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## Penna. Socialists Oppose Commissary Plan

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

I AM CONVINCED that there is something wrong without public school system. When men and women permit ballyhoo artists to blind them to the unalterable truths of simple arithmetic, then there can be no doubt that the bright scholars of this and the past generations were not sufficiently impressed with the fact that two plus two equals four.

I am lead to this conclusion by the ease with which millions of people are being convinced that Franklin D. Roosevelt's policies are going to free this nation from the economic muddle into which the entire world has fallen. Strange as it may seem, even public accountants are beginning to perk up and declare that Franklin D. is the traffic cop on the corner around which prosperity is lurking.

OF COURSE, THIS widespread trust and optimism is not justified by the facts in the case. But who cares for facts when sprightly radio announcers are at hand to fill us with pleasant nonsense.

Accordingly we believe that a \$500,000,000 Federal grant for unemployment relief is going to help things considerably. And that, added to the possibility of placing 250,000 persons on a reforestation job at \$1 per day and cakes, is all that is required to inflate our flabby spirits. Our rousing cheers are furnishing just about as hearty an example of trust and confidence as one can find outside of the poem about the boy who stood on the burning deck—and burned to death—because the proper authority was not heard to shout: "Get in that life boat, you blankety blank idiot."

IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I suffer from an ingrained sadistic nature which has been aggravated by a jigsaw puzzle complex that I dare to put the office lead pencil to work. Certainly, it's going to hurt some feelings when I announce that at the present rate of increase in industrial unemployment the placing of 250,000 men in reforestation units will have no other effect upon our unemployed army six months from now than that of increasing it from 12,000,000 to 12,000,001—or there about.

And the \$500,000,000 which is intended as a relief grant would give somewhat less than \$45 to each of the people who now exercise their purchasing power through the medium of food vouchers.

THE NOBLE GESTURES which Frank the First is making don't look so well after being submitted to the test of third grade arithmetic. For, be it remembered, this nation fell into an industrial trance during times when most of the 12,000,000 were earning wages far in excess of the food allowances which even a Democratic congress will be willing to furnish. And so, I ask you, one and all, if trade could not be maintained on the former "high" wages, how in thunder can it be brought "back to normalcy" by giving the jobless \$45 each every time congress meets?

I SHALL NOT attempt to analyze the effects of the bank holidays and the insurance company holidays upon the general revival of business. I shall refrain from speculation in that line first because I am inclined to be

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TELL YOUR FRIENDS

### UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS ENDORSE STATE COMMITTEE'S DEMAND FOR FOOD MARKETS AND CASH RELIEF

**Socialists Urged to Join Unemployed Organizations As Sincere, Active Individuals Without Attempting to "Annex" Mass Movements—Pennsylvania Socialists Will Participate in "Continental Congress" in Washington May 6-7—Individual Members Permitted to Work With Pennsylvania Security League**

Opposition to the Commissary System of caring for the unemployed of Pennsylvania was voiced by the Executive Committee of Pennsylvania, in session in Labor Lyceum last Sunday, in a resolution which called upon all workers of hand and brain to abolish the need for charity by the adoption of the Socialist program of production for use instead of for private profit. Members of the committee present were State Secretary Sarah Limbach and David Rinne, Pittsburgh; Charles Young, Allentown; Charles F. Sands, Raymond S. Hofses and State Chairman J. Henry Stump, Reading.

The resolution, as adopted, demands as an alternative for commissaries, the establishment of state-owned food markets where all workers, employed and unemployed, can purchase their needs at cost. It follows in full:

**Resolution On Commissaries.**  
Whereas, Governor Gifford Pinchot is advocating the enactment of legislation providing for the establishment of a statewide system of commissaries to dole food allowances to Pennsylvania's jobless victims of Capitalism, and  
Whereas, such a system, without providing the unemployed with more of the necessities of life, would rob them of their human right to select the foods which would best accord with their needs and customs, thereby undermining their physical health and their morale, and  
Whereas, the Socialist program offers a system for the management of the means of production and distribution which will increase the opportunities of all individuals to enjoy the products of farm and factory as best suits their individual tastes and desires, thereby adding to the enjoyment of life and increasing that self-reliance and self-respect which a rationing system would destroy, therefore be it

**Inhuman and Degrading.**  
Resolved, by the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania, in session at Reading, March 19, 1933, (Continued on Page Two)

### LEVY ON CAPITAL FOR RELIEF IS PROVIDED IN HOOPES BILL

**Profit Takers Would be Forced to Disgorge to Care For Jobless—Scale Would Start With 10% on \$50,000 And Extend to 95% on Highest Incomes—Would Lead to Government Administration of Wealth**

HARRISBURG, Pa. (SS).—Answering of the Harrisburg daily press at bills for immense unemployment relief appropriations which did not show where the money was to come from, Socialist members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives have followed up their relief program with bills for a steep state income tax and a drastic capital levy on the property of all persons in the state. The levy, the first of its kind ever put in legal form and submitted to an American legislature, would start with 10 per cent of amounts of \$50,000; 25 per cent of the next \$400,000, 50 per cent of the next \$500,000, 75 per cent of the next \$4,000,000, and 95 per cent of the next five million or more. The levy could be paid in quarterly installments and would be payable in cash, securities or real estate. A penalty of three years in prison would be provided and the citizens urged to aid enforcement by high rewards for information on evaders.

Representative Darlington Hoopes in taking the historic step of sponsoring the capital levy proposal, urged that at the present stage of development, such a sweeping capital levy was one of the most logical and plain-

ly practical programs that could be brought forth.  
**Would Hasten Government Control.**  
The very two effects of such a measure that are at once brought (Continued on Page Five)

### L. WILSON AGAIN PRESENTS WORKERS' RIGHTS PETITION

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP).—Rep. Lilith Wilson has again introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly her resolution which would petition Congress in favor of a "Workers' Rights Amendment" to the Federal constitution, under which Congress could enact all types of social insurance and social and labor legislation for the protection and advancement of workers.

Although defeated once before in the 1931 General Assembly, Rep. Wilson received 73 of the 208 possible votes in the House for her resolution. She will again place the issue before the Legislature, which finds an only too convenient alibi in state and Federal constitutions and the use of them by the Supreme Courts when demand is made for legislation in workers' interest.

### T. P. L. INSISTS 5-CENT LABOR BE ABANDONED

**Spokesman For League Declares Desire to Keep Jobs Is Behind Plea For Fuel Yard**

### WILLING TO EARN WAGES

**Relief Bodies Scored For Barring League Representatives From Conference Last Wednesday**

Reasserting the demand of the Taxpayers' Protective League for the abandonment of all forms of work relief which are not rewarded at prevailing wage rates, Clarence Cake, publicity agent for the League, yesterday made public the following six points upon which the organized unemployed are basing their stand:

- 1.—Inefficiency of the present fuel, both wood and coal.
- 2.—Exorbitant cost of operation.
- 3.—To eliminate political plums and possible graft.
- 4.—Higher standards of fuel relief can be made possible by effecting economies.
- 5.—We favor the B.T.U. basis of buying coal, through open bids, of dealers or operators.
- 6.—For the protection of the standard scale of wages.

**League Barred From Conference.**  
Commenting upon the action of the Relief and Poor Boards in barring League representatives from a conference at the clothing warehouse on Wednesday Cake declared that personal interest is the chief reason why those in authority are seeking to maintain the present 5-cent-per-hour system.

"Why were our representatives barred from that meeting?" Cake asked.

Answering his own question, Cake declared: "The only reason they could give us was that they got word that Frank Van Horn was going to break up the meeting and burn down

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### BUILDING UNION MEMBERS MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY

At a reorganization meeting of Reading's building trades unions last Wednesday it was decided to hold meetings every Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock until further notice. Harold Seibert, business agent for the Painters' Union, has issued a special call to all members of each affiliated craft to be present at next Wednesday's meeting to discuss business of general importance.

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### RELIEF MUST CONTINUE!

The decision of the Unemployment Relief and Poor Boards to abandon all forms of work relief on April 15 has been made and temporarily recalled. What will happen after that date is now a matter of pure guess.

So far as closing the wood yard and the clothing station is concerned, such action, in itself, would not be good. Something more than that must be done unless the unemployed are to suffer from cold and nakedness. Fuel is an essential of life. Clothing is an indispensable part of our civilization. The jobless victims of Capitalism should not and will not permit their needs to be neglected without a fight.

