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L. Wilson Battles For Child Labor Action

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

DURING THE PAST week I've been recalling a story I heard many years ago. The yarn was designed to illustrate the mental density of a certain German school official. The problem was to build a new school as cheaply as possible. Finally the German hit upon an idea: "I move," he offered, "that we use the bricks from the old school house to build the new one—and that we continue to use the old school until the new one is finished."

MANY PEOPLE WHO wish to have a new economic system reason just as illogically. They want Socialism, but they want to hang on to the benefits of Capitalism until Socialism is here.

And that just can't be done. We want to escape the evils which are the natural consequence of a system of industry for private profit, but we want to hold on to our share in the profit game.

We complain about the graft of interest, but we cry to high heaven when the banks not only stop paying interest to us but tell us that our principal is "frozen."

We long for the day when nobody will get anything except that for which he labors, but we cry with pain if the mortgage bonds in which we have invested our meager savings go into default.

We want to build the new system—but we want to use the bricks from the old system until the new system is ready for us. And we can't.

HUMANITY MUST SACRIFICE Capitalism and all the benefits of Capitalism in order to get the greater benefits of Socialism. I said this to a lady this week and she was shocked.

"Do you mean that poor widows who have nothing but a small inheritance will have to stop drawing interest on their money?" she asked.

When I replied that I meant just that she asked: "How are they going to live?"

Her question indicated at least two things: First, that she was unwilling to pay the price I mentioned. Second, that she was forgetting that the Capitalist system is steadily robbing millions of people of the savings of their lifetimes.

"How are they getting along now?" I countered.

The question jerked her up. "They are living on charity," she replied.

"And what are they getting in exchange for the sacrifices which Capitalism is exacting?"

"Nothing," she admitted.

ONE OF THE surest ways of driving some people away from Socialism is to tell those who still enjoy a little of the graft that ALL graft will stop when Socialism is established. In order to keep a few hundred dollars of unearned income, they are willing to maintain a system which offers them insecurity and their children wage slavery and war. They admit that they would be better off if Socialism were established, but they falter at the prospect of surrendering their own little portion of Capitalism.

So they are content to wait a bit longer for the better day.

HOW LONG WILL such people wait? My guess is that they will wait until they no longer have anything to lose.

That is not a pessimistic prediction. At the rate at which mortgages are

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WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE LOSES STIRRING PLEA FOR ABOLITION OF CHILD SLAVERY IN NATION

Feelings in House Grew Tense as Reading Representative Appealed For Ratification of Federal Amendment. Motion to Discharge Committee Reaches High Mark While Many Old Party Lawmakers Absent Themselves to Avoid Being Placed on Record

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP).—Rep. Lilith Wilson, Berks Socialist member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, lost her attempt to secure ratification of the Federal Child Labor Amendment after one of the most stirring speeches of the session. The motion to discharge the committee on constitutional amendments from the ratification resolution went down by a vote of 77 to 79, being the highest vote won on a discharge motion by any Socialist or labor member so far.

In submitting her motion Mrs. Wilson told how the resolution, introduced on January 18th, was referred to the committee which in spite of her ceaseless requests did not hold a meeting until March 7, and then did not have the bill to consider.

Sabotaged in Committee. A request for a public hearing was denied until the chairman of the committee found himself in receipt of hundreds of signed requests whereupon a hearing was grudgingly granted, only to be sabotaged when the reactionary majority of the committee found an excuse for cutting the entire hearing to thirty minutes, preventing many of the labor spokesmen, including Edward F. McGrady of the American Federation of Labor, who had come long distances at their own expense to speak for the measure, which has taken on new life with recent ratification by Ohio and three other states.

Boldly defying the House rule that forbids discussion of the merits of a bill on a motion to discharge a committee from it, Rep. Wilson launched into a moving word picture of the tragedy of the child lives crushed and distorted by a civilization that in all its wealth is still content to turn its wheels of industry on a child's heart.

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R.F.C. REFUSES TO AID PENNA.

Inadequate Fund Voted For Unemployment Relief Seen As Cause For Federal Action

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP).—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has called the bluff of the Pennsylvania Republican organization's attempt to dodge state responsibility for jobless relief, by refusing an emergency loan of \$4,000,000 for the rest of the month of April. The state legislature has appropriated a bare million dollars per month for April and May at a time that relief needs total only a little less than seven million dollars per month. The reply of the R. F. C. to the effect that the state must do more before the Federal Government would again aid, was given to a deputation of Republican and Democratic legislative leaders headed by Governor Pinchot and including Speaker Talbot, sponsor of the inadequate state appropriation.

Up to date Federal funds have supplied three out of every four dollars spent for unemployment relief in Pennsylvania. Present funds will only carry the 2,000,000 persons dependent upon relief in the state to the middle of April, and already cuts have been made in relief orders of from 20% to 50% bringing rumblings of rebellion from the organized unemployed. In Scranton 18,



L. WILSON

INFLATION—HOW AND WHEN—IS VEXING PROBLEM

Cheaper Currency Is Inevitable If Purchasing Power Is to Be Restored to Millions of People

FLOOD OF PAPER POSSIBLE

Entire Financial System Threatened by Poverty of Increasing Millions of American Families

WASHINGTON (FP).—Fully aware that economic deflation is continuing, and that new social levels are daily being engulfed in the disaster, President Roosevelt and his cabinet are confronted by one dominant and terrifying problem—how to start inflation, and when to start it.

Restoration of prices and of employment is the basic object of the summons sent out to the British, the French, the Italian, the German and other capitals, to send their economic experts to Washington immediately to try to reach agreement on the program to be signed at the London Economic Conference. Secretary of State Hull has indicated that all "trade barriers" must come down, if the nations are not to sink into utter chaos and economic paralysis. When he has been questioned as to what tariff rates must be lowered, and what must be done as to silver and wheat and other specific problems, he has been extremely vague. That is because he realizes that Roosevelt is still floundering in a morass of doubts as to what can be done and what should be attempted. But of one thing Hull is sure and the President has no doubts: inflation must be brought quickly, either through agreement with other nations or through a vigorous course of action within the United States. Millions of people, now destitute, must be enabled to buy and consume goods. Otherwise the whole financial fabric including banks and insurance companies and real estate and manufacturing properties cannot stand.

Government Controls Gold. Roosevelt has done one significant thing: he has ordered the surrender of all gold to the Treasury through the Federal Reserve system, so that the American gold supply will be under control of the Chief Executive. If he should secure an agreement with Britain and France, for ex-

STORMY SESSION AS SOCIALISTS USE FILIBUSTER

Hoopes Takes Leadership In Drastic Move to Force House Alignment on Labor Bills

OLD GUARD CHANGES RULES

Socialist Openly Scores Action To Hide Votes of Representatives Who Desert Workers

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP).—The full membership of the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, standing back of the rail in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, were treated to an object lesson in politics this week when they saw the House amend its entire rules of procedure in order to stop a series of roll calls of its members on labor bills. They also saw, if they cared to look, that the only voice openly raised in their behalf was that of Representative Darlington Hoopes as spokesman for the two Socialist members of the House, symbol of militant working-class political action.

The extraordinary tactic of making special rules to block votes on labor measures came after the joint forces of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and the rail unions had launched a campaign of motions to discharge House committees from important labor bills. The action was properly accepted as a snub by the unionists who had come to the session to demand consideration of labor bills.

Phillips Raps Lawmakers. Never in the last twenty-five years, declared President Phillips of the Pennsylvania Federation, has labor faced a legislative leadership so reactionary and arrogant toward labor's program as in the present General Assembly. This opening statement of the presidential address to the annual Federation convention

CHAUTAQUA, SUNDAY, APR. 23

Brookwood College Players Will Offer Interesting Program in Gundry's Hall. Dancing to Follow

Drama, drawn from the real United States of 1933, will be presented by the Brookwood Labor College Players in the Chautauqua performance, sponsored by the County Committee of Local Berks at Gundry's hall, Orpheum Theatre building. Tickets at 25 cents each are now being sold at various party headquarters and at the office of the Advocate. At the close of the program music will be furnished by the Socialist Orchestra, and those who like to dance will have an opportunity to do so.

