging by merchants, of contractors padding accounts, and of town councillors, prominent citizens and police getting rackets from funds intended for relief of the unemployed.

One result of the disclosures has been a measure to avoid some of the opportunities for graft by making relief tickets redeemable at any store instead of at specified shops.

THOMAS PLAN TO END MINE WAR

Federal Ownership by Purchase Through Tax on Profits Urged in Socialist's Six-Point Program

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — A "six-point program" for rehabilitation of the coal mines was outlined here by Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president in the last campaign, in an address before 3,000 persons. Thomas' speech here was his first on a tour of Illinois coal fields where he investigated conditions among the miners.

Urges U. S. Ownership Thomas urged federal ownership of mines and mining property, to be operated by a joint council of miners and consumers. A similar body would decide on the price and the quota produced by each mine.

In referring to the strife among mine union men in Illinois, Thomas said: "I have a deep feeling for the Progressive miners of America because their constitution provides for independent political action. The other union in this state is controlled too much by bosses."

Thomas' six-point program follows:

1. Federal ownership of mines and mining property.
2. Purchase of mines through bonds to be matured at the end of 30 years, the bonds to be retired through a tax on coal, inheritance tax on the bonds and a capital tax on the issues.
3. Administration of the mines by a joint council of miners and consumers.
4. Setting up of a national economic planning council to determine the quota to be produced by each mine and the price to be charged.
5. Miners to work on a 30-hour week.
6. Unemployment insurance to miners.

LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By STEPHEN H. ELY

The big night? Reading Labor College "Pep Night."

When? This coming Sunday night, February 5th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Where? At the Knights of the Golden Eagles Home, located at 219 North Sixth street.

What doing? One-act comedy, to be performed by students of the College; and let

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it be mentioned at this point, that all those folks intending to witness this performance should come with their bodies well braced, as it has been rumored that this play has embodied within it all of those characteristics which tend to promote "side-splitting" hilarity.

Of course there will be music by the school orchestra, as well as vocal and instrumental solos.

We would appreciate, very much, the donation of packages and cakes; the packages will be auctioned off by our genial Mr. Griesemer, and the cakes will be sold along with the other refreshments.

Now if you are desirous of enjoying an evening full of gaiety, attend this affair of ours on Sunday night. It might be well if I mention that there will be no admission charges.

By the way! How is your "King's English?"

If you are of the opinion that it can in no manner be improved, pay no attention to this. On the other hand, if you like most of us feel that it has not reached the height of perfection, then you will be interested to learn that we have been fortunate in securing the services of Rev. Max Putney to instruct a class in this very much neglected art. The class sessions will probably be held in the recreation room of the Universalist Church, and if you desire to participate in this work, please make known the fact to any member of the Labor College. There will be no tuition fee.

The Wharton School of Finance has challenged us to debate with them the subject: Resolved, "That

the United States should offer a compromise settlement of the war debts."

Of course we accepted the challenge, and have chosen the negative side. We are now organizing our team, and are confident that we will be able to repeat our victory of last year, when Wharton was compelled to take the count before our superior "chin-wiggers."

Students of social questions will be pleased to know that William E. Bohn, of the Rand School of Social Science, will speak in Reading on Friday night, Feb. 10. It has not been definitely decided as to which hall Mr. Bohn will deliver his address in, but just as soon as this information has been obtained it will be published.

The winner of the editorial contest held Wednesday, Jan. 25, was Ralph E. Daniels.

There will be a dress rehearsal at the Knights of the Golden Eagles Hall on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock; all those participating in the play are requested to attend.

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ACTIVITY SHOWS INCREASE

Socialists Throughout Nation Discover New Ways of Bringing Party's Message to The Workers

CHICAGO. — East, west, south, north, Socialist organizations are reporting "count us in" on the party's "four-year plan" of work leading up to the 1936 elections, reports Clarence Senior, national executive secretary.

Every branch which has answered so far feels that it will be able to equal or surpass the goals set, which include the distribution of one piece of literature per member per month, the gain of one new member per branch per month, one educational meeting every month for the branch membership, one propaganda meeting every month directed specially at non-Socialists, and at least one educational or propaganda contact for each branch with some non-Socialist workers' organization.

"The goals look easy enough," Senior stated, "but the total attainment for the party, if they are carried through will allow an easy achievement of the Socialist growth set for the entire party in 1933, that is, five million leaflets and newspapers distributed, ten thousand new members, twenty-four thousand propaganda meetings, one thousand study classes and contact with ten thousand meetings of other workers' groups.

Right Approach, Says Weekly "This, we submit," says the World Tomorrow of New York, "is going at the problem in the right way." It points out that "there is an element both of satisfaction and of distress over figures recently published by the national headquarters which reveal that for every member of the Socialist Party in this country there are 56 voters who supported the Socialist ticket last November, and 43 readers of Socialist or Socialistic newspapers.