However, while organized society must accept as its duty the task of warming and clothing the thousands of local people who are denied the opportunity to support themselves, there is no reason why relief work should be continued on the 5-cents-per-hour basis. The fuel yard should be continued. The clothing warehouse should be continued. But the workers who labor in those and all other public enterprises should be paid a living wage for the service which they perform.

It is not against the work that the Taxpayers' Protective League is declaring. What they do object to is the beggarly allowance which workers are given. Pay the workers at least 40 cents per hour, substitute wages for food vouchers for those who give honest service and keep the relief work going.

Of course the county authorities will argue that they cannot afford to pay workers enough to live in self-respect. The plea has already been made that the very reason why work relief projects are to be abandoned is that the county lacks the funds to keep even slave labor on the job. However, that explanation must not—dare not—be accepted by the workers of this community. If the county authorities do not have the money, then let the money be found. Whether by borrowing, by special tax levies or by any other device, people who cannot be furnished with honest work must be maintained.

To meet the needs of human beings is a far higher duty than to safeguard and protect taxpayers. If the county lacks resources now it is because only a few short weeks ago, when budgets were made and tax rates fixed public officials deliberately closed their eyes to the problems of the poor and considered only the demands of large property owners for lower tax bills. To maintain a 5-mill tax rate in the face of a constantly-growing need for unemployment relief was the rankest kind of bad management. The county officials must be compelled to correct the budget shortage which they so blindly caused.

Property owners, big and little, may argue that a policy of taxation will end in ruin for themselves. To such an argument there can be no answer except to admit that such is the case. But even that argument cannot justify a relief program which enslaves or neglects the unemployed and their families.

The economic disaster which taxpayers now see looming over them fulfills the predictions which Socialists have been making for many years. This is "pay day." We are all paying and must continue to pay for our folly in permitting the old Capitalist system to run its course.

There is no relief outside of Socialism. The problems which now confront us can be solved in no other way than by taking industry out of private hands and operating the resources of the nation for the use of all instead of for the profit of a few.

### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

"CONSERVATOR"  
BERTOLET

We don't know what chances there are for the depositors in Reading's two "frozen" banks to get their money back. Nobody seems to know; the bankers, themselves, are keeping matters a secret if they know.

However, if it is true that a spirit of confidence is desirable, such a spirit could have been maintained at a higher level had someone other than Wellington Bertolet been named "conservator" of the Farmers Bank.

Certainly, there is nothing in Bertolet's record to inspire the confidence of thousands of Berks County workers. He is a director of the bank which he is now authorized to "conserve." As a corporation attorney, he has long been more in the habit of protecting those who have much more than those who work hard and save a little. And as counsel on the staff of the big Wyomissing industries, he has been serving men who, by their ruthless use of the blacklist and spy systems, convinced thousands of workers of their utter disregard for the welfare of workers.

It may develop that Bertolet is the right man to "conserve" the Farmers Bank. However, in view of his past connections with the leading exploiters of Berks, many people may be excused for feeling as the frogs in the fable felt when a stork became their king and promptly went on a frog diet.

### TIMES BALLYHOO

The "Reading Times" is yelping with the pack. In an editorial last Tuesday, entitled "Confidence," the "Times" stressed the importance of public confidence in Wellington Bertolet and the Farmers Bank.

The "Times" creed would be more gracefully accepted and more generally believed if people could forget that this same newspaper helped to instill public confidence in its readers only a few weeks before the closing order was posted.

When the Farmers, Reading and Penn banks merged the "Times" used its first page to publish an editorial of congratulation and thankfulness. The burden of that editorial was to the effect that "everything's going to be all right" and that the city of Reading should be grateful for having bankers who acted decisively for the public welfare.

No doubt, many of the little fellows who saved a few thousand dollars (Continued on Page Four)

### ASK 200 MILLION FOR UNEMPLOYED

**Socialist Direct Relief Measure  
Would Permit Work Relief  
Only If Paid In Adequate  
Cash**

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP).—Rep. Darlington Hoopes has introduced an appropriation bill in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives calling for a state appropriation of \$200,000,000 for unemployment relief in the next two years. The measure is the first direct relief proposal sponsored by the Socialists who have hitherto offered their support to the demands of state federation of labor forces on direct relief, confining their efforts to advocacy of unemployment insurance and advanced social insurance measures, along with strictly Socialist suggestions for government seizure of industry and operation in interest of unemployed.

While urging a sum of \$100,000,000 for the two-year period, the State Federation of Labor has failed to introduce any specific bill with the result that the only bills actually introduced were the insulting proposals of Democratic and Republican machines and their factions, the highest of which called for a sum of thirty millions for a period of two (Continued on Page Two)

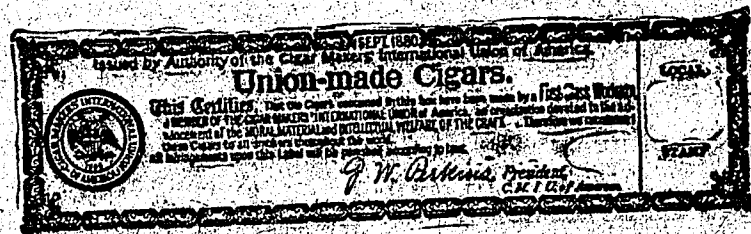


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## NAT'L OFFICIALS WILL SUPPORT CON'L CONGRESS

Gathering of Farm, Labor and  
Progressive Groups In May  
To Plan Program of Action

### FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Old Parties Seek Only to Main-  
tain Domination of Capital-  
ists, Mayor Hoan Declares

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The  
Organization Committee of the  
Socialist Party of America  
meeting here voted full co-  
operation with farmer, labor  
and progressive groups in the  
holding of a "Continental Con-  
gress" of the 48 states in Wash-  
ington May 6th and 7th.

The action was taken on receipt of  
the call for a Continental Congress  
for Economic Reconstruction signed  
by labor, farm and progressive lead-  
ers of the nation. The call proposes  
the drawing up of a program for eco-  
nomic reconstruction and the crea-  
tion of a "national council of the  
working people of the nation" which  
will exert its "democratic mass  
strength to win freedom from pov-  
erty, hunger, and economic inse-  
curity."

The members of the committee in-  
clude, Daniel W. Hoan, mayor of  
Milwaukee; Leo Krzycki, member of  
the General Executive Board of the  
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of  
America, and Powers Haggood, So-  
cialist candidate for Governor of  
Indiana in 1932.

The Socialist leaders summoned the  
local sub-divisions of the party im-  
mediately to set in motion local cam-  
paigns to send delegations to the  
"Continental Congress" and to create  
popular support for the undertaking.  
The manifesto of the Socialist lead-  
ers follows:

#### Little Relief In Sight

"To all Locals of the Socialist  
Party of America:  
"The collapse of the financial  
structure of the nation and the  
three-year breakdown of industry  
has plunged the nation into its great-  
est crisis since we entered the war.  
The frantic and planless efforts of  
our elected officials in the nation and  
in the states promises little or no re-  
lief to working people. They have  
been trapped in the collapse of a  
vicious circle of industrial exploita-  
tion, financial racketeering, and po-  
litical duplicity.

"If the farmers and city workers  
are to win immediate relief and a  
correction of the abuses which led  
to our present chaos, they must take  
matters into their own hands. The  
President of the United States and  
the Congress must be made to feel  
the pressure of a determined and en-  
lightened movement of the masses.

#### Economic Revolution Needed

"The Socialist Party of America  
therefore welcomes the calling of a  
new Continental Congress at this  
time. In the same spirit in which our  
revolutionary forbears waged a vic-  
torious campaign for political free-

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dom, we must today take steps lead-  
ing to a greater revolution—an eco-  
nomic revolution which will insure  
the realization of our right to life,  
liberty and the pursuit of happiness.  
"We urge every local and each  
member of the Socialist Party of  
America to foster in every way pos-  
sible the support of a mass following  
for the Continental Congress which  
is to meet in Washington on May  
6th and 7th."

### UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS

(Continued from First Page)

that we condemn as inhuman  
and degrading the rationing of  
workers through a state com-  
missary system, and

Resolved, that we demand in-  
stead the establishment of state-  
owned and operated food mar-  
kets where all workers, em-  
ployed and unemployed, can  
purchase their needs at actual  
cost, and

Resolved, that we endorse the  
demands presented to the State  
Assembly by Socialist repre-  
sentatives Darlington Hoopes and  
Lilith Wilson for the granting of  
relief in cash instead of by the  
voucher system, and

**Tax Income, Levy on Capital**  
Resolved, that, in addition to  
such cash as may be appropri-  
ated for unemployment relief by  
the Federal government, we call  
upon the lawmakers of Pennsylv-  
ania to provide for the levying  
of such taxes upon large in-  
comes, and capital levies, if  
necessary, as will meet the needs  
of the state's unemployed under  
conditions which will maintain  
life, health and self-respect, and  
be it further

Resolved, that we call upon all  
workers of hand and brain,  
throughout the state and nation,  
to abolish all forms of poverty  
and all need for charity and re-  
lief through the adoption of the  
Socialist party's program of so-  
cial ownership of the sources of  
wealth and the operation of in-  
dustry for the common good in-  
stead of for the private profit of  
an owning class.

#### Conference On Unemployed Organizations

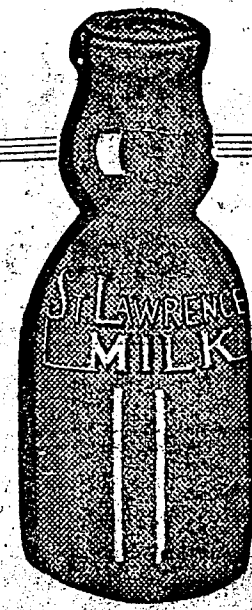
The afternoon session was devoted  
to a consideration of the Socialist  
Party's policy in connection with the  
organization of unemployed workers.  
Two hundred persons were present,  
representing jobless units from Mont-  
gomery, Dauphin, Lebanon, Schuyl-  
kill, Lehigh, Philadelphia, Bucks,  
Delaware, Cambria, Allegheny, Erie  
and Berks counties, were present at  
this session and discussed plans for  
amalgamating the jobless into a  
statewide unit. It was decided that  
the name for all jobless groups still  
to be organized would be "United  
Workers' Union."

The group was a unit in the deci-  
sion to urge all Socialists to become

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members of unemployed groups.  
However, emphasis was placed upon  
the necessity of refraining from at-  
tempts to stampede such groups into  
acceptance of the Socialist political  
program.

Speaking on a motion to co-  
operate with the organized unem-  
ployed, Arthur McDowell, state or-  
ganizer, Pittsburgh, voiced the senti-  
ments of the gathering.

"We must give our service and the  
benefit of our experience without ap-  
pearing to dictate," McDowell de-  
clared. "The problems of the unem-  
ployed must be solved by the unem-  
ployed. However, Socialists must  
never forget that their mission is to  
educate the workers to a realization  
of the fact that relief measures will  
not bring about the final solution of  
the problem of unemployment. We,  
as individuals must assist in the fight  
for immediate unemployment relief,  
but we will also bear aloft the torch  
of Socialism as the light which will  
guide us out of Capitalism."

McDowell's sentiments were later  
embodied in the following resolution,  
which was adopted by the entire  
body:

#### Statement of Socialist Activity

"In view of the supreme im-  
portance of unemployed organ-  
izations as a mass movement of  
the working class, this confer-  
ence calls for the participation  
of all Socialist Party members in  
such organizations.

"Attempts of political groups  
to annex mass organizations  
under conditions result in fail-  
ure. Therefore, the partici-  
pation of Socialist Party members  
shall be that of sincere, active,  
individuals working toward the  
solidarity of the working class in  
its struggle against Capitalism,  
whose overthrow is the condi-  
tion of complete freedom for the  
working class."

The afternoon conference en-  
dorsed the State Committee's resolu-  
tion opposing the commissary system  
of relief, after Delegate Mann, Erie,  
testified that the plan had proven  
highly unsatisfactory to the unem-  
ployed of that city. Mann declared  
that the number of calories and not  
the needs or tastes of individual  
were taken as the basis of allow-  
ances made by the commissary.  
"People are forced to do two days'  
work per week for their food, which  
is inadequate and not acceptable to  
many people," the Erie delegate  
stated.

In opposition to work relief, the  
body went on record in favor of pub-  
lic works to be paid in cash at pre-  
vailing wage rates. It also voted  
against so-called "self-help" organi-  
zations and in favor of adequate  
medical attention to all unemployed.

Will Attend Continental Congress  
The conference took action to co-  
operate in a continental congress in  
Washington on May 6 and 7. The  
call for this congress has been issued  
by the National Executive Commit-  
tee of the Socialist Party to all lib-  
eral, progressive and labor groups.  
State Secretary Limbach was in-  
structed to secure all possible de-  
tailed information of the plans of  
this congress prior to the selection  
of delegates from Pennsylvania.

While refraining from joining in  
the activities of the Pennsylvania Se-  
curity League, as a party, the con-  
ference saw no objection to indi-  
vidual Socialists helping the league's  
program for old age pension, mini-  
mum wage laws, child labor regula-  
tion and other progressive measures.  
George M. Rhodes was chairman

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of the afternoon session and Robert  
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racite coal district, recorded the  
minutes.

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years when the state is already  
spending more than six millions each  
month.

In order to remedy the lack of any  
working-class proposal on direct re-  
lief, Socialist Hoopes has therefore  
introduced his bill with the approval  
of the Pennsylvania Socialist Execu-  
tive Committee, the amount of the  
appropriation however, being set at  
the request of the Taxpayers' Pro-  
tective League of Berks County.

The Hoopes bill not only makes  
this immense appropriation but  
would meet the grievance of the or-  
ganized labor movement at work re-

lief for scrip in the form of relief  
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## LEBANON SOCIALIST NOTES

At the branch meeting, held on Tuesday, March 21, the course from the national office was given to the

speakers. This will set in motion the weekly meetings of the Lebanon Branch speakers, who will start a county campaign as soon as weather permits. Other branches will be formed within a few weeks in Lebanon County.

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# Activities of the Reading Socialists

### THE WEEK'S CARD PARTIES

Tonight (Friday): Card party at West Reading headquarters, 233 Kline street. Prizes and refreshments. Player's fee 15 cents.

Saturday night at Labor Lyceum: Auspices of Central Branch Women. Prizes and refreshments.

Saturday night at Black Bear Hotel: Auspices of Jacksonwald Branch. "Depression Prizes." Prizes and refreshments.

Saturday night at Shillington: In American Legion Hall. Prizes and refreshments. Player's fee 15 cents.

Saturday night at 1311 N. 9th street: Under auspices of Northeast Branch Women. Prizes and refreshments.

### WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

All members of the Women's Committee are called to a special meeting in Labor Lyceum on Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 p. m.

### FINANCIAL SECRETARIES, GET IN YOUR REPORTS

All branch financial secretaries are again asked to have their reports completed and in the hands of Organizer Bigony before the next meeting of Local Berks. Unless every secretary does his duty, the organizer will not be able to make a full report.

### YIPSEL NOTES

Circle 1 and 9 are having a social night on March 25 at the Southern Branch. Any one is invited to bring their own games or jig saw puzzles.

The Workers' Gymnastic Club for boys meets every Friday evening at D. and W. Junior High School at 7:30 p. m. The Girls meet every Wednesday evening at D. and W. Junior High School at 7:30 p. m.

The Worker's Theatre meets every Tuesday evening at 8:30 in the Labor Lyceum. The group would appreciate very much if more Yipsels would co-operate with them.

The Organizers Committee have changed their meeting time from 2 o'clock to 1:30. All the Circles are being taken care of by the Organizers Committee.

On Sunday March 26 there will be a General Meeting at 8 o'clock. All Yipsels must have their dues books with them if they wish to vote.

Saturday, March 25, all girls that are interested in base ball report at the Labor Lyceum at 3:30 sharp.

Monday, March 27, Circle 3—Speaker, Stewart Tomlinson.

Wednesday, March 29, Circle 6—Speaker, Fred Merkel.

Thursday, March 30, Circle 4—Book report.

Thursday, March 30, Circle 1-9—Current events.

Friday, March 31, Circle 2—Speaker, Councilman Hooverter on "City Affairs."

### OUR SYMPATHIES

The Socialists of Local Berks extend their comradeship sympathies to the families which have been bereaved by the following deaths

Elizabeth H. Seidel, wife of James I. Seidel. Mrs. Seidel was a member of the Northeast Branch and Northeast Women's organization.

Eather L. Keeler, wife of Paul S. Keeler. Comrade Keeler was a member of the Northwest Branch and Northwest Women's organization.

### BRANCH MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27

Tonight—Northwest: Stewart Tomlinson. Berkshire Heights: Fred Merkel. West Lawn: Raymond S. Hofses. Gibraltar: Max Putney.