The play, "The Salvation Army," portrays in vivid fashion how down-and-out unemployed workers win back their self-respect by union in collective effort. There are no dreary statistics in the play, nor highbrow economic jargon, but the lively colloquial slang which workers talk. The town workers are saved from losing their homes, and the country workers from eviction from their farms, and all get better relief and demonstrate their power to the politicians. Such stories contain real lively human interest.

Another play, "Gimble Sprockets," pictures the brainy worker inventing

CAN YOU GIVE LODGING TO BROOKWOOD TROUPERS?

Comrades who are willing to give lodging over Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, to one or more Brookwood students who are coming to Reading for the Chautauqua next week, get in touch with the Advocate office, dial 2-4471, or leave your name at the Labor Lyceum, dial 2-2441.

In the group are 14 young men and women. If you can help out for one or both nights please call as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

WORKER GROUPS TO CONFER HERE IN 2-DAY MEET

All-Pennsylvania Labor Conference Will Convene in Labor Lyceum on Saturday, April 22-23

MAURER TO OPEN SESSION

Groups From All Sections of The State Will Discuss Plan For United Action

Delegates representing workers' and farmers' organizations from many sections of Pennsylvania will gather in the

INFORMATION FOR ALL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

- 1.—Arrangements have been made whereby all delegates can get a good bed in a hotel for 50 cents.
- 2.—Organizations are asked to pay expenses of delegates. However, the local committee is preparing to feed those who are unable to pay their own expenses.
- 3.—Organizations of farmers, workers and unemployed who have not received credentials for the conference should communicate with Earl White, 628 Walnut street, Reading, Pa., or send two delegates with papers signed by the officers of the organization.
- 4.—Delegates unable to pay for lodging should bring blankets with them.

All-Pennsylvania Labor Conference for a two-day session on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23. The conference, which has been called by the United Workers' Council of Berks County, will be called to order in the Labor Lyceum at 2 p. m. on the opening day, by James H. Maurer, former councilman and veteran labor leader of this city. If weather conditions are favorable, the local committee is planning to transfer the sessions to Socialist Park in Sinking Spring.

Among the farmers' organizations which have already sent in credentials for delegates are the Farmers' Economic Organization of Bucks County, represented by Clint Golden, trades union leader, and Landsdale Farmers' Group, represented by Charles Phelps. The latter will carry the credentials of the Socialist Party of his locality, but will carry the message of the farmers to the convention.

Many Localities Represented. Earl White, local representative of the Council, said yesterday that delegates are expected from labor groups from as far west as Indiana County. Among the groups and localities which White is preparing to receive are Easton, Shamokin Taxpayers' League, Philadelphia hosiery workers,

PENNA. FORCED TO PROVIDE MORE JOBLESS RELIEF

Reactionaries, Faced With Federal Refusal to Aid, Reluctantly Plan to Raise More Funds

INSIST ON SAVING RICH

Special Legislative Sessions Soon to Come as Inadequate Allowances Rapidly Become Exhausted

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP).—Told plainly by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation "that they could not get away with dodging their share of responsibility for feeding 2,000,000 Pennsylvania unemployed" and faced with rumblings of rebellion among the unemployed of eastern Pennsylvania whose relief rations are being savagely cut due to the failure of the state legislature to provide funds, Pennsylvania political leaders are in a planless huddle which has managed to agree, however, that additional funds must be raised and that at once.

Two weeks ago the legislature ignored warnings of Socialist Representative Darlington Hoopes that they could not expect the federal government to carry the major portion of wealthy Pennsylvania's load and that they were sowing a social whirlwind. The old party lawmakers passed an emergency appropriation of a bare million dollars per month for April and May and an appropriation for the next two years of less than that amount per month.

With funds for providing for April scraping the bottom the first week, the governor and the legislative leaders hurried off to Washington to secure funds from the R. F. C. to remedy their failure. They were told flatly in Washington that not a cent more would be given by the federal government until Pennsylvania did better than carry a sixth of the relief

BOHN SEES MORE PANICS COMING

Rand School Speaker Declares Salvation of Capitalism Will Burden Children With Depressions

Taking his text from the industrial history of the United States from the first industrial depression, in 1819 to the present day, William Bohn, instructor in the Rand School of Social Science, in a public address in St. Casimir hall last Sunday, declared that Capitalism has been a series of gloomy times interrupted by brief periods of shoddy prosperity.

Pointing to the fact that every panic since the first one has been coming sooner and lasting longer than the one before it, Bohn declared that there is no reason to hope for anything better as long as the Capitalist system lasts.

Sees Hope in Socialism. "Many people are asking themselves whether we will ever get out of the slump which began in 1929, but that is not the most important matter. Even if we do recover," the speaker declared, "we know that we are headed toward another and a worse experience of the same character. What a terrible thing we are doing to our children when we perpetuate a system which assures them a never-ending series of hard times."

Bohn declared that hard times are not necessary. He pointed to the

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

HASSEL "ERASED"

Just a few weeks after Wellington Bertolet, corporation attorney, bank conservator, fusion king and eminent respectable member of Reading's elite society, testified in court to the effect that Max Hassel, beer baron, was a fine fellow and fit for citizenship in a nation which permits millions of children to work and starve in the midst of plenty, Maxie was wiped out by gangsters.

The news in Thursday's papers caused a great stir in high and low circles of society. In the pool rooms and number offices which Bertolet's police commissioner, Mr. Stanley Giles, had not closed, Bertolet's testimony found ready approval: "Maxie was a good egg." In higher and more respectable surroundings opinion was less freely expressed. However, it may well be assumed that the judges of Berks County sighed with relief as they read the news.

Like Maxie, the Judges were "on the spot." Having received the testimony of Wellington Bertolet to the effect that the beer baron was just the appropriate type to become a 100 per cent American, and knowing that ordinary people, not so closely connected with banks, politics and other rackets, still disapproved of Max, the honorable court must have felt rather cornered.

Poor Maxie! He, no less than his judges, is the product of a social system which kills business and fosters rackets. He employed his talents well; by a mixture of initiative, hard work and a determination to overcome all obstacles (all copy book virtues) he rose to the top of his profession. He broke the law and became a figure in the realm of beer and booze. Had he obeyed the laws which the masters write for the observance of poor boys who are forced to sell papers before they are out of their teens, he might still be living—on the husks and crusts with which this crazy economic system is today rewarding honest workers.

THE DOG TAX

Almost everybody likes a dog. Scarcely anybody likes taxes. It is hardly cause for wonder that public sympathy was almost universally extended to Fred M. Merkel this week when Merkel was haled into court on the charge of keeping a dog without securing a license.

To Merkel the action of the State agent who caused his arrest was no less than official persecution of the poor. He declared that he would neither pay a fine nor permit anybody else to pay a fine for him. "This," he declared, "is a chance to see whether the court will send a man to jail for the crime of being too poor to pay a license on a much-loved pet."

It is to the credit of Judge Mays that he declined to force Merkel to conclude a prison sentence of 10 days, one day of which Merkel had already served.

Mays' action has done more than

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going into default, homes are being sherried, stocks wiped off the board and savings "frozen" or consumed in unemployment, it will not be very long before only a small number of people have anything to lose.
Those who are now blinded to the

benefits of Socialism by a small inheritance, a few shares of stock, a bond or mortgaged home may not wait long before the blinders are removed.
YOU CAN'T GET Socialism and still retain your share of Capitalism. Those who are not ready to work and vote for the Socialist Co-operative Commonwealth because they can't see

the profit in sacrificing a few dollars for the greater public welfare which will be shared by all are taking a shortsighted view. Capitalism is even now taking all that the majority of them possess—and giving them nothing in return.
Don't bother about the bricks from the old school house. Erect a new structure. Build with the Socialist plan!