"It is only amazing that so wide an influence should be exerted by a party with so relatively small a dues-paying membership. But, on the other hand, the need is demonstrated for a great multiplication of actual party members. Not merely the need; also, as the organization committee of the party, headed by Mayor Daniel Hoan, has been pointing out, the opportunity.

"Not the least encouraging thing about the growth of Socialism in the United States is the sustained interest shown following the election. In almost every quarter locals have continued to multiply and new zeal is shown."

Wide Range of Local Work

The flexibility of the Socialist plan is shown by the different types of work it has stirred up in communities with different problems. For example, the local at Marion, Ind., is making a full political summary of the city, preparing precinct maps of each of the 23 election districts so that it can put its fingers on every voter.

In Clarksville, Ark., where the political views of the people are not so much a mystery as in larger cities, the party's local is combining educational meetings with worthwhile entertainment. The January propaganda meeting was on Old Age Pension Legislation, but a band was imported from a nearby town and music and dancing gave "life" to the speaking. In February, the debating teams of the College of the Ozarks are scheduled by the local for a public meeting.

Still another form of activity has been undertaken by the local at Richmond, Va., which has organized a Socialist letter-writing brigade of 50 people. The local is also able to use the columns of a local paper from time to time, and one article last week on the farm problem brought in two new members who are active in farm organizations.

"Kalevis" (the Traveler), a Lithuanian newspaper published in Boston, is reprinting the entire plan and hopes that it will stir the Lithuanian groups to increased activity. Karl Marx Circle No 1 of the Chicago Young People's Socialist League promises to enter into activity on the plan "with full Socialist fervor." The Socialist Party of Erie County,

Ohio, points out that "the principal thing is to sustain enthusiasm, rather than a temporary burst of speed which is apt to waste itself by its intensity." These are typical of the comments that are being received at Socialist national headquarters.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

International and Internal Debts

At last the United States is willing to reduce the vast total of debts owed us by European Nations, debts that are doubly burdensome because of the rise in the value of gold, and that are difficult if not impossible of payment because our restrictions on foreign trade prohibit payment in goods. It has been apparent for a long time that the debts would never be paid in full, and it is merely recognition of a fact to scale them down.

International debts, however, are not the most burdensome. Every person who has a mortgage on his home, or has borrowed money or owes money for past purchases, is in the same position that our European creditors are in. The money in which the debt must be paid off today is worth much more than the money that was borrowed, because a week's work brings fewer dollars. The farmer must raise four bushels of wheat to secure as much money as one bushel brought him some years ago.

This means that, with falling prices, the burden of debt on the farmer and wage-earner becomes more and more crushing. As a result the farmers have banded to prevent foreclosure and tax sales, and to withhold commodities from the market until fair prices are paid. The farmers, long individualists, are learning the lesson that industrial labor learned long ago, that by organization, by strikes and picketing, a living wage can be won.

We need a scaling-down of internal debt, just as international debts are being scaled down, and this can probably be best accomplished by an expansion of currency and credit to restore the price level of several years ago. Even more fundamental than that, however, we need the realization on the part of working farmers and wage-earners that their problems are fundamentally similar, that their interests are the same, that the enemy of both is capitalism, and that the remedy is a united front through the Socialist Party.

The A. F. of L. Program

President Green of the A. F. of L. continues to speak in a militant language regarding labor's aims. He talks still of forceful methods, of strikes, of shorter hours and higher wages. He talks of national economic planning and of fighting for a higher standard of living.