Monday, March 27: Northeast: Raymond S. Hofses. Central: Walter Scheerer. Sinking Spring: Current Events.

Tuesday, March 28: Lebanon: Walter Scheerer. Womelsdorf: James H. Maurer.

Birdsboro: James Wesner. Laureldale: Miles Williams. Kenhorst: James Roglin.

Muhlenberg: J. Henry Stump. Southern: Fred Merkel.

Jacksonwald: Amos Leshar. 18th Ward: Jacob Hiestand.

West Reading: Clevy Long. Wednesday, March 29: Womelsdorf Women's Social Nite.

Friday, March 31: Northwest: Charles Sands. Berkshire Heights: William C. Hooverter.

West Lawn: Max Putney.

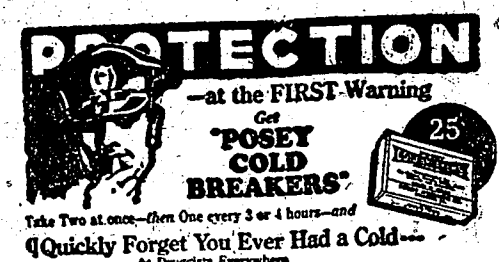
## LOCAL CLASS FORMING TO STUDY LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Because many people have expressed a desire to know more about the League of Nations and its work, the Berks County Federation of Women's Clubs and Allied Organizations is sponsoring classes now being formed by the International Relations Department. These will meet six consecutive weeks at the Y. M. C. A. One will hold its first session each Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from March 21st to April 25th; the other, each Friday evening at 8 o'clock from March 24th to May 6th. A nominal charge will be made which will cover the cost of a kit of study material.

The teacher will be Mrs. L. E. Riegel, student of History and International Relations, known to many as a speaker and leader of discussion groups on current events. She has degrees and honors in History from the University of Wisconsin.

Any man or woman who desires to be internationally literate please register at once with Mrs. L. E. Riegel, dial 2-7648, or Mrs. A. R. Deck, dial 2-0814.

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## BROOKWOOD CHAUTAUQUA COMING TO READING

Reading will be favored with a Brookwood Labor College Chautauqua program on Sunday, April 23; under plans now being arranged by the County Committee of Local Berks. A sub-committee, composed of Mark Seltzer, John Hommas and Gordan McLean, has been assigned to the duty of planning a suitable hall and arranging the details of the meeting.

The Chautauqua program is educational without being dreary, consisting of skits and plays which exemplify working-class problems. "The Starvation Army," a clever theatrical skit, forms part of the program. It portrays down-and-out unemployed workers regaining their self-respect when they organize to exercise collective power. Good colloquial dialogue and not too preachy. "Gimble Sprockets" shows how the worker gets it in the neck in this machine age. The Battle Songs of Labor include songs that have come out of labor situations such as "Bread and Roses" from the Lawrence, Mass., textile strike, "The West Virginia Hills" and "The Marion Massacre" from the South. Mimeographed song sheets will be distributed so the audience can sing labor songs too.

The "troupe" will include 10 or 12 students and teachers.

## UNEMPLOYED ORGANIZE LEAGUE AT FULLERTON

An Unemployed Citizens' League was formed at Fullerton recently and a membership of over 160 is reported. Headed by Wm. G. Wolbach, Jr., Charles Wavrek and J. F. Stutzman, former newspaper publisher, a meeting was called and over 200 persons were present. The league after being refused permission to hold their meetings in the public school building, have secured a permanent building thru the generosity of a business man. At the same time a registration of the Socialist votes at the last election is being made and plans are now being formulated to organize a branch of the party. A remarkable fact is that altho the Socialists have not been since 1898 in this town, there were over six voters who voted Socialist last election, while the registration books have shown only one qualified Socialist voter, until this year.

### REGULAR MEETINGS OF BERKS UNEMPLOYED

The following schedule of weekly meetings has been announced by the Taxpayers' Protective League:

Monday night: Berkshire Heights, Womelsdorf.

Wednesday night: Sinking Spring, Topton, Kutztown, West Reading, Penwyn, Maxatawny Township.

Thursday, 2 p. m.: Northeast Socialist headquarters, 1311 N. 9th st.

Thursday night: Kenhorst, Newmans town, Temple, West Lawn.

## LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By STEPHEN H. ELY

"Resolved, that the United States should adopt compulsory unemployment insurance," is the subject to be debated during our sessions next Monday and Wednesday nights.

On Monday night the affirmative team will consist entirely of women students, and, being aware of the rare flexibility with which nature has endowed the tongues of this particular sex, we cannot help but experience a feeling somewhat akin to pity for their male adversaries on the negative team.

Three of Reading's prominent citizens will act as judges of these debates, and the public is invited to attend.

The mixed chorus held their first rehearsal last Saturday afternoon in the Labor Lyceum. The talent displayed at this time, causes me to freely predict that before many weeks have passed this organization will be one of the finest of its kind in the community. Another rehearsal will be held tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in the headquarters of the Southern Branch.

The place and finance committee will also hold a meeting at the Southern Branch on Saturday at 1:45 o'clock; the chairmen of all other committees are requested to attend.

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as matters of importance will be discussed. Immediately following this meeting, at 2 o'clock sharp, there will be a rehearsal of the "Pep Night" show, and all students participating in this affair should be present.

a new trial on the one remaining indictment against him, and immediately after the issuance by Mooney of a call for a Free Tom Mooney Congress.

### To Protest Mooney. Incommunicado Threat

NEW YORK — A nationwide campaign of mass protest against the threat of Warden James B. Holohan of San Quentin prison to hold Tom Mooney incommunicado is under way, carried on by all organizations supporting Mooney's freedom campaign.

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## HOOPES COMPELS

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consideration of the sweeping anti-  
eviction bill (House 408) which has  
been in their hands since January  
25th. The motion to bring the bill

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to the floor for action was defeated  
42 to 135, although it was significant  
that those 42 votes were the highest  
number yet secured by the working-  
class spokesmen on a motion to dis-  
charge a committee any time during  
the four sessions of the legislature  
held in the last two years.

On the rollcall, Representatives  
Sarrig and Ruth voted "aye," but  
Chester Mohn, Berks county's blue  
law advocate and super-patriot,  
joined the old party gang in voting  
"no."

G. O. P. Leader Dodges  
Although Representative Hoopes  
had warned him, Clinton Sowers, Re-  
publican, of the committee in ques-  
tion, disappeared from the hall of  
the House just as Hoopes put his mo-  
tion. Parliamentary courtesy was in-  
voked by the Philadelphia's col-  
leagues and Rep. Hoopes withdrew  
his motion pending the reappearance  
of Sowers, although Rep. Witkin, an-  
other Philadelphia member, facili-  
tously suggested to the Speaker that  
a searching committee of three be ap-  
pointed to find the missing chairman.  
Sowers was finally again found in his  
seat after nearly three-quarters of  
an hour and the Socialist member re-  
newed his motion.

Although the rules forbid discus-  
sion of the merits of bills on dis-  
charge motions the bill was read at  
length by the reading clerk at Hoopes  
insistence and many members had  
secured copies at the sergeant-at-  
arms' office during the recess.

Hoopes Fights For Homes  
Hoopes pointed out that two weeks

ago the House had concurred in a  
Senate resolution suspending sheriff  
sales and had at his insistence passed  
a further resolution suspending con-  
stable's writs of eviction until April  
3rd, although the eviction resolution  
had been snaggled in the Senate. The  
resolution however, Hoopes pointed  
out, was only a gesture and must be  
sustained by some such legislation as  
his complete anti-eviction bill. With  
thousands facing eviction each day,  
he grimly challenged the House that  
the "time has come for action." Chairman  
Sowers then arose to de-  
fend his committee relating in a hurt  
voice the intense study the commit-  
tee had given the bill, and with his  
voice full of tears, begged the House  
to note that the Hoopes bill did not  
protect "the poor little old widow  
who had a house for rent and the  
orphans, etc., etc."

Scornfully pricking Sowers' buf-  
foony and cheap sentimentality,  
the Socialist member pointed out that  
it was an absolute impossibility to  
protect both landlord and tenant in  
the same bill as House 408 frankly  
admitted by declaring that "it is  
more important for the state to pro-  
tect the lives of the unemployed than  
the property rights of its more for-  
tunate citizens."