META BERGER, SOCIALIST WINS RE-ELECTION

Receiving a vote far in excess of any ever cast for a Socialist school board candidate, Mrs. Meta Berger, who has served 24 years as a director, was re-elected to the board in the April 4th election.
Other Socialist candidates, although receiving several thousand more votes than cast for winning school board directors in the election two years ago, were defeated because of the unprecedentedly large vote cast.
The total vote of 114,000 was nearly 50 per cent greater than any ever cast in a school board and judicial election in the city.
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"Sooner or later building operations are going to be resumed, and when that happens the workers of all crafts should be prepared to bargain as a unit."
Charles Haederle, secretary of the Reading Building Trades Council, gave the above explanation of the purpose of weekly meetings which are being held every Wednesday at 9 a. m. in the Council's hall on the fourth floor of the Peoples Printing Company building.
"We want every man who ever expects to earn another dollar at a building-craft to come to these meetings," Haederle said this week. "Whether they are union men, former union men or non-unionists, we want to talk to them about their means of making a living. The manner in which we plan and organize new will determine the conditions under which we will work in the future."
Haederle explained that one of the purposes of the weekly meetings is to bring all the crafts together under a single plan of action. In the past the builders have frequently opposed each other on the question of jurisdiction and other matters. The result has been costly to all of us. We ought to work together."
Speakers have been engaged for every meeting and a discussion period is being provided for in order that the opinions of all craftsmen can be secured.

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save Merkel from prison. It will no doubt save many other people, too poor to conform to the law, from similar prosecution and persecution. Merkel has helped to establish a principle in Berks. No man should be jailed for poverty.

READING'S JOBLESS MAKE NEW DEMANDS

The temper of the unemployed of Berks County has not been sweetened by the recent reduction of 20 per cent from their food vouchers. That the men and women who have been cast aside by the private owners of industry are not going to starve meekly was shown once more this week when, on Wednesday, a delegation of 300 from the Taxpayers' Protective League carried their protests and demands direct to the Chambers of President Judge Paul N. Schaeffer and later put members of the Unemployment Relief Board and Work Relief Director Russ Symontowne "on the spot" in a public meeting in the municipal auditorium.
While there is no doubt that the task of caring for Capitalism's victims has become too big for local tax-raising bodies to perform, it may be admitted that the county authorities have only themselves to blame for the deplorable financial condition in which they so soon find themselves.
When the County Commissioners, yielding to the unreasonable demands of the big taxpayers of Berks, set the county tax rate at 5 mills they deliberately blinded themselves to actual conditions. Since then the county has been forced to borrow money and already officials are wondering how they are going to meet the desperate and immediate needs of growing numbers of jobless people.

However, before long the utmost that Poor Boards may do is going to be less than enough.

Back of the public officials who, up to this time have been held responsible for the care of the poor, stand the mills, mines, farmlands and other resources from which all wealth comes. In the end the people will have to take over those resources—without any regard whatever for the claims of private ownership—and operate them for the public welfare.
The millions who are now idle do not want to be kept without working for the remainder of their lives. Nor could they be so maintained even if they wished to be. To consume they must produce. To produce they must get possession of the means of production. To get possession of the means of production the rest of us

Roosevelt's Son-in-Law Joins Grain Gamblers

CHICAGO (FP). — President Roosevelt's son-in-law, Curtis B. Dall, has acquired a seat on the Chicago Board of Trade, the world's greatest wheat gambling pit. Dall is also a member of the New York Stock Exchange and the Cotton Exchange, also institutions for gambling in commodities and securities.

must take them from the few who now keep them closed in the face of America's jobless millions.

Society must take over the industries and operate them for use instead of for profit; there is no other remedy for the evils of today. The workers can take them by legal means if they are sensible. If they are not sensible they will continue to be pushed deeper into poverty until, finally, misery brings red riot and Fascism.
Reading, with its efficient Socialist movement, is ready to be sensible. If the nation lags behind, and if the hungry riot for bread, the masters' government, which denies adequate relief, will be ready to spend billions of dollars for ammunition with which to shoot rebels who refuse to starve peacefully.

A dreadful prospect looms ahead unless the unemployment problem is solved intelligently under a plan which will be national in scope. Local resources are nearing bottom.

GOING DOWN!

Despite the ballyhoo which has been used to befuddle the public since March 4, the fact remains that practically every American activity is on the down grade.

A week ago the business index of the nation reached a new low. Locally, the past week has produced a growth of unemployment and wage cuts which can have no other result than that of further crippling business.

Layoffs and wage cuts are reported from the Reading Company shops, now operating with only a skeleton working force.
The Earle Hardware Co., Penn. Hardware and Lumber have also imposed another in a long series of wage slashes, each of which have seriously reduced the purchasing power of the general public.

As the private owners of industry cut wages, the people's institutions are traveling the path to bankruptcy. The city's streets are running to ruin; the county is plunging ever more deeply into debt; the School Board with more than a sixth of last year's taxes unpaid, is borrowing money at high interest rates.

How—and when—are public bills going to be paid with private incoming—the wages of the many small taxpayers—constantly falling and being wiped away completely?

The above question remains unanswered. It will not—can not—be answered by any other method than that proposed by Socialists. Real and fundamental economic changes must be made if civilization is to be saved. Economies which merely lower standards will not save us. Senseless optimism will not do it. Neither will silly slogans. We have stopped hoarding; we have kept our chin up; we have kept the Bible and the Flag in our public schools; we have "saved Reading from ridicule" by electing a Fusion crew to run our city; we have kept the industries in Reading—even though many of them have closed their doors and barred their windows.

The American public has permitted itself to be fooled and is now paying the price in Reading and elsewhere. Individual and social life is on the toboggan and rapidly going down. Look where one will, the truth is becoming more apparent: Capitalism is reaching the end of its course.

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PENNA. FORCED

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load of more than six million dollars
per month. In the last fifteen
months Pennsylvania has spent \$22-
000,000 of its own funds as compared
with better than thirty millions con-
tributed by the federal government.

This is in contrast with New York
which for instance spent \$55,000,000
of its own funds to \$20,000,000 of
federal funds.

Pinchot Plays Politics

Governor Pinchot who, to further
his political ambitions, has shameless-
ly diverted more than \$5,000,000 of
the federal funds for direct relief to
his road building program, and who
has stood with the most reactionary
in opposing new taxes such as in-
come tax to provide relief funds,
nevertheless maneuvered his less as-
sured political opponents in the Re-
publican party into the position of
being the ones to block the adequate
state appropriations necessary to
again enlist federal aid. While po-
litical leaders were gathering for a
relief conference, the governor
broadcast a letter to 6,000 Pennsylv-
ania clergymen urging them to
create a public opinion which would
force the legislature to act for un-
employment relief before "2,000,000
Pennsylvanians will begin to starve—
or riot—or both." Republican and
Democrat leaders in conference with
the governor have agreed to more
than triple emergency appropriations
for April and May as a minimum and
to make a jump sum of at least \$25-
000,000 including the \$2,000,000 of
the April-May appropriation al-
ready passed, available to the State
Emergency Relief Board without any
time period which is must cover.
This action means extra sessions later
to replenish soon-exhausted funds.

Couldn't Eat Ability, Fame; Kills Self

DENVER.—Capitalism may give
the man with ability a chance to
forge ahead, but you can't prove it
by Lyman E. Bishop, internationally-
famed civil-hydraulic engineer and
authority on water and irrigation
projects. Unable to find a job since
he returned from the U. S. S. R. in
1931, Bishop filled his apartment
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the brain.