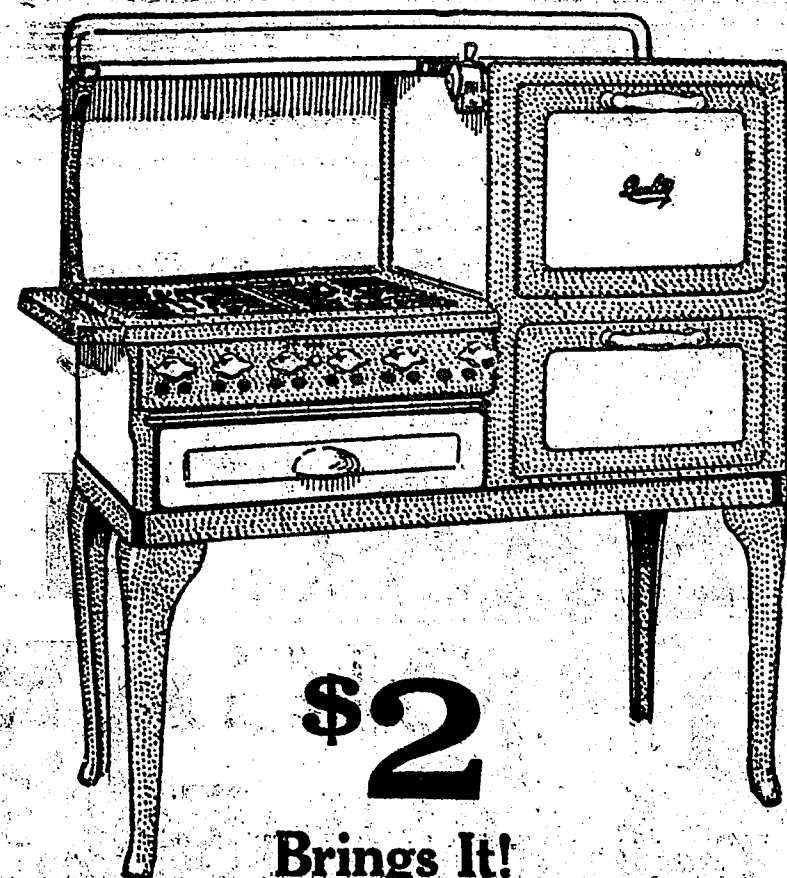
Let us hope that this does not prove to be merely talk. Several times in recent years we have applauded programs announced with a grand blowing of trumpets, only to discover that no practical steps were ever taken to enforce the program. Such was the case, to cite only two instances, with the campaign to organize the south and the proposal to unionize the automobile industry.

President Green knows as well as anyone else that strikes can be won only when large funds are accumulated for the relief of strikers, for legal expenses, and for other purposes. With millions of workers idle and with plants shutting down, the struggle will be more intense than ever, and strike-breakers will be secured with greater ease. If labor is to win anything through strikes it must begin to plan now, and all of the energies and financial resources of the movement must be devoted to that end. In the absence of such preparations no concessions will ever be won.

Lame Duck Futility

Congress enters the final month of the lame duck session with almost nothing accomplished, and with almost nothing going to be accomplished. With Hoover discredited, Roosevelt showing not the slightest indication of leadership ability, the Republicans defeated and disorganized, and the Democrats disunited on every issue, the lame duck session is giving an exhibition of futility such as this country has seldom seen in recent years.

The stupidity of the American political alignment has seldom been revealed more clearly. The Senate marks time for several weeks while the Democrat Long filibusters a bill introduced by the Democrat Glass, both claiming the backing of Roosevelt. The Democrat Roosevelt invites the Republican Cutting to be a member of his cabinet. Costigan and Glass have only the Democratic



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BRIGGS VICTORY SIGNAL FOR MORE AUTO STRIKES

DETROIT. — Spurred on by a victory of five hundred tool and die makers at the Briggs Body Company against a 20% wage-cut, 1400 employees of the Motor Products Company struck against a 15% wage-cut and won not only a rescinding of the cut but a 15% wage increase. These two victories seemingly have begun a series of strikes throughout the entire automobile industry, workers at the Briggs Highland Park plant and at Murray Body having also struck, with labor officials expecting the contagion to spread to other factories.

These victories of the workers, which marks the first time a strike in the auto industry has been won by the strikers since 1920, was answered by the employers in the withdrawal of several wage-cuts which had been posted in other plants during the past week. Labor leaders here say that the example of the victory will encourage auto workers throughout the state to walk out in response to further wage-slashes.

The walkout at the Briggs plant included every tool and die maker except three, all of the janitors and sweepers whose wages of 25c per hour had not been cut, all of the designers except an undetermined few, and none of the office-force. One of the most encouraging features of the strike, according to the men who led it, was that the foremen and the straw-bosses had declared their solidarity with the workers by walking out with them.

The strike lasted but 52 hours, starting Wednesday, January 11, at 11 a. m. and ending Friday, January 13, at 3 p. m. At the time, the employers rescinded the wage-cut, plans were ready for the walk-out of all tool and die makers at the two other plants of the Briggs Company and the Murray Body Factory. In addition workers in the smaller shops which dot the city had agreed to walk out in case the Briggs concern attempt

to transfer uncompleted dies to these small plants.

The strike, which was called by the hitherto ineffective Auto Workers Union, has resulted in a great increase in organization activity Union Officials say.

Among other small strikes throughout the city which have been increasing in frequency during the past two months, was included one by the wagon drivers of the Detroit Creamery Company. The drivers found a wage-cut posted upon arriving for work one morning. They refused to take the wagons out, and in a half hour the cut was rescinded.

Cops Attack Jobless

KNOXVILLE, TENN. — When more than 1,000 unemployed, waiting for payment for relief work, were forced to stand in the rain to receive their wages in the form of groceries rather than half groceries and half cash, as had been usual, they broke down the relief station door. Police attacked them, bruising many, and arrested 23. Charges were later dismissed. Bystanders were attacked and others who protested against the police brutality were seized.