Too Busy With Beer  
Turning to interrogate the com-  
mittee chairman on his claims of in-  
tensive study of the bill, Hoopes  
asked Rep. Sowers if it were not  
true that late in February when  
Sowers had told the House, the com-  
mittee was studying the anti-eviction  
bill, Sowers had answered Hoopes  
inquiries as to what was being done  
about the bill by saying that he,  
Sowers, was too busy drafting beer  
legislation to pay any attention to  
the bills in his committee. The Re-  
publican member grew intensely  
angry at this query and refused to  
answer. The roll was called and the  
anti-eviction bill locked safely back  
in committee, whereupon Sowers  
arose and introduced a beer resolu-  
tion and asked the extraordinary  
privilege of leaving the House to  
hold a meeting of his special liquor  
committee. The privilege was grant-  
ed and within a few minutes the  
committee returned with a prepared  
bill. The Senate which has refused to  
pass the Socialist resolution suspend-  
ing evictions until April 3rd, al-  
though the House adopted it unani-  
mously two weeks ago.

## WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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lars by a lifetime of hard work and  
self-denial, were convinced by the  
"Times" earlier editorial and left  
their money where it was while many  
of the larger depositors were con-  
ducting a quiet run and carrying  
their currency to places of safety.  
Those who were thus deceived may  
not find much comfort in other  
"Times" editorial.

### BANK CLERKS JOIN JOBLESS

Reading's unemployed army was  
augmented by quite a few white  
collars this week as a result of a re-  
trenchment policy adopted by at  
least two of Reading's banks. It is  
known that the forces were deeply  
cut and fairly well-founded rumor  
has it that 19 persons at the Pen-  
sylvania Trust and 59 at the Farmers  
National were definitely turned out  
into a cold and overcrowded world.  
In addition, those who were retained  
have been forced to accept wage cuts  
running close to 50 per cent.

Socialists have always known  
something about bank clerks which  
some of them didn't know about  
themselves; namely, that, despite  
their immaculate garments and gen-  
teel calling, they were no more than  
workers after all. That some of the  
underpaid tellers didn't know that  
has always been demonstrated by the  
way they spoke of "our" bank and  
by their consistency in voting for the  
Wall Street political parties.

We sympathize with the bank  
clerks. We also call attention to the  
fact that their forced entrance into  
the ranks of the jobless is the result  
of policies of "economy and effi-  
ciency." Just how such economies,  
whether practiced by banks or by  
governments, are going to revive  
trade and restore prosperity, we do  
not pretend to know. Certainly,  
neither the man who loses his job  
nor he who gets starvation pay is of  
very small value as anybody's cus-  
tomer, even though lower payrolls  
may temporarily enable business  
firms to balance their budgets.

If we were to base our judgments  
upon human values instead of dollar  
values we'd understand that the only  
real budget balancing is that which  
balances the ability of the people to  
produce with their ability to enjoy  
the fruits of industry. That's the  
thought which Socialists have in  
mind. And that's why they are driv-  
ing for shorter hours and higher  
wages for workers, and absolutely  
nothing for idlers who reap a har-  
vest under Capitalism by collecting in-  
terest, dividends and unearned  
profits.

### GENTLEMEN UNDER SUSPICION

Our own Fusion Mayor Ermen-  
trout and his Florist-Police Commis-  
sioner-financial associate, John Stan-  
ley Giles, are under suspicion of  
stuffing the ballot-box. No, this isn't  
a political story, although it may de-  
velop into a tale of high-handed op-  
erations in the financial world.

It appears that Heber and Stan,  
together with such other of their  
Fusion admirers as John M. Sea-  
holtz, their "\$10,000-a-year man,"  
who gladly acts as city purchasing  
agent for much less, are claiming to  
be directors of the Reading Wimsitt  
Thrift Company.

On the other hand, some New York  
folks are declaring that they are no  
such thing, charging that they re-  
ceived only 4,961 votes instead of  
6,201 1/4 votes for those offices.

As to which side wins the argu-  
ment in court is of little concern to  
the common citizen. However, the  
question arises as to how Heber,  
Stan and John can properly earn the  
salaries the city pays them, and still  
give their time to the loan shark  
business.

And, by the way, which is the  
worse for the city—to have a relative  
of an official doing a full job or to  
have the official do a half job for  
full pay? That's a nice question  
which perhaps the "Reading Times"  
is best qualified to answer—after it  
knows whether the officials and re-  
latives are Socialists or Fusionists.

## REFLECTIONS

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scientific at the moment, and sec-  
ond, because I lose that personal con-  
fidence, which is the chief require-  
ment for revival, every time I re-  
flect that tomorrow is pay day and  
I have not yet raised the cash to pay  
the printers. I have already lost  
too much; I must not lose confidence.

SIX MONTHS HENCE, however,  
gloom may be more stylish. By that  
time the people who are now being  
lulled to a sense of false security may  
awake to the fact that confidence is a  
purely personal matter and that  
the grocer and the landlord will not  
accept it in lieu of cash.

I have seen confidence sink below  
par before. It was confidence which  
caused the big fellows to build more  
factories than the underpaid market  
could consume. It was the same  
queer feeling in our breasts which  
enabled foreign borrowers to get  
American products in exchange for  
bonds which never will be paid. And  
it is not beyond all possibility that  
the present wave of confidence will  
flour after the administration at  
Washington finds that workers can-  
not be employed as long as highly  
efficient machines function without  
workers for the profit of owners.

BUT RIGHT NOW mathematics  
is out of fashion. It's just as un-  
popular and as unpatriotic to  
think now as it was back in the old  
days when Frank's cousin Teddy was  
busting the trusts, or during the war  
which we were told was for "demo-  
cracy" and which has since brought  
dictators to Europe and Franklin D.  
to the White House.

So away with reason! Keep your  
chin up! Smile! Believe! Hold  
fast to Hope—because the bankers  
have taken everything else!

## T. P. L.

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the building. What a lame excuse!  
At the time of the meeting Van Horn  
was not a member of the League.

"The men who are asking that the  
fuel yard continue its operation are  
paid workers, not 5-cent-an-hour  
persons. They are playing upon the  
sympathies of 38,000 people who are  
now on relief to hold their own in-  
dividual jobs."

Cake illustrated his point by point-  
ing to one Ed Heckman who is now  
a paid worker.

"Heckman was once a member of

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our League," Cake declared. "A few  
months ago he came to one of our  
regular meetings and made an awful  
cry because he and his truck were  
taken off at the fuel yard. He was  
one of the men who damned the work  
relief project and said he could prove  
that wood at the fuel yard cost as  
high as \$35 per cord. Now that he  
is back on the job he holds up the  
fuel yard because he is working for  
himself and nobody else.

"Unemployed workers now work-  
ing at the fuel yard should not per-  
mit salaried officials to make them  
believe that the Taxpayers' Protec-  
tive League are working against their  
interests. We are fighting for their  
cause the same as our own, and the  
doors of our meetings are always  
open to them."

Opposition at Tipton  
The League reports that it ran  
into minor opposition this week at  
Tipton when the proprietor of the  
Hancock Hotel refused the League  
permission to hold a meeting on his  
premises. However, a farmer opened  
his home for a meeting and, with 68  
persons present, 35 new members  
were taken into the organization.

Reports received by the League in-  
dicate that Rev. Meckstroth, former  
head of the relief organization in  
that district, is doing everything pos-  
sible to prevent League meetings.  
However, workers on the relief admit  
that service to them has been im-  
proved since the League forced the  
resignation of the old board headed  
by Meckstroth.

Flour Sent to Prisoners  
It is also reported that shortages  
of flour exist in many sections of  
Berks. This, Cake declared, is due  
to the action of Willard Krause, a  
warehouse employee, who sent large  
quantities of flour to the prison farm.  
"The League will want to know  
WHY this flour was sent to the  
prison at the expense of the unem-  
ployed," Cake said.

Will March on Capital  
The League is planning the details  
of a march which will be made upon  
the state legislature on Tuesday,  
April 4, from various sections of the  
state. Communications have been  
sent from Reading to unemployed  
groups in other localities, and replies  
are expected with the next week.

The difference between a swell  
evening frock and wicked nudism  
seems to be about a yard and a half.