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WORLD BOYCOTT ANSWERS HITLER

Resentment Against Anti-
Jewish Terrorism Brings
Storm of Protest From
Workers of All Nations

NEW YORK (FP)—A worldwide
boycott of German products, German
ships and travel in Germany is grow-
ing as the result of the ruthless
fashion in which workers and Jews
have been treated in that country by
the Fascist regime.

Despite Hitler denials, the evi-
dence piles up that workers, Jews,
veterans and in fact all except Nazis
are subject to physical violence, to
boycott, insult and jailing without
cause. While world protest stopped
the worst features of the Nazi boy-
cott of Jewish stores and shops after
one day, doctors, lawyers, teachers,
judges and others are unable to earn
a living and will soon be in the bread
lines. The attack on workers' groups
is believed as bad as ever.

Seeks Hitler's Downfall

How long the Hitler regime will
last is now the subject of world de-
bate. London comment has turned
from being very favorable to Ger-
many to being strongly anti-Hitler.
Boycotts are on in Paris, London and
practically every great city in the
world. Stock and bond prices have
broken on the Berlin exchange, with
orders for German made goods being
cancelled and travel has almost stop-
ped—except as refugees leave the
country. No foreigner knows when
he will be attacked by Nazi and this
doesn't help tourist business.

"American labor is joining the
world protest," Norman Thomas has
announced the formation of the So-
cialist and Labor Conference against
Fascism, to aid the foes of Hitler
and Mussolini and to fight any Fascist
indications in America. Arrange-
ments are being made to bring some
of the most prominent Socialist re-
fugees to America for lecture tours.
President William Green of the
American Federation of Labor is
being invited by President Dubinsky,
of the International Ladies Garment
Workers Union, to act as honorary
chairman.

A cable signed by 12 of America's
most famous musicians, headed by
Arturo Toscanini, has been sent to
Hitler protesting treatment of Ger-
many's great Jewish artists. Aaron
Shapiro, prominent attorney, is head-
ing a committee which plans to reach
every city in the world by cable and
visitation to urge the worldwide boy-
cott of everything German until the
Fascist regime crashes.

STORMY SESSION

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was the prelude to his demand that
"labor take the lead in fighting for a
new balance of power in Pennsylvania
politics."

Motions to discharge committees
were formulated covering nearly
thirty labor measures. On the same
morning that the State Federation of
Labor Convention opened, April 11,
Rep. John J. Kane, Pittsburgh print-
ing trades unionist, led off with a mo-
tion to bring to the floor that bitterly
fought measure, the abolition of the
vicious Pennsylvania coal and iron
police.

Over the protests of the legislative
leaders of the rail unions, floor lead-
ership was entrusted to an Independ-
ent Citizens' member of the legisla-
ture rather than Socialist Representa-
tive Darlington Hoopes, although
the two Socialists, Representatives
Hoopes and Wilson, were privately
relied upon to keep the fight alive in
critical moments.

Hoopes Demands Roll Call

After a very sketchy debate on the
coal and iron police bill the reaction-
aries arbitrarily moved "the previous
question" to shut off further debate.
At precisely this moment, Socialist
Hoopes turned the fight into a genu-
ine filibuster by demanding a roll
call and then a verification of the
roll on the motion to stop debate.
On the main motion a roll call was
secured by Rep. Kane with Hoopes'
second and Hoopes further extended
procedure by again demanding verifi-
cation of the roll which showed the
motion defeated by only 100 to 88.

Rep. Andrews, Independent Citi-
zen, then submitted a motion to dis-
charge committee from his bill ban-
ning company stores by prohibiting
payment of coal miners in any type
of scrip. Hoopes' second was again
necessary to secure the roll call and
amid an angry uproar the Socialist
legislator calmly insisted on a veri-
fication. At this point the Independ-
ent Citizens' member flatly dropped
the fight and trade unionists among
the old party members who are
avowed labor men, began to weaken
in some cases. However the House

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leadership had had sufficient taste of
Hoopes' and his Socialist colleague's
inflexible nerve in three previous
regular and special sessions of the
Pennsylvania General Assembly and
recessed the House for an hour and
a half while the rules committee met
to devise a new rule to meet the la-
bor attack.

The State Federation of Labor a
few blocks away, adjourned and over
a hundred delegates marched over to
the Capitol, each county group with
a list of Senators and Representa-
tives in hand, to interview their leg-
islators in person in a unique lobby-
ing operation. Trade unionist legis-
lators found their backbone some-
what strengthened and the transferred
state convention was present to watch
the legislature go back into action
under the lash of the whip of its re-
actionary leadership.

The chairman of the House rules

committee, immediately upon recon-
vening, submitted a new rule of pro-
cedure for the day which prevented
further motion to discharge, of which
the Federation still had nearly twenty
prepared. Rep. Hoopes at once took
the floor to object in stirring terms
to the striking down of the order of
resolutions under which the discharge
motions must be introduced.

The Socialist legislator nailed on to
the House leadership the reason for
the new rule, namely to prevent open
roll calls on working-class legislation
and to enable legislators to claim the
friendship of organized labor at the
same time they served the interests
of organized employers and wealth.

In terse warning, Hoopes remind-
ed the Speaker that the essence of
the parliamentary system was the
continuance of certain rights of the
minority and that the precedent being
set was not of Socialist making but

might be well put to working-class
use. Speaker Talbot then announced
as a concession that the rules com-
mittee would allow two half hours for
motions to discharge committees the
following day. However, at this
point, Rep. Howard, Fayette, Demo-
crat, who has normally supported mo-
tions of the Socialist legislator in the
past, came to life with a motion to
table the new rule. Hoopes gayly
seized upon this for another roll call
and a verification, and then the same

procedure on the rule itself, which
was adopted 131 to 30.

With the labor forces gagged for
the day, the House proceeded to take
up its calendar with many a dark
glance and imprecation cast in the
direction of the still smiling Social-
ists on the extreme back bench.

Heard on a bus: "He's thinking
of getting married to a widow with
five children—if you call that
thinking."

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R. F. C. REFUSES

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000 are completely cut off from relief.

Socialist Warning Justified

That job of opposing the miserably inadequate allowances was left to the two lone Socialists in the House of Representatives. Socialist Representative Darlington Hoopes had pointed out that "The Federal Government served notice that it is not going to continue to show the generosity that it has shown during the last few months. It is not going to permit the wealthiest states in the Union to get away with appropriating less than one-sixth of the amount that is necessary to feed the starving within its boundaries." The Socialists voted for the April and May emergency appropriation, as they expressed it "with tongue and cheek," knowing full well that it is miserably inadequate to meet the need. When the appropriation bill for the two-year period beginning June, reached the House, appropriating even less than a million a month for that period, the Socialists voted "no" and induced a number of old party men to do likewise in protest at the inadequacy of the bill.

Rail Jobs Vanishing

CLEVELAND.—Railway employment fell below the million mark for the second time since 1898 when it totaled only 998,542 for December, 1932. In the course of the year 1932, 115,149 more railroad workers lost their jobs.

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TAMAQUA SOCIALIST VISITS LOCAL PLANTS

Ernest Swenson, a Tamaqua Socialist stopped in Reading en route to the State Federation of Labor convention last Tuesday to visit local Socialist headquarters. Comrade Swenson was delighted with his inspection of the Advocate and Peoples Printing Company plants and the Co-operative cigar factory at Labor Lyceum.

Sunday Night Forums For April

April 16—Easter message, "The Destiny of Man" by Max C. Putney

April 23—"The Basis of Authority in Morals" by Dr. J. A. Heck School of Theology, Albright College

April 30—"The Bible Solution for Depression" by Paul Lincoln Dundore Well-known Bible Student of Reading

Universalist Church

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Activities of the Reading Socialists

SOUTHERN BRANCH CARD PARTY

The regular Saturday night Card Party at Labor Lyceum will be sponsored by the Southern Women's Branch. High quality where "eats" and prizes are concerned, and a good evening's fun are promised to all who patronize. Only 25 cents per corner.