Authorities later made the excuse that the payment in groceries was due to the lateness of the arrival of the cash.

A Connecticut newspaper tells how that "popular debutante" made her bow-wow at the Hotel Pierre. "Oh well, barking dogs never bite."

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THREE STATES ACT FOR MORTGAGE MORATORIUMS

DES MOINES, Ia. (FP). — After dozens of tax sales had been stopped by organized farmers, Gov. Clyde Herring of Iowa issued a proclamation asking holders of realty and mortgages to refrain from foreclosing until the legislature has time to enact laws to "meet the economic emergency." County and state officials were told to carry out the provisions of the proclamation.

An emergency exists in which farmers and workers are in danger of losing farms, homes and livelihood, Gov. Herring said, and added, "These conditions are becoming more acute and more aggravated."

The proclamation was issued at the suggestions of the emergency legislation committee of the Iowa legislature.

The Kansas legislature has before it a bill to extend a moratorium on foreclosures to three years. Another bill before the Kansas lawmakers would exempt from taxation buildings occupied by owners and their families as permanent homes.

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Leaders of the Wisconsin farm holiday movement predicted that 25,000 farmers would assemble at the hearing on the Wisconsin bill permitting the courts, after inquiry, to extend 3-year moratoriums on individual mortgages until March, 1933.

District Attorney Harold Bacon of Watertown is contemplating issuing warrants against 200 farmers who bought 12 head of cattle and a cream separator for \$1.35 at a foreclosure sale. Bacon charges them with intimidating a bidder.

ILLINOIS FACTORY COLLAPSES DOWN 70%

CHICAGO (FP). — Factory payrolls in Illinois have dropped again to the lowest point on record reached last July, that is, at 29.1% of the average for the pre-boom years of 1925 to 1927. The figures are from reports of 977 factories to the state labor department.

This devastating collapse of more than 70% of the amount paid factory workers in wages has not been even, brickmakers suffering a loss of 92% while glassmakers only lost 50% of their pay. Certain Illinois industries are practically at a standstill, the wages in the huge metals-machinery-conveyances group having dropped 80% and in the building of railroad cars and locomotives, 95%. In this connection it is remembered that American railroads did not order one locomotive in 1932.

Job printing payrolls are down 73%, building construction wages have flopped 95%, while public utility pay is only down 30%.

These low total wages are brought about by a combination of pay cuts, hour cuts and unemployment. In Illinois factories 56 out of each 100 men who had jobs six years ago are now jobless, while of each 100 earned \$70 is no longer received. In all Illinois employment jobs are off 45% and pay 62%.

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By JOHN PAINE
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\$1.18 netted from the one at Per-
kasie, Pa., on Jan. 3.

Things are booming!

The Conservative Party of On-
tario, Canada, with an overwhelm-
ing majority in the present legisla-
ture, has decided to extend its gov-
ernment's life one year with a gen-
eral election.

"Useless expense" of elections was
the reason given.

Oh, yeah?

A 19-year-old Communist organ-
izer was recently sentenced to 18 to
20 years in prison in Georgia for
trying to hold a meeting.

Georgia's state motto is: "Wisdom,
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says Ernest James Stevens of the
hotel branch of the notorious Stev-
ens family of Chicago.

You don't mean a hundred per
cent racketeer, do you Earnest?

In the Sweet By and By
Rockefeller sympathizers say he
was building for the future when he
sank \$250,000,000 into Radio City.

Yeah, for the far distant future.

Roman emperors kept their people
happy with bread and circuses.

Hey, Breadline Benny, how about
a nice circus with your soup?

Aliens must deny Technocracy to
win U. S. citizenship in Oklahoma,
says a news item.

Several applicants defined Tech-
nocracy as something to do with
Soviet Russia or Premier Mussolini
of Italy.

Soon you'll have to be a D. A. R.,
Methodist, Mason and prove you
voted for the ins for 10 consecutive
years before you can become a citi-
zen and share this freedom.

There—and Here

Six employees of the Sebastopol,
U. S. S. R., city financial department
were recently sentenced to be shot
for grafting.

The U. S. Supreme Court decided
recently that Pres. George Washing-
ton Hill of the American Tobacco
Co. had a right to the \$2,620,875
worth of stock he took because the
suit for the recovery of the sum was
started in the wrong state.

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Plan To Answer Roosevelt

SACRAMENTO, Cal. — Gov.
Rolph's comment on President-elect
Roosevelt's note regarding the Moo-
ney case was that he would confer
with Judge Matt I. Sullivan before
he acknowledged the letter. This
probably means that Roosevelt will
receive a stiff reply. Hooney's
mother has returned to California
after 8 months and is most enthusi-
astic over her reception. "It was
wonderful," she said. "I was greet-
ed beautifully wherever I went, and
I learned that the eyes of the whole
world are turned on my son."