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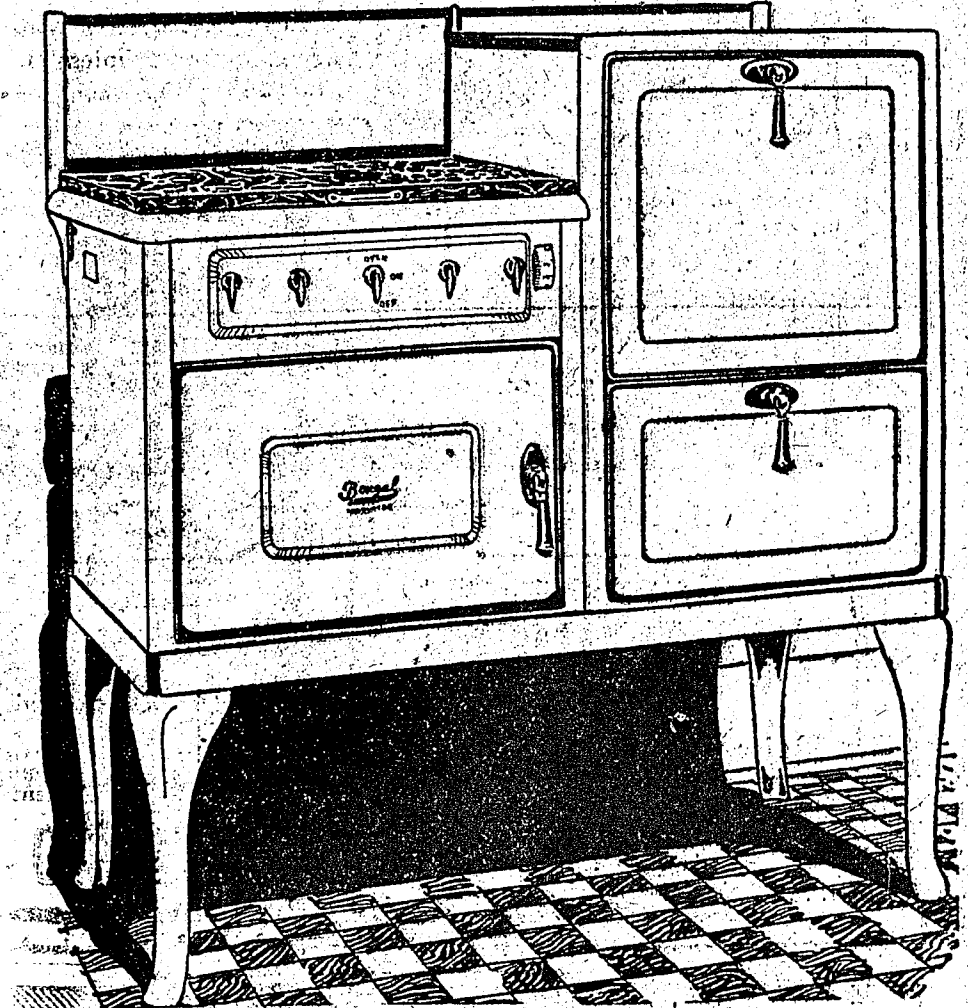
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## LEVY ON CAPITAL

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forth by its enemies, namely: that it would practically halt expansion of privately owned capital equipment, i.e., new plants and machinery, and force the government to administer large amounts of real property in its possession, are the two reasons that urge the immediate adoption of such a measure. Private ownership is at the most clogged with an overabundance of capital equipment and is steadily adding to the present unwieldy surplus with continuing disastrous results as millions stand in want outside idle plants. The government as a collective agency would be forced to plan the administration of the wealth in its possession whether it likes it or not, thus furthering society's advance toward social planning to which even the private owners of industry are forced to give lip service.

**Prepares Model Tax Bill**

Following the capital levy bill, the Berke Socialist has prepared a model income tax bill on corporations and individuals. The schedule of corporations calls for 2% on the first thousand up to 6% on all amounts

over \$7,000 plus an emergency tax of 1% on all corporation income. The tax on individuals allows an exemption of \$2,500 and runs from 3% on \$3,000 per year to 100% on all amounts over \$10,000. The bill would not only set up this sharp tax but on the basis of the income would reorganize the present taxing system, 40% only of the tax going to the state government, while 10% would be apportioned to the county and 50% to the municipality in which the tax was collected. The slippery stock dividend would be eliminated as a means of tax dodging by arranging for taxing the profits from sale of stocks acquired in this way.

## German Social-Democrats Plan Huge Marx Memorial

BERLIN.—Party conferences of the German Social-Democrats will be held March 12-18 at Frankfurt-on-Main. A huge memorial to Karl Marx will form part of the conference program, beginning with a monster parade through the streets of Frankfurt at the opening of the conference, and ending with a mass meeting of the 50th anniversary of Marx's death, March 14. A special written cantata, "Freedom," will be sung by the German Workers' Choirs. At least 40,000 people are expected to attend the service.

Mr. Stimson's protests against the invasion of helpless land proved ineffective. The marines are leaving Nicaragua.

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# THE GREAT AMERICAN CRISIS OF 1933

By FRED M. MERKEL

Can President Roosevelt restore prosperity?

The inauguration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt as President of the United States placed him at the head of the nation at the beginning of the greatest financial and economic crisis in American history.

Immediately following his ascent to office it became necessary to close all the banks in the nation and declare a bank holiday pending legislative action for the emergency.

Roosevelt became the doctor of a very sick economic system. Unlike that famous painting, "The Doctor," in which the anxious parents await the outcome of a crisis in the life of a child, an economic system is seriously ill and millions of unemployed, part time employed, other workers, farmers, and others await the outcome. They are hoping for a revival and restoration of the prosperity of the past. It will be in vain.

The days of the economic system of capitalism are numbered. The pallor of death is already creeping over the face of America as evidenced by the factories of this country slowed down or stopped entirely, trades collapsed, shops and stores closed, and the unemployed stream mounts steadily. Capitalism is doomed to die and take its place in history as the fourth great economic system to pass into history.

**Inflation Will Fail**

The medicine administered by President Roosevelt—inflation, public works and farm relief—will fail. Facts supplied by U. S. Government publications and authorities of the highest standing in capitalistic circles will be submitted here to prove that the death of capitalism is approaching instead of a revival of capitalistic prosperity.

A brief inventory is necessary to reveal conditions and determine whether Roosevelt's policies will remedy the situation.

At the time of the collapse in 1929 our industrial machine was the eighth wonder of the world, able to deliver a tonnage of goods to create a paradise for the people if worked to its capacity operation. Today, after more than three years, great changes have taken place. Our money system has jammed.

Consider calmly the money valuation of the stocks and bonds representing the ownership of our economic machinery: On Sept. 1, 1929, the valuation of all listed shares on New York Stock Exchange was \$89,668,276,854. On June 1, 1932, it was \$16,141,061,080.

Early in this year, Jan. 9, 1933, B. C. Forbes, financial expert and publisher of Forbes' Magazine for business men, gave a list of 63 leading stocks that had peak quotations ranging from \$100 to \$260 per share and were then worth only \$1 to \$9. Only a further slight decline is needed to make the prosperous securities of only a few years ago as worthless as Confederate money.

Factory production dropped from an index number of 119 in 1929 to 64 in 1932.

Factory employment dropped from an index number of 108 in 1929 to 62 in 1932.

Factory payrolls dropped from an index number of 108 in 1929 to 45 in 1932.

Wage workers' income declined 60 cents out of every dollar for a total of over \$20,000,000,000 annually according to U. S. Department of Labor report.

Farm prices dropped more than \$8,000,000,000.

Interest payments increased from \$242,496,000 monthly in 1929 to \$380,389,000 monthly in 1932. During 1932, when general business activity had declined practically a half from 1929, interest payments were up more than 11% from that year. Wages had fallen 60%, yet interest payments climbed more than 35%.

What was done during these three years of collapse in an attempt to solve this problem, and why did it end with the economic crisis and closing of the banks?

The capitalists have passed measures to "allow" the Federal Reserve Banks to go into the money market to support the prices of government securities and to increase the money available to banks to meet withdrawals or the demands of business men.

They have passed measures to allow the substitution of government bonds for commercial paper, to be held as collateral backing up our Federal Reserve notes, in that way to increase the money and credit available to the banks.

They have created the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which in the period from February, 1932, to Dec. 23, 1932, made cash loans of \$1,502,168,401.99 to about 7,000 institutions, political units and individuals.

Included in this total advanced by the R. F. C. were the following: To 5,882 banks, \$807,779,746.69; to railroads, \$270,000,000 (about).

(Contrary to views sponsored by public and business leaders, about \$200,000,000 of this money was used to pay interest and running expenses of the railroads, and not for refinancing, as has been alleged.)