WOMEN'S SOCIALIST EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE STARTED TWENTY-NINE YEARS AGO

Plans are being made by the Women's Committee of Local Berks to sponsor an event in honor of the League, and in recognition of the work they have so faithfully carried on for almost 30 years. A beautiful tree has been purchased by the Committee, and it will be planted in the Socialist Park at Sinking Spring with all the pomp and ceremony due an event of this kind. Keep your eye on this column for further details and the exact date.

GIRL GYMNASIUM, ATTENTION

Next Wednesday's class of the Girls' division of the Workers' Gymnastic Alliance will be held in the headquarters of the Southern Branch, Peach and Franklin streets. All members are urged to come for practice.

\$40.61 FOR RADIO FROM SOCIALIST WOMEN

An example of what can be done when the Socialist women make an organized effort to do things was furnished last week when \$40.61 was turned over to the radio committee by the Women's Socialist League. The money was the proceeds from

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Every Saturday Night 8 to 12

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the card party sponsored by the League. In addition the women came through with the regular monthly pledge of \$8, in order that the Socialist message may continue to go out each Sunday.

With the party's funds "frozen" in Reading's banks, this help from the League was especially appreciated.

SHILLINGTON BRANCH CHANGES MEETING DATES

Attention is called to the following schedule of branch meetings in Shillington: 1st Fridays at borough hall; 3rd Fridays at I. O. of A. hall. All persons interested are asked to note this change.

LOST ARTICLES HELD AT LABOR LYCEUM

The following articles were found at various Socialist functions and can be recovered by their owners at Labor Lyceum:

Shopping Bag, has been at Labor Lyceum for about 6 weeks. Contains bathing outfit.

Scarf and Umbrella. Woman's hat and man's cap, found after Y. P. S. L. play in St. Casimir hall.

If you have lost any of the above articles come to Labor Lyceum and identify your property.

WILL ORGANIZE JOBLESS IN GIBRALTAR FRIDAY

After the regular meeting of Gibraltar Branch tonight the meeting will be devoted to the organization of the unemployed into a branch of the Taxpayers' Protective League. All persons interested, whether Socialists or not are invited to attend this meeting in the Gibraltar Fire Co. hall.

BASEBALL

All players and candidates for the Socialist baseball team will report for practice Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Socialist Park in Sinking Spring. Practice will also be Sunday afternoon.

COUNTY COMMITTEE THURSDAY

County committeemen are urged to attend this meeting as business of great importance will be transacted.

CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

The committee in charge of assisting this Congress urges all delegates to meet with the County Committee April 24. Branches who have not yet elected delegates, do so at once.

Y. P. S. L. NOTES

Monday, Circle 2, discussion of Communist Manifesto.

Wednesday, Circles 6 and 7, social night.

Wednesday, Circle 10, discussion on current events.

Thursday, Circle 4, speaker (to be announced).

Thursday, Circles 1 and 9, speaker, Albert Hartman.

The Workers' Theatre meets every Tuesday evening at 8:30 in the Labor Lyceum. All those interested in putting across a minstrel show are asked to come to the meetings.

The girls' baseball team will play on Saturday, April 15, at Fourteenth and Buttonwood streets at 2:30 sharp. All meet at the Labor Lyceum.

Dope, dope, dope on the hike to the Pinnacle: Yipsels and friends will leave the Labor Lyceum at 8 a. m. From Greenwald the party will walk to the top of the hill, Berks County's highest. Bring enough lunch along! Everyone will be back in time for the general meeting in the Lyceum.

Thirty-five cents will provide an excellent banquet at Labor Lyceum, Sunday, April 16th. N. E. C. members will be among the tongue-twisting Levenstein, the handsome Smerkin and others. Tickets may be obtained from Y. P. S. L. members.

BRANCH MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17

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Southern Women: Hazelle Hoopes.
Gibraltar: Albert Hartman.
Berkshire Heights: John Reifsnnyder.
Odd Fellows' Hall: Aaron Levenstein, Julius Umansky and Arthur McDowell, YPSL speakers.
Monday, April 17:
Northeast: Luther Adams.
Central: Birch Wilson.
Sinking Spring: Cleve Long.
Tuesday, April 18:
Lebanon: Fred Merkel.
Vinemont: John Reifsnnyder.
Womelsdorf: James Roslin.
Laureldale: Current events.
Spring City: James Wesner.
Muhlenberg: Walter Schaefer.
Kenhorst: Adam Eberly.
West Reading: Clyde Kiebach.
18th Ward: Albert Hartman.
Southern: Stewart Tomlinson.
Friday, April 21:
Northwest: Walter Schaefer.
West Lawn: Current events.
Exeter: Stewart Tomlinson.
Shillington: John Reifsnnyder.
Berkshire Heights: Clyde Kiebach.

LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By STEPHEN H. ELY

Owing to the fact that the schools are closed from April 12 to 17, inclusive, the Monday night class was the only one to hold a session this week.

I believe that all those who attended this session will agree that the assignments were of exceptional interest. They dealt principally with the students' personal experiences while working in various parts of this and foreign countries.

Speaking on a subject that they thoroughly understood, the students delivered their assignments with an ease that was often absent in previous work of this type.

The question period that followed each talk not only added to the interest of the listeners, but proved very instructive to the students in general.

Both classes will hold a joint session next Monday night at the Labor Lyceum. The Wednesday night class will also have a session on Wednesday, April 19 at the usual place, the Southern Junior High School.

The date of our symposium has been changed to Wednesday, April 26. We have secured all the speakers for this event, but it is hoped that we will be able to announce completion of our plans in the next issue of this paper.

Owing to the fact that the Continental Congress is being held on May 6, the date on which we had intended to hold our banquet, we have advanced this final social event of the Labor College to Saturday May 20.

BIRTH CONTROL LECTURE FOR WOMEN ONLY, APR. 19

The Taxpayers' Protective League of Berks county is sponsoring a meeting on birth control at the Universalist Church on Franklin street above Fourth on Wednesday afternoon, April 19, at 2:30 o'clock. This lecture will be given by Mrs. Mary B. Nelson, Secretary of the Berks County Federation of the Birth Control League of Pennsylvania, who is an authority on the subject. It will be held in the Recreation Hall of the Church, and all women are cordially invited to attend.

The Taxpayers' Protective League has taken this step, realizing that this information must reach the wives and mothers of the unemployed in Reading and Berks County.

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WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE

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Her voice growing husky in the effort, the Socialist spokeswoman paraded before the legislators the tired, worn, prematurely old and fading faces of the children of mill and street, child labor in all its criminal indictment of a society that permits

it to continue. In conclusion, she quoted that biting ironic poem of Elizabeth Gilman on the humanity that in its pride of achievement finds itself alone among the animal kingdom the "only one that preys upon its young."

When the roll was called and verified, many members were not to be found on record, just a little too ashamed of face to vote as their orders called for.



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WORKER GROUPS

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Central Labor Union of Lancaster, Workers Unemployed Council of Chambersville, Ashland, Reamstown, Sayer, Renova, Lebanon, Pottstown and Harrisburg.

Practically all workingclass groups of Berks County will participate, including the local Taxpayers' Protective League, Building Trades Council and the American Federation of Railroad Workers (shopmen's union). The latter organization has already made a cash contribution to assure the success of the conference.

College Educator Coming.
A unique feature of the gathering

will be the presence of Dr. Jesse Holmes, professor of philosophy at Swarthmore College. Dr. Holmes will join the group in response to an invitation extended to a number of educators.