Some Spanish "Comrades" Create New Discipline

MADRID. — Gregorio Maranon is
one of Spain's most eminent doc-
tors, as well as one of the republi-
can leaders in the revolutionary
government. Because of the de-
mands of his medical work on his
time, he has not felt able to pre-
pare speeches for the Cortes (parlia-
ment). To draw him out, some
Spanish Socialists, as individuals,
have had printed a bulky volume, en-
titled "The Work of Dr. Gregorio
Maranon, as Illustrated by His Com-
plete Speeches in the Constitutional
Cortes, 1931-1932." The book con-
tains the word "Yes" twice and the
word "No" once and dozens of per-
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WASHINGTON GOSSIP

By LAURENCE TODD
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON (FP). — Revolu-
tion has ceased to be a word suitable
for frightening members of Con-
gress, in this fourth year of the
Great Collapse. The organized
farmers, at least, are using it freely
in their talks with the lawmakers.
John Simpson, president of the Na-
tional Farmers' Union, for example,
brought it up when denouncing the
bankers' conspiracy against farm
prices and the wages of labor, when
he was testifying before Chairman
Norris of the Senate Judiciary Com-
mittee, Jan. 31. He told how, in
January, 1920, John Skelton Wil-
liams of the Federal Reserve Board
told him that the Board would begin
deflation of the farmers in May of
that year. Since that time wheat has
sunk to one-sixth of the purchasing
power in gold which it then had. Ten
thousand small banks have closed. A
million and a half of the farms have
been sold under foreclosure. He
then told of a conference of indus-
trial and banking directors held Jan.

26 in New York, to which he was in-
vited. A representative of the Chase
National Bank told the conference
that prices were not too low, and
that wages must come down further.
"There are 10,000 corporation
farms now, where there were prob-
ably not 100 in 1920," Simpson said.
"This deliberate process of destroy-
ing the farmers and the wage work-
ers is going on unless something
stops it. If Congress does not quick-
ly take control of credit and cur-
rency out of the bankers' hands—if
something is not done in the next
few months to show the people that
they are on a different road and that
there will be correction of these
evils, then there is going to be a re-
volution in this country."

Norris nodded agreement to this
judgment of the explosive character
of the situation. Simpson went on
to say that there are daily "little
revolutions" already, among farm-
ers who go out to prevent the sale
of their neighbors' farms under fore-
closure. He spoke with sympathy of
these activities, saying the farmers
were "doing pretty well at it."

Then he suggested that Congress,
by enacting the emergency bank-
ruptcy bill for the railroads and oth-
ers, was setting an example in vi-
olating the sanctity of private con-
tracts. And he mentioned the ac-
tion of big insurance companies in
New York in yielding to the farmers'
revolt by agreeing to stop trying to
foreclose on farms. As a cure for
this breakdown of business order,
Simpson urged that Congress quick-
ly provide for actual governmental
control of currency and credit, dis-
arming the banks of their present
weapons of dictation to the country.

At the same hour Sen. Robinson
of Arkansas, Democratic floor lead-
er and sponsor of the debt-scaling
and emergency credit bills proposed

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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

IN ILLINOIS

At the request of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Illinois I found time to spend a crowded and absorbingly interesting two days in the Illinois coal fields at meetings, all of them under Socialist Party auspices, which the state secretary and other party workers arranged. I spoke at crowded meetings in Belleville, West Frankfort, DuQuoin and Gillespie, which meant that I covered some hundreds of miles in the coal fields. I also spoke in cities like Decatur and Springfield close to the coal fields, where our own comrades, reporters and others are in touch with the situation. Near the end of the trip I called on Governor Horner, at his request.

The governor has already brought about a great change for the better in the conduct of the militia in Christian County and is working for some sort of adjustment between the Progressive Miners of America and the Lewis dominated United Mine Workers. As I write conferences are still on.

We shall all agree that the Socialist Party as such, however concerned it may be for the efficient organization of the workers in unions, cannot and should not dictate the forms of organization or the settlement of factional strife. This I made plain in every speech. We shall also agree in principle that what we want to see in each industry is not dual unionism, with its attendant evils and dangers, but one strong, clean, intelligent, aggressive class-conscious organization. Temporarily what looks like a dual union may be far better than no union or the wrong sort of union. So Socialists generally felt when the Amalgamated Clothing Workers was formed. Certainly we have to stand for the same ideals in the present government of unions for which we stand in the government of the political state which we seek to organize the workers to win.