John W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency, instructed national bank examiners to value bonds, owned by national banks, at intrinsic (face) rather than at market value, as heretofore. State banking authorities have resorted to similar methods. It would be futile to minimize or ignore the significance of the Comptroller's instructions. Our financial machinery is so completely out of kilter that we must resort to subterfuge to make our books balance. The value which a bank examiner places upon an investment of a bank does not render such investments more or less liquid.

## Government Aid to Banks

The new banking bill, passed March 9, 1933, authorized the issuance of Federal Reserve Bank notes redeemable in lawful money of the U. S. They would be issued to the value of 100% of government obligations deposited as security, and to the estimated value of 90% of the notes, drafts, bills of exchange and bankers acceptances deposited as security. As Senator Glass said in discussing what latitude would be allowed in interpreting this provision, "It is a matter of judgment. It is a question of administration; but in dire and distressful times like these the Senator knows, as well as I know, that the Federal Reserve Board and banks would be very liberal in their interpretation of this power and in their dealings with these banks."

The Couzens bank bill which is similar to laws already applicable to state banks, makes it possible to keep a bank open even if it is insolvent. Formerly, when a bank lost its surplus and capital, and was not in a position to fully meet the demands of depositors, it had to close. Now, if its losses are not too great, it may still be kept open by the simple device of freezing a percentage of the deposits, which the bank may use as new capital for a time. If it is not taking property without "due process of law" it certainly is a violation of the "rights of contract." Why should it be constitutional to arbitrarily take the use of the depositors' money away from them, while it is unconstitutional to set a rate for electricity which would yield the utility company a profit slightly smaller than would be a "fair return" on the "value of the property?"

Senator Borah in explaining why he voted against the banking bill, passed March 9, 1933, said, "I felt only a few banks were sufficiently liquid really to get the benefit of the bill and that most of these were in New York City and that the other banks in a large measure would be unable to comply with the terms of the bill."

From what angle, as shown by these measures, have we attacked our problem?

The efforts have been directed primarily in an attempt to raise and stabilize market prices of securities and commodities. Disregarding economic fundamentals, which show that bond and stock prices are dependent upon the operation of the industries which they represent, and that dividends and interest are paid out of industrial production, we have wasted our efforts in a futile attempt to create artificial market values for stocks and bonds upon which banks, building and loan associations, insurance companies, etc., depend for their solvency.

We talk today about the new measures, as though inflation in this depression were a thing which had not as yet been tried.

What are the facts? All the above measures are an attempt to put more currency and credit money into circulation by creating new agencies and new methods by which concerns with frozen assets may continue business at the expense of government (or the whole people's) credit. We find that today there is more money in circulation in the United States than was found necessary at the height of the business prosperity, as follows:

1929 .....\$4,777,000,000  
1933 .....\$5,645,000,000

Not only has money in circulation increased, but we find the Government has piled up a deficit of 5 1/2 billions of dollars. Nearly five billions of this is represented by increases in the holdings of government securities by Federal Reserve and member banks alone. We have financed our depression by "bank money" inflation.

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## EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

## CAMPS FOR WORKERS

The labor Committee of the Socialist Party has very properly protested strongly against President Roosevelt's announced plan to put the unemployed in work camps in forests and in construction in the Tennessee Valley. His intentions are good. He sees camps under the War Department but not under genuine military discipline in which workers will be free to come and go, though not without notice, where they will have a healthy life and a dollar a day. He thinks of these in terms of glorified Boy Scout camps. Actually what will happen will be the local authorities will force workers to take camp work or nothing. Self-respecting workers, used to a regular wage, cannot be expected to be happy at any dollar a day rate.

When we turn from work in forests to regular construction work, the competition of men employed at this scale will further depress wages. The whole plan, the spirit of the men in the camps, and the spirit of the community with regard to the men will tend to a Fascist state rather than to a perpetuation of democracy or the establishment of a Socialist society.

As far as actual relief of unemployment is concerned, the plan is ludicrous. The President provides for no increase in purchasing power, which is the keystone of any plan for immediate relief of unemployment. He seems to have almost Mr. Hoover's fear of what he calls the dole in its effect upon morale.

## A PROGRAM

Labor unions and the Socialist Party must make their protest emphatic on this matter. We should insist upon a maintenance allowance to every unemployed family and to a great program of public works, totalling, let us say, six billion—three billion for housing at cost under municipal, state, and federal authority; another three billion for roads, tunnels, hospitals and schools, the latter to be put up in poorer districts where the need is very great but the poverty too great to meet the need. The federal government should give, not loan, money for this sort of work. A great deal, however, could be returned on the money spent on housing in rents if the matter is properly handled. A controlled inflation directed to the purposes of unemployment relief will be to the good. It must, of course, be kept in hand.

## DARK CLOUDS ABROAD

Greatly as we are now concerned with our domestic troubles, it is entirely possible that in a few weeks or months the outstanding issue will be an issue of war or peace, through the triumph of Hitlerism in Germany, and the Far Eastern crisis. Both contain dynamite enough to blow up the insecure structure of whatever peace we think we have. Only the most resolute policy for the preservation of peace can hope to accomplish anything. That policy must include recognition of Soviet Russia, of which President Roosevelt has not as yet given any sign. The Russian refusal to co-operate with the League of Nations because of the unfriendly attitude of some of the Powers points directly at the United States. Recognition does not

involve the somewhat perplexing problem of the balance of good and evil in Stalin's recent handling of agricultural unrest in Russia. It involves commonsense relations between nations upon which peace may depend.

## AN INSPIRING TOUR

Birmingham, Alabama, turned out between 3,000 and 4,000 people on a rainy night to our Socialist mass meeting. The active young New Orleans local crowded nine meetings for me into a 12-hour day. John T. Scopes and the other Socialist comrades of Paducah, Kentucky, gave me a worthwhile day in that city. And the Indianapolis comrades did a mighty good job of entertaining the National Executive Committee and turning out two good meetings in spite of the bank holiday.

Socialism is growing and so is Socialist organization. One of the encouraging impressions of my trip concerns the way in which Socialist locals are welcoming Negroes and trying to work with Negroes. To do otherwise is to betray the inner soul of Socialism. Progress is slowly being made in better racial relations in America.

There is no justice for workers which qualifies the workers with the adjective "white" and forgets that the great slogan of Socialism is: "Workers of the World, Unite!"

## "ECONOMY"

The elimination of waste in government is one thing; the curtailment of government's useful services, which bring untold benefits to the people, is quite another thing. The two should not be confused.

The activities of "Taxpayers' Leagues" from one end of the country to another seem to be moved by a desire to shield private business from regulation, and, by undermining public faith in government, to detract attention from the failure of private business. These leagues are well financed, they employ high-priced propagandists and "experts" and they get out a mass of expensive literature.

One of these organizations, the "New York State Economic Council, Incorporated," has published an expensive bulletin in which it states: "While the Council is devoting practically its whole effort today to reducing public expenditure, and hence taxation, yet its general purposes are broader than mere economy—vitality important as economy is. These general purposes, as set forth in another column, are 'to stimulate and develop the economic life of the state, in order to secure a balanced development, both economically and socially, of the State of New York.'"

The directors of the "New York State Economic Council" include fifteen people who admit connection with some bank or trust company, and of the seventy-four names listed, ever single one is an executive in some large business organization. What kind of "balanced development, both economically and socially," does such a group want?

Furnish your own answer. Meanwhile, do not swallow too readily the schemes that are brought to you in the name of "economy in government." What looks like food may be poison.—Socialist Press Service.

## IMPROVE WOMEN'S WORK LAW

Surely it's high time that Pennsylvania, wipe out the old law which permits women to work 54 hours per week in this State. Despite the fact that women are permitted to work 54 hours per week, statistics show us that they now actually average only about 21 hours per week in manufacturing establishments. The 8-hour day, 44-hour week law now before the Legislature should be passed. This bill, H. 132, is now pocketed with a sub-committee of the House Committee on Public Health and Sanitation.

We earnestly appeal to all interested citizens to write to their own legislators and also to Dr. Heffernan, chairman of the Public Health Committee, demanding that H. 132 be gotten out of committee and that the General Assembly be permitted to vote on this measure. It is certainly not democratic to permit a bill of such importance to be smothered by three members of a sub-committee!

## MEALS FOR YOUTH, YOUTH FOR CANNON

Of the estimated 200,000 homeless boys roaming the United States three meals a day will be provided 88,000 of them by the War Department, if a bill before Congress is enacted. Bunks and blankets will also be provided. Volunteers may enlist for a year, uniforms will be provided, and they will be put through a course of military drill each day.