"I feel that the problems which confront the workers of the nation at this time are sufficiently pressing to require the attention of all groups," White stated yesterday, "and have invited a number of college educators to be present to help plan for action in the present economic collapse. I have issued a special invitation to a group in the University of Pennsylvania, and believe that a number of people will come from that institution."

To Discuss Many Problems
Among the subjects on the agenda, and upon which special committees probably will be formed are: Farm rehabilitation; unemployment needs—immediate and future; social and economic reconstruction; political science; socialization of mines, railroads and public utilities; basic and miscellaneous industries; public education standards and banking reforms.

The local committee considers the coming conference as one of the most important moves made by the workers of Pennsylvania since the collapse of Capitalist economy in 1929. White reports that the movement to unite the workers of the state upon a definite course of united action has evoked favorable comment from many sections of the nation and has brought inquiries from all parts of the state.

It is planned to hold the conference in four sessions. Saturday's session will be afternoon and evening. On Sunday the major portion of the work will be done in the morning with only a brief session in the afternoon.

THEY VOTED TO LET MILLIONS GO HUNGRY

WASHINGTON (FP).—Senators who voted, or deliberately paired their votes, against the Costigan-LaFollette-Wagner bill providing \$500,000,000 for hunger relief of the unemployed, when that measure passed the upper branch of Congress on March 30, were:

Austin, Bailey, Barbour, Carey, Dickinson, Davis, Fess, Goldsborough, Gore, Hale, Hastings, Hatfield, Hebert, Keam, Keyes, McNary, Metcalf, Patterson, Reed, Townsend, Walcott and White.

Bailey is from North Carolina, a Democrat; Gore is the Oklahoma renegade liberal Democrat who came back to the Senate in 1930 on a platform of attacking Wall Street. McNary of Oregon is the Republican floor leader. Metcalf of Rhode Island has a personal income of half a million dollars a year. Davis, former secretary of labor, under federal indictment for running a lottery, shared with Fess and Dickinson of Iowa the claim of being "close to Hoover."

No alternative plan of providing for the millions of destitute families of the unemployed was before Congress when these men voted against the continuation of federal aid.

Mourning For Mrs. Lansbury Omitted At Her Request

LONDON.—The funeral of Mrs. George Lansbury, wife of the leader of the British Labor Party, was made an occasion of thanksgiving for a happy life, at her request. Mourning and dirges gave way to Mendelssohn's Wedding March and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

ASSERTS RIGHT OF STARVING TO SEIZE FOOD

Rail Labor Heads Take Militant Attitude In Manifesto Denouncing Wage Cutting

SCORE PRIVATE BUSINESS

Government Operation Declared Only Course When Private Ownership Fails to Supply Needs

WASHINGTON (FP).—That the starving unemployed have the right to seize food and other necessities of life, if government fails in its responsibility to safeguard them in means of livelihood through work and wages or through adequate public relief, was boldly asserted in a public manifesto issued in Washington March 30 by the Rail Labor Executives' Association, over the signature of A. F. Whitney, president.

The same statement declared that private ownership of the railroads has failed, and that rail labor will not tolerate a private monopoly controlled by anyone but the government. It denounced wage cutting.

"The organized railway employees announce their unyielding opposition," the statement said, "to every program for increasing unemployment and destroying purchasing power by either reducing work or cutting wages. This is no time for the government, or the railways or private industries to add more thousands of men to the breadlines and to deprive dependent women and children of their support. Every measure of so-called economy which reduces the total income of the wage earners brings nearer the day when millions of dispossessed, destitute and desperate people will be goaded into seizing food, clothing and shelter to which they have a right by the supreme law of self-preservation."

"Borrow or Take"
"No government or private employer has the right today to take away jobs or wages necessary to keep human beings alive and healthy, without accepting responsibility for supplying a new means of support. No man who has more than he needs has a right today to hoard his surplus while millions are in want. The government should borrow from those who will lend, and take from those who will not lend; all the money necessary to put millions of men to work now. We should be done with vacillation and delay, and do this first thing first."

"The government which will not put the need for spending money to provide more work and more wages ahead of any demand for saving money by reducing work and wages, cannot endure. The owners of industry who will not do likewise, cannot remain trustees of the common wealth."

"The millions of unemployed, and those still employed on part time and miserable wages, have been patient long enough. It is time to stop asking for relief. If that demand is not met, the power of action must be transferred to those who will do it for the common good."

Gov't Should Act
"When the owners of private property are incapable of providing the workers with work or consumers with necessary goods and services, there is no choice left to a government for the people except to take over property and operate it for the benefit of all. The railroads today give an example of the failure and incapacity of private ownership of an essential industry. Railroad owners are now proposing to deprive thousands of communities of service, to

deprive several hundred thousand workers of work and wages, and to destroy billions of dollars in property values, in order that they may make unjust profits out of a consolidated monopoly of main line railroads.

"The people of the United States will not tolerate a private monopoly of railroad transportation under any dictatorship subservient to Wall Street bankers. If the days of competition are ended then the only monopoly control which the people will tolerate is actual and direct control by the Government."

At the same hour President Green of the American Federation of Labor issued a statement that representatives of all national and international unions affiliated with the Federation—including many of the rail labor executives who had joined in Whitney's defiant manifesto—were in session at Federation headquarters. They were considering a program which they would present next day to Secretary of Labor Perkins in the conference on the unemployment crisis which she had summoned. Representatives of the independent brotherhoods of rail transportation workers were included in the A. F. of L. leaders' meeting. Green anticipated that the labor spokesmen would reach agreement on "definite recommendations and suggestions" upon all the questions submitted to them by Secretary Perkins.

BOHN

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enormous increase in the wealth-producing resources of the nation and declared that only through the planned system which Socialists propose can those resources be used for the welfare of everybody. "When the means of life are owned and operated for everybody depressions will be over, for then wealth will be produced for use and not for the profit of a few people."

Discusses Roosevelt Plans
In an interesting question period at the close of the meeting Bohn described the Roosevelt farm relief plan as a means of taxing everybody in order to give a little help to the agricultural workers.

"What the president proposes to do is to institute an elaborate system of taxing the consumer without hurting the middle men. If the means of distribution were owned by the people instead of by a small group, the farmer would not be exploited by those middle men who 'process' the food."

The speaker was introduced by Steward Tomlinson, of the Southern Branch, under whose auspices the meeting was held.

CHAUTAUQUA

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a wage-saving device and passing it up to his superiors so that increased dividends and bonuses for the managing directors are secured, while the worker finally gets the gate for his reward. Mocking satire, inspiring chorus and community singing, with the audience singing from mimeographed song sheets provided; battlesongs of labor that have come out of stirring strike situations, tragic echoes of the ill-fated Bonus Army sound in the mass recital of the Ballads of the B. E. F.—all these and other items make up the program, with topical talklets and the dramatization of current events in the Living Newspaper.

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and Mr. Mark Starr, compose the group visiting Reading. The students come from diverse localities and industries, and by this extended Chautauqua tour are rounding off their studies by making contacts with the local labor movement and particularly with the organized unemployed. No one should miss this unique show.

Ohio Party Calls For Government-Owned Banks

CLEVELAND.—The Socialist party of Ohio sent to Governor George White, and to members of the state legislature, a resolution call-

ing for state support to banks owned by the federal government, "for the benefit of all the people instead of a selected few, among whom we find too many who cannot be trusted with other people's money."