Bearing these things in mind, consider what I found in the coal fields:

1. A Progressive Miners' Union with a record of success in winning the workers and getting settlements with operators. The union has half or a little better than half of the paper strength of the Illinois miners and is gaining steadily. Some five locals went over to it in the last week and there was a general feeling that the workers in Franklin County and probably in Christian County would go over as soon as the present reign of terror in these two counties is ended. I saw not merely officers of the union; I ate and slept in the houses of the miners and talked long hours with the rank and file. There is magnificent spirit in the union, a splendid organization of relief for local strikes—some of the strikes, as at DuQuoin, involve only the P. M. A. and the operators, not the U. M. W. A. at all—and a grand fraternity which crosses race lines. They have been especially successful with the women's auxiliaries. Their constitution embodies Socialist principles and declares for independent, working class political action. The union is in no way controlled by the Communists and it is out of its supporters almost entirely that our Socialist strength in the coal fields is rapidly forming.

2. There is a genuine reign of terror in Franklin County, where last August, before the formation of the P. M. A., the

immense motor car parade of miners was ambushed by deputy sheriffs who decoyed them into a stretch of wood near the Little Muddy River where they were raked by fire from a machine gun nest. Observers told me they counted 73 overturned cars on the road next morning. Today women go armed; men jump when an automobile backfires; houses are entered and searched without warrant; local autonomy in what is left of the U. M. W. A. is abolished or subject to the government of a representative of the international organization; practically no general meetings are held at night; and ours was the first radical meeting of any sort, since the ambush, which proceeded unmolested.

It was agreed that our meeting must be held in the daytime and I was repeatedly warned by sober and responsible men that to attempt to hold a meeting even by daylight in Franklin County was to invite myself to be turned back, arrested or perhaps shot. The sheriff is under the thumb of certain business men, coal operators and, I was told, of a certain Lewis supporter who is charged with physical violence against some women—I met them, fine folks they are—who tried to hold women's auxiliary meetings in Franklin County. Feeling is very bitter.

Socialists generally if they could have shared these experiences with me and listened to the splendid folks at DuQuoin and Gillespie who gathered at homes where I stayed, would also share my admiration for, and sympathy with, the Progressive Miners and what they stand for.

One word more: bad as things are in Illinois they are almost paradise, as regards food and shelter, compared to West Virginia and Kentucky. The reason is that Illinois has kept organization. The spirit in the Progressive movement is the aggressive extension of organization so as to recover again the ground so tragically lost. At present, and still more in the future, if our party stays on the job, the Illinois coal fields are a magnificent field for Socialism. It is a field where local agencies can make effective use of relief.

THOUSANDS OF HIGH SCHOOL VICTIMS OF CAPITALISM

Graduation from the high school or any other school is a sort of sacred epoch in a boy's or girl's life. It is one of those elevations that rise out of the level plain of life to be looked back upon throughout the future years while many minor incidents are forgotten.

It ought to be a happy time, carefree except for the inevitable sorrow that results from parting with associates and familiar scenes. There should be no harassed forebodings about the possibility of finding something to do after graduation.

For those who want to go to higher educational institutions, and whose parents are financially able to send them, the problem is not imminent. For the others it is a cruel apprehension and will soon be a hideous reality.

Some of the boys, and likely some of the girls, will probably go out on the road as bums, joining the hundreds of thousands of other boys, girls and families who are living that kind of a life—if it can be called living.

Others will look in vain for work. They will deteriorate through idleness, like so many of their elders. Leisure is a fine thing; but idleness is a bad thing.

Society has committed a crime against these young people, just as society has committed a crime against the young gangsters.

The middle and older generations of people in the United States have failed. They did not do the right thing by the young. They did not use their complete power to establish an ideal society in which the ideals of youth would fit like hand in glove. They could have done it, but they didn't. The Socialists continually urged them to do it, but they ignored the plea. And so, the graduates are thrown into a world that is in a bad mess.

We hope they will use some of their idle time to understand why it is in a mess—for undoubtedly not many of them have been taught the reason in school—and we hope they will see to it that the generation which follows them shall be given a better deal.

In the meanwhile, the federal and state governments, which have the power to tap the swollen pockets of the rich, ought to provide the wherewithal to keep young people, all over this country, in school throughout the period of the depression, so that they would not deteriorate nor go in for gangsterism or other evil ways.—Milwaukee Leader.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN SOCIALISM

Some people seem to think the depression is having no effect on the American mind. Because there are few riots they think that Americans are deaf and blind to what is going on. The Rand School of Social Science, 7 East Fifteenth street, New York City, sends out a notice that can be used as evidence on the other side. For the past two months it has been offering a correspondence course in Socialism, and it has found that people everywhere are excited about our economic troubles and anxious to find what they mean.

Inquiries have come from all parts of the country and from all sorts of people but chiefly from working men and working women. They show that while these Americans are not con-

templating starting a riot, they are discontented and want to find out what is back of the depression and whether there is a way out. Those who are Socialists show a great eagerness to learn their Socialism thoroughly, to know their history and to understand what is going on in other countries also. Many of the classes contain members who are not Socialists. The depression has shaken their old faith in individualism and has driven them to investigate Socialism.