As a by-product of the depression this is interesting. If the boys are to be provided meals they are also to be fitted as food for cannon. A nice little war to serve our ruling bankers and capitalists will find these uprooted boys very handy cannon fodder. The proposal is a disguised form of universal military training, applying to a group of unfortunate youths cast up by the paralysis of capitalism.

Assume that these boys spend some years in the barracks and then serve our ruling classes in a war. The survivors will return home to face another economic crisis and a jobless existence. Their children will be uprooted and go through the military barracks and so on without end. Capitalism becomes more and more disgusting in its senile old age.—The New Leader.

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

## THE ROOSEVELT RECORD

There is no doubt that in a short space of time President Roosevelt has shown a real capacity for action, and that he has crowded through Congress an amazingly large number of major measures. There can also be little doubt that he is a sincere man, attempting to do what he thinks best for the country.

This does not mean, however, that the program advocated and put into effect by him is in any respect adequate. He has given us no banking reform, and he is offering none of any consequence. All that he gave us through his bank holiday, was a cooling-off period, in which a panicky public might recover confidence in a banking system that does not deserve it. We still have banks operated by and for private owners under forty-nine different sets of rules. We are still as far as ever from a socialized banking system.

The economy bill, the other major item in Roosevelt's list of accomplishments, makes its savings at the expense of non-service injured veterans, who should be cut, and government employees, who should not. The President's home is not to lay any new taxes, but to keep all existing ones. This is in no sense an adequate fiscal policy. What is needed is the abolition of indirect taxes, which chiefly burden the poor, and the imposition of drastic income and inheritance taxation, with perhaps a capital levy, to raise money from those who can afford it.

Certain features of his unemployment relief program are highly dangerous. Such, for example, is his proposal to establish semi-military camps for the unemployed, who will work upon emergency projects at a wage of one dollar a day, plus board. Besides the undesirable military features of the plan, it will doubtless have a tendency to cut wages in outside employment. Moreover only a small percentage of the unemployed can be cared for even in this inadequate and dangerous manner.

## THE NEW FARM BILL

Even worse is the measure suggested by the President for farm relief. The purpose is to reduce production and raise prices by a complicated mechanism which amounts to a sale tax on the basic agricultural commodities. Such a plan is advanced despite the fact that last December Roosevelt was "horrified" by the mere suggestion of a general manufacturers' sales tax.

A sales tax on food, or any plan having its essential feature, gives the farmers relief by charging city dwellers more for the food that they purchase. The result will be that hundreds of thousands of the unemployed and under-employed, who already get too little food to maintain health, will get even less. This is the worst possible way in which to provide relief for the farmers.

## FOREIGN DANGER SPOTS

The world today stands in grave danger of another vast conflagration such as we experienced in 1914-1918. Hitler in Germany is a menace both to France and to Poland, while Germany itself is on the brink of civil war. Austria is in grave danger of an attempted Fascist coup d'état. France and her allies, Poland, Roumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, stand opposed to Germany, Austria, and Italy. All fear and hate Russia. In the Far East Japan calmly dismembers China, and in South America major conflicts may readily begin in two distinct regions.

Thus do we reap the harvest sowed by the iniquitous treaty of Versailles. The Allied leaders, talking the language of fellowship and peace, cynically availed themselves of all available spoils of war, planning at the same time to keep their defeated rivals in an almost permanent state of subjection. No League of Nations can exhibit any great idealism while

its member states are headed by nationalist, capitalist governments, motivated only by greed and selfishness. The world sadly needs the sanity, the intelligence, and the idealism of the Socialist movement. Only the coming to power of the Socialist parties in the various countries of the world can prevent the major catastrophe that otherwise lies ahead.

## IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM

By JOHN PAINE,  
Federated Press

"Industrialists are a confident people, a hopeful people."—Myron C. Taylor, chairman of U. S. Steel.

The depression is climbing up in the social scale—it's hitting the middle class these days as well as the workers.

Last year there was a breadline in Times Square, New York; this year it was a bank depositors' line.

Said a motorman on the London subway where the Prince of Wales ran a train: "He's got the makings of a pretty good motorman."

## Page Samuels Insults:

"The earning power and efficient use of invested capital must rest, in the long run, upon organization, management and service," says an ad. of the Pacific Lighting Corporation, aiming to show that it operates as a holding company for the sake of "greater mobility of action."

Japan is not obliged to announce acceptance of the League of Nations report on the Manchurian situation until 90 days after its adoption by the league assembly.

And what Japan can't accomplish in 90 days!

Henry Ford thinks depositors should pay a small bank fee for service just as automobiles pay a garage fee.

So-o-o-o, his plan is to charge us for the privilege of having our money gambled with.

## Oh, Those Great Open Spaces!

"The largest building in the world with respect to floor space," is a description of the RCA tower in Rockefeller Center, New York.

"The Denver Post will continue to be the paper with a heart and soul," says the successor to Frederick G. Bonfils, deceased owner.

## And with a blackjack?

Hoarding of gold is disloyalty to God, preached the Rev. Dr. Sargent of St. Bartholomew's (Park Ave.) Church.

It was St. Bartholomew's which recently took advantage of the crisis to foreclose on a mortgage.

THIS CHECK NOT VALID IF DRAWN FOR OVER \$200 appeared on the bottom of a paycheck for 9c written by the Briggs Manufacturing Company of Detroit.

## Well, it wasn't!

The National City Bank says that what's the matter with the country is that the federal government is destroying confidence in the banks.

Yeah, the federal government and Crooked bankers like Charles E. Mitchell and Hugh B. Baker of the National City.

Defaulted bond issues on which investors got gyped, such as Peruvian bonds sold by the National City.

Charlie Dawes and his playful Insull loans.

National City loans to officers which aren't repaid.

National City million-a-year bonuses to Mitchell.

## IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

WASHINGTON (EP).—Reports, apparently well founded, were in circulation in Washington March 10, that the Administration was about to employ a famous New York criminal lawyer as special prosecutor, to seek the indictment and punishment, under criminal statutes, of some of the biggest bankers in Wall Street.

These reports emphasized the belief in Administration quarters that the public wants action against such men as former Chairman Mitchell of the National City Bank, and that actual prosecution would have a decidedly helpful effect toward restoring confidence in the banking structure of the country.

## Socialist Party Directory

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.

Finance Committee: Second Monday night of each month at Labor Lyceum at 8 o'clock.

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.

Exeter Twp.: Second District, first and third Fridays at 8 p. m., at Lincoln Homestead.

Fairview: First Tuesday at 8 p. m., at the home of Thomas Moser, Pershing Blvd.

Gibraltar: Second and fourth Friday at 8 p. m., at Gibraltar Fire House.

Muhlenberg: Every Tuesday at 8 p. m., at the Good Will Fire Co. Hall.

Jacksonwald: Meets every Second and fourth Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Kehhorst: Every Tuesday or each month until further notice, at 8 p. m., 1014 Broadway Blvd.

Laureldale: Every Tuesday night at Yeager's Hall, Elizabeth and Marion streets, Rosedale.

Newmantown: 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 Shillington borough hall.

Sinking Spring: Meets first and third Monday, 8 p. m., at 934 Penn Avenue.

Vinmont: First and Third Tuesday at 8 p. m., in Vinmont Hotel.

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

West Reading: Each Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, 233 Kline street.

West Side Women: Every Thursday, 8 p. m., at 2022 Spring street, West Lawn.

Womelandor: First and third Tuesday at 118 Franklin street, at 8 p. m.

Women's Socialist League: Meets each Thursday night at Labor Lyceum.

Central Women: Every Friday night at Labor Lyceum.

Exeter Women: Meets every Second and Fourth Thursday at 8 p. m., at Lincoln Homestead.

Northeast Women: Every Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock, at 1311 North Ninth street.

Northwest Women: Tuesday night at Green and Gordon streets.

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

Womelandor 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.

Band Rehearsal: Every Wednesday at Labor Lyceum.

Orchestra Rehearsal: Every Friday night at Labor Lyceum.

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

Y. P. S. L.  
Circle 1, Sr., meets every Thursday, 8 p. m., at Franklin and Peach Streets.

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 Newmantown 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.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
Local Montgomery, second Sunday at 2 p. m. For location ask any branch secretary.

Ambler, second and fourth Monday at 8 p. m., at 325 Butler avenue.

Lansdale, every Thursday at 8 p. m., at Moyer's Studio Music, 110 East Main street.

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.

## REG'AR FELLERS

## Guessing On A Sure Thing

By Gene Byrries