Farmers Win Milk Price Rise

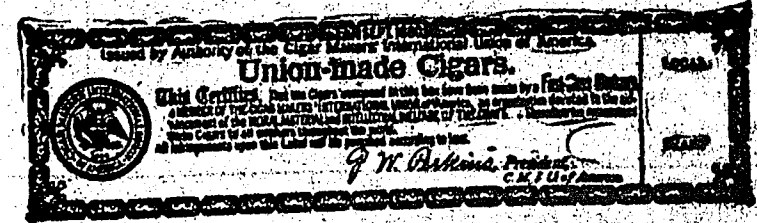
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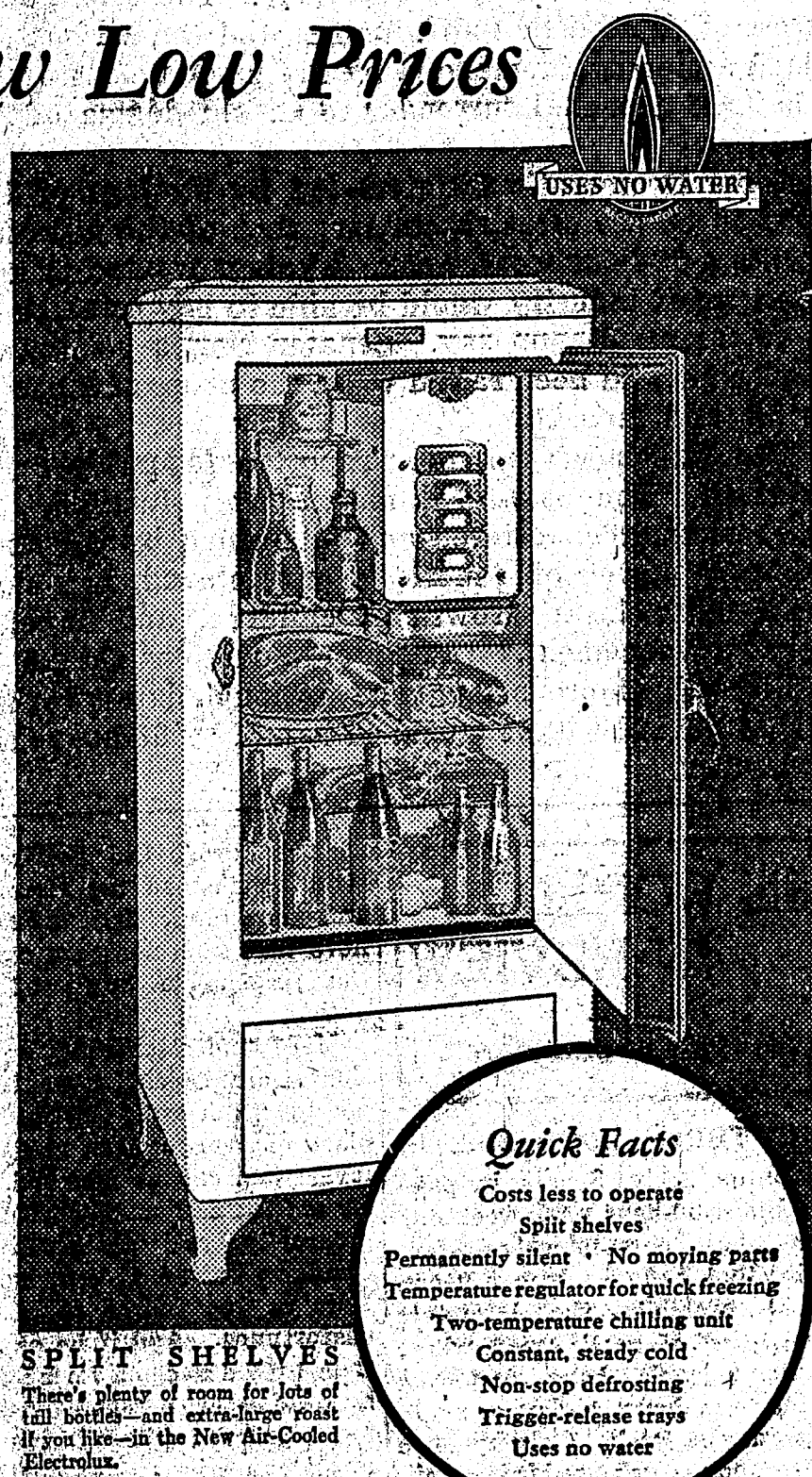
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Exhaustive tests on these home suits and from them users may expect minimum operating costs for refrigeration and water heating, Mr. Smith says.

A MODEL FOR PATRIOTS

By ROBERT T. KERLIN

The call for a Continental Congress for Economic Reconstruction, to be held in Washington, D. C., on May 6 and 7, sends us back to our history books.

In October, 1774, the famous First Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and became the first decisive step of the American colonists toward their independence. Grievances long borne and now become intolerable brought that Congress into being. Unjust taxation, imposing upon the colonists a standing army in time of peace, robbing them of civil liberties, iniquitous trials for treason according to antiquated statutes, appointment of judges who were not responsible to the people—these were grievances stated in their Resolutions.

"The miseries to which they had been reduced," they declared in their Call, had been set forth in petitions which the King and his subservient ministers had declined to receive. Therefore, "for the recovery and establishment of their just rights and liberties," they proposed and called this Congress.

The memorable action of this First Continental Congress properly took the form of a Declaration of Rights. That action was fundamental. It was a manifesto to the tyrannical government against which they were rising, and to the world, of the grounds of their rebellion. This Declaration began by affirming the colonists' right to "life, liberty, and property." They did "claim, demand, and insist upon their inalienable rights and liberties" as free citizens of the British Empire. They denounced acts and measures which are violations of those rights and liberties, violations that belonged to "a system formed to enslave America."

New statutes had been imposed, they asserted, that "are impolitic, unjust, and cruel, as well as unconstitutional and most dangerous and destructive of American rights." "Assemblies have been frequently dissolved contrary to the rights of the people when they attempted to petition on grievances." Their petitions for redress had repeatedly been treated with contempt by their overlords.

This famous Declaration speaks for itself. It is an excellent model. The Congress itself is an excellent model. What that Congress and that Declaration meant for the world in 1774 in a political way our Continental Congress for Economic Reconstruction and the Declaration it should issue should mean in an economic way. That Congress and that Declaration were surcharged with the spirit of rebellion; they led directly to the American Revolution. It was not six months until "the embattled farmers . . . fired the shot heard around the world."

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By JOHN PAINE
Federated Press

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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

OUR PRESIDENT

The enthusiasm which conservative-Capitalist papers diligently inculcate for a President who "does things without bothering about Congress" has hypnotized even some of the unemployed workers who do not seem to understand that, so far, the President's banking program, his economy program, and his projected railroad program all mean a decrease of purchasing power in the hands of the masses. This in turn means an increase and not a decrease of unemployment. No conceivable devices will make the President's work camps other than a mark of the drift toward the Fascist state.

The five hundred million dollar federal relief bill which he advocated is superior to the Hoover program in administrative features and because it avoids the hypocrisy of calling gifts to states and municipalities, loans. The plain truth is however, that this five hundred million dollar appropriation will only provide relief from the federal government to states and cities at about the present rate, while the need is vastly increased. The action of the New York City Board of Estimate in appropriating only about half for the month of April of what they knew was necessary on the basis of the calculations of their own welfare workers for a mere subsistence program is characteristic of America. We help only the hungriest of the hungry in order that human beings may not die on our streets of actual starvation, and our officials applaud the docility of workers kept from rioting by a crust of bread. This tragedy will continue until the workers organize and speak for themselves. Let us make the New Continental Congress a proof that we are awake.

TOADYING TO HITLER

It is amazing to see how the opposition to Hitlerism in Germany has knuckled under. The Roman Catholic Church, which in the main had fought Hitlerism, has made a tentative peace with its foe. American papers carried pictures of a great bonfire of Communist literature, allegedly turned over by former Communists, who have now become Fascists. Some Jewish leaders, in spite of, or because of, an outrageous economic boycott have been broadcasting appeals to their fellow Jews to make no public protest against this national movement in Germany. Hitler, of course, has found anti-Semitism a convenient way to hold together rich and poor in his extraordinary party. He can make the poor think that it is not the rich but only the rich Jews they need to fear and hate! In the long run the rich Jews will make some kind of peace with Hitler and only the militant workers will bear the brunt of his wrath.