This course consists of 16 lessons. Each class receives a small reference library. The students in most of the classes are doing serious, regular work. The fees are so low that in many places arrangements are made which allow the unemployed to join the classes. Representatives of the old parties who think the present crisis will blow over and that America will remain the same old place, with the voters willing to swallow the bunk of political misleaders, may well take account of the fact that all over the country, every night in the week, there are groups of citizens sitting down together and making a serious study of Socialism.

THE MACHINE---BOON OR BANE?

By FRED M. MERKEL

The invention of the machine and its introduction into industry for producing goods has had two results in its effect on the working class. It has made millions of victims, constituting the tragedy of progress, and it has benefited many millions. An analysis of both sides is necessary to determine the net gain that can be shown in the balance sheet of the machine.

The introduction of the machine brought revolts against the machine. Karl Marx, founder of the Socialist Party and author of its philosophy, says in "Capital," first volume, section "Machinery and Modern Industry," "People opposed it. No sooner had Everet in 1759 erected the first wool shearing machine that was driven by waterpower than it was set on fire by 100,000 people who had been thrown out of work. It took both time and experience before the working people learned to distinguish between machinery and its employment by capital and to direct their attacks, not against the instruments of production, but against the mode in which they are used."

In the meantime troops were used to massacre the workers on several occasions when the workers resorted to riots and smashing the machines and these massacres taught the workers the futility of such methods because the capitalists were not only masters of industry but of the government also.

The increased power of production of the machine was destined to bring tragedy to millions of workers. The industrial revolution of England, where it started, was to have worldwide effects. The machine produced more goods than the workers' wages could buy back and the owners of industry consume themselves. A foreign market became a necessity and the expansion of the British Empire began.

India, with its huge population, became the first victim. The British manufacturer, with a surplus of goods that could only be sold in a foreign market, could readily see most eloquent reasons why India should be annexed to the British Empire. There was a huge profit in it.

Accordingly workers were put in military uniforms to civilize and Christianize heathen India. The people of India would be persuaded by force to accept electricity, the telephone, telegraph, railroads, and other things that civilized people use. Conquest by England meant the killing of the small local industries with which the inhabitants supported their own wants. India was enslaved by the machines of England and by English taxes. Nor was this all. Karl Marx says in "Capital," same as preceding section above, "History discloses no tragedy more horrible than the gradual extinction of the English handloom weavers, an extinction that was spread over several decades, and finally sealed in 1838. Many of them died of starvation. On the other hand, the English cotton machinery produced an acute cotton famine in India. The Governor General reported 1834-35, 'The misery hardly finds parallel in the history of commerce. The bones of the

cotton weavers are bleaching the plains of India.' The extent of this tragedy is shown in the fact that '10,000,000 men died in Bengal and Bahar,' says Lombroso in "Tragedies of Progress," 'between the years 1771 and 1887 in 21 great famines that visited India in the century of its greatest industrial development' under British rule for profits for the capitalist class.

Wherever a weaker people existed on earth, there British workers were sent to wage war on them, conquer them, and build a British Empire on which the sun never sets, and furnish British manufacturers and capitalists a market for British goods and investments and profits.

Capitalists of other countries saw the profits the English were making and embarked on a similar policy. France, Germany, and other countries started to expand their foreign trade by conquest. Finally, the rise of Germany as the best industrial machine of Europe, bringing sharp competition for world trade with England and France, brought to a climax by the Germans building the Berlin to Bagdad railway that reached into the most advantageous markets of India and other Asiatic countries, and the World War for the control of the markets of the world occurred and the tragedy of India was surpassed several times in a few years by the many millions of workers who were its victims. More human lives have been sacrificed for capitalist profits than were ever crucified on the cross in the name of religion.

These tragedies were not the fault of the machine but of the owners of them who caused them for their own personal profit. Used rightly, the machine provides many things that even kings did not enjoy a century ago. The modern railroad, automobile, aeroplane, steamship, telephone, radio, sound pictures, newspapers, magazines, and other things are here to supply every need and reasonable luxury. A questionnaire submitted to some wealthy men showed that \$9,000 a year supplied every human need and reasonable luxury. The average income of the workers never exceeded \$1,500 per year. The workers never enjoyed the prosperity the machines could supply them if the machines were made to serve the workers instead of making millions of them the victims of their productiveness. The capitalist class restricts the workers' income to make profits for themselves. The workers enjoy so little of the wealth they create that insurance companies tell us that 63 workers out of every 100 die and leave no estate for the courts to dispose of in legal manner. This restriction of the workers' income caused the tragedies of the past, the present tragedy of 12,000,000 unemployed, and the future tragedies will be permanent unemployment and pauperism for millions of workers who will not be needed to produce goods that cannot be sold because productivity of machines grows faster than a restricted wage of employed workers will buy the product, and worse wars and more victims will follow the struggle for world trade to dispose of the surplus.

The only remedy is to make machines the property of the nation and produce for the good of all, giving the workers' incomes that will balance production with consumption. No matter how much is produced the workers can then buy it back; there will be no more hard times and wars due to lack of purchasing power that glut the market. Every machine and every worker can be put to work and a \$9,000 a year income is still a goal to strive for if industry is collectively owned and democratically managed to serve mankind instead of the few and the tragedies ended that have been the price paid for supporting capitalists. They are not worth the price. Russia, the Consumers Co-operative Movement pro-

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Local Berks: First Thursday at Labor Lyceum, 8 p. m.

Labor Lyceum: First Thursday of each month immediately preceding the meeting of Local Berks.

Executive Committee: Second Thursday night of each month and at the call of the chair or any three members of the committee.

County Committee: Third Thursday night of each month.

Picnic Committee: Second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at Labor Lyceum.

Central Branch: Each Monday night at 8 o'clock at 600 North Ninth street.

Northeast Branch: Each Monday night at 1311 North Ninth street.

Northwest Branch: Every Friday at 8 p. m. at Green and Gordon streets.

Southern Branch: Meets each Tuesday night at 829 Franklin street.

18th Ward: Meets each Tuesday night at 431 Summit avenue.

Berkshire Heights: Each Friday night in basement of Peterson's barber shop, Seventh and Oley streets.

Birdsboro: Second and Fourth Tuesday at 8 p. m. at 622 West Second street.

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Newmansville: Meets first and third Wednesday of the month in Band Hall at 8 p. m.

Shillington: First and Third Fridays at 8 p. m. in the I. O. of A. Hall, Sinking Spring. At call of organizer.

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West Lawn: Meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at 2022 Spring street.

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Southern Women: Every Friday, 8 p. m., at 829 Franklin street.

Womelsdorf Women: Every Wednesday at 117 Franklin St., at 8:30 p. m.

Women's Committee: Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 at Labor Lyceum.

18th Ward Women: Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 8 o'clock at 431 Summit Ave.

Male Chorus: Rehearsal and meeting every Wednesday, 8 p. m. at 1311 North Ninth street.

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Circle 2, Jr., meets every Friday, 8 p. m., at 1311 N. 9th St.

Circle 3, Sr., meets every Monday, 8 p. m., at 233 Kline St., W. Reading.

Circle 4, Sr., meets every Thursday, 8 p. m., at 1311 N. 9th St.

Circle 6, Sr., meets every Wednesday, 9 p. m., at Gordon and Green Streets.

Circle 7, Jr., meets every Wednesday, 7 p. m., at Gordon and Green Streets.

Circle 9, meets every Thursday, 8 p. m., at Franklin and Peach Sts.

Circle 10, meets first and third Wednesday, 8:00 p. m., at Newmansville Band Hall.

County Executive Committee meets every Sunday morning 8:30, at Labor Lyceum.

STATE SOCIALISTS Allentown—Central Branch—Every Friday night at Labor Temple, 126 North Sixth street.

Erie—Every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 133 East 23d street.

Lebanon Branch meets every Tuesday, 8 p. m., at Red Men's Hall.

Pottstown—Every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at Labor Lyceum, 24 South Charlotte street.

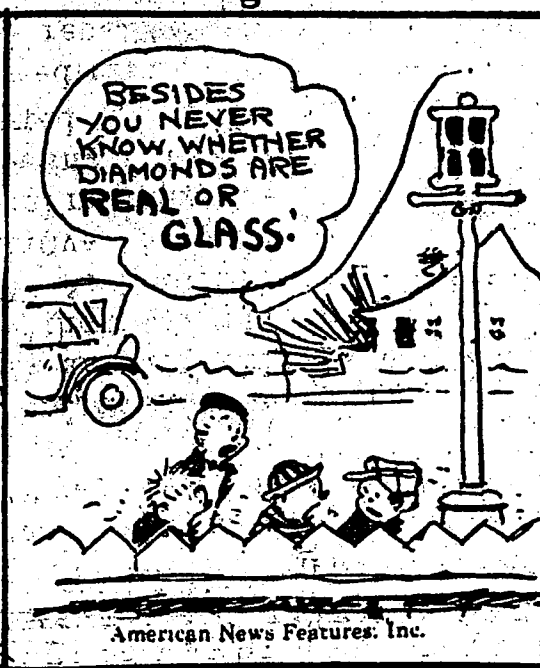
Rank and File Veterans' Association: Meets second Tuesday of each month, at 8 o'clock, at Labor Lyceum.

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