We shall miss the lesson of all this unless we see the urgent necessity here in America of killing the Fascist viper while it is still small. We must get together for the purpose of opposing Fascism on the widest front on which effective co-operation in good faith may be possible. It is with the labor forces to the right of Socialism, especially, that we must seek some understanding of the magnitude of the crises here in our own country and in the world.

The New Continental Congress in Washington on May 6th and 7th must become more than ever a means of effective action against Fascism. Such action requires a positive program. No conferences which Secretary Perkins may hold on Roosevelt's

behalf with labor leaders must blind the workers to the fact that the Roosevelt Program is giving us the economics of the Fascist state to the tune of liberal professions.

One thing which the Fascist victory in Germany makes clear is the utter failure of our participation in the great war in terms of any ideal ends. From a Hohenzollern to a Hitler is a step backward from every point of view. The truth is that we never went to war to make the world safe for Democracy, but only for the profits of American trade with the Allies. Whatever admixture of idealism crept into this fundamental economic struggle was frustrated by the method of war. So it will always be. Yet still we drift to war. A President who has slashed wages and salaries has as yet found no money for housing and hospitals but consents to put a big navy appropriation into a bill ostensibly for the relief of the unemployed! Walter Lippmann, mouthpiece for a certain type of intellectual, tries to justify his own war-time desertion of his former radicalism, by seeing in the triumph of Hitlerism in Germany proof of certain qualities of the German people or certain dominant section of them against which we had to fight. So he rationalizes his share in the making of a war which did not end war and a peace which did end peace. It is sadly evident that it is not to our leaders that we can look to protection from armed conflict. It is the youth of America who would have to fight the next war in the trenches to whom we must look. The movement in the colleges, beginning in conservative Brown University, of students who announce that they will not be dragooned into war is a thing to make our hearts rejoice.

GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS

Uncle Sam has gone into the banking business in a big way in Detroit. Through the R. F. C., he has subscribed half the stock of a new \$25,000,000 bank to take the place of two banks which went to wreck under the management of bankers.

It is too soon to say that the venture is wise; but it illustrates something which the country should not be allowed to forget.

Some 12 years ago, this country was greeted with the slogan: "More business in government, and less government in business." The slogan was carried into effect. Business, Big Business, was allowed to run itself—and the government. Washington took orders from Wall Street. To give just two examples, the tariffs were written to please the manufacturers, and the President and Secretary of the Treasury acted as ballyhoosers for the riot of speculation on the stock and grain exchanges.

Big Business ran itself and the country into the ground; and for the past two years, has been begging and pleading with the government to go into the business of saving Big Business from its own greed and imbecility. And still the ones who shouted the loudest for the supremacy of business fail to see the joke.—Labor.

THE MONEY CHANGERS ARE STILL IN THE TEMPLE

It is amusing to see the way in which liberals and progressives are hedging away from their former hero-worshiping attitude toward Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There's Paul Y. Anderson, for instance. He is one of the keenest-minded of the Washington correspondents. He warmly supported Roosevelt. He still praises the gentleman for some of his traits; and undoubtedly he has some good traits, such as his pleasant personality and his open way of meeting the newspaper fraternity.

But Anderson also uses some rather critical expressions regarding Roosevelt's activities since the inauguration. We quote:

"It is plain that some thousands of banks have closed, never to open again, and that the innocent depositors must suffer with the guilty bankers. Official assurances to the contrary are appallance."

"A vast curtailment of the veterans' graft is in sight, but with it comes a threat (now carried out) to impose new hardships on an army of underpaid federal employees. Worse, hundreds of conscienceless scoundrels throughout the country have already seized upon that threat as an excuse for inflicting additional cuts in the pay of their own miserable hirelings."

"I never took much stock in the theory that economic dislocations can be cured by Dr. Coue's method. Hoover tried that."

"Two tremendous opportunities were open to him (Roosevelt). . . . He could have provided himself with power to raise the limit on deposits in the postal savings banks, and to open them to checking accounts. . . . He could have obtained authority to declare the federal reserve banks commercial banks, thus establishing the nucleus of a unified banking system under control of the Federal Reserve Board."

"There is danger that the strong surviving banks will seize the opportunity to gobble up the country's business at about 10 cents on the dollar, and, as one of my colleagues phrased it, 'simply centralize the stealing.'"

He adds that there are too many conservatives around, and he asks, "Who told Secretary Woodin it was necessary to pay 4 per cent for short-term money, when the treasury recently was borrowing for as little as 1-8 of 1 per cent? Why didn't

we ask for bids in the first place? It is good to hear about the money changers being driven from the temple: it will be better still when they are actually out."

Naturally he did not mention the 30-hour week bill, for it originated elsewhere than in the white house. It is a good measure and we hope the president will allow it to be enacted into law.—Milwaukee Leader.

THIRTY-HOUR WEEK BILL BEFORE SENATE

On April 3 the United States Senate debated a measure proposing the limitation of work hours in privately owned industries throughout the nation. Whatever may be the fate of the bill its mere discussion and even defense by some Senators is an epoch in the history of that body. The Senate has been a fortress of capitalistic individualism and the serious discussion of such a measure demanded by the labor unions of the country is itself a partial surrender to an old dogma of American capitalism.

Some Democratic Senators led by Tydings of Maryland proved to be the most reactionary foes of the measure which proposes a 30-hour work week. Tydings wanted to know how the owners of industry would be able to pay as much a 6-hour day as for an 8-hour day. Senator Norris pointed out that this question had been raised when the hours of labor were 14, then 12, and then 10.

The Judiciary Committee reported favorably on the bill. It declared, "Time is vital in meeting this situation. . . . Paralysis of commerce, fostered and intensified by the absence of purchasing power of America's unemployed, has closed our schools, stunted the growth of children, and imperiled our national advancement." Labor organizations should back up this bill with vigorous language although latest reports indicate that the bill will be amended to a 35 or 36-hour day.—The New Leader.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

THE THIRTY-HOUR BILL

The United States Senate, by passing the Black 30-hour work week bill, took one of the most important steps made by that body in recent years. The bill prohibits the interstate transportation of goods upon whose production people have employed more than six hours a day or more than five days a week. Only by some drastic proposal such as this can millions of the unemployed ever again hope to secure work.

The weakness in the bill is that no minimum wage provision is coupled with it. If employers, as most of them will, reduce wages in proportion to shortened hours, the result will be a reduction in a standard of living that is already far too low. We will then have merely a compulsory sharing-of-the-work plan, which will not help an economic recovery because there will be no increase in mass purchasing power. Nor would it help to provide that eight hours pay be given for the six hours' work, for in these days of frequent wage cuts the phrase "eight hours pay" is meaningless. It is essential that we write into the law of the land some minimum wage figure that must always be paid, some standard below which wages cannot be cut.

Nevertheless it is important that that Black bill, even with this glaring weakness, be passed, and that the fight for a minimum wage law be carried on with greater vigor than ever. The history of the past hundred years has been that reductions in the hours of labor are as a rule retained, though wage increases may not be. Certainly the long working week is doomed, and the sooner we are rid of it, the better.

We have yet to learn Roosevelt's precise attitude toward the bill. In the Senate his spokesmen fought unsuccessfully to make the permitted level thirty-six instead of thirty hours per week, with the eight-hour day expressly permitted; and with patronage as yet not dispensed, the president has been getting whatever he has asked for. If we are to get the maximum of benefit from the law, however, it is essential that the present figure be retained.

NAZI MADNESS

Hitlerism reaches new heights of stupidity in the proposal to reform the Christian religion so as to abolish

the Jewish Old Testament, substituting instead the German sagas and fairy tales. It is difficult to believe that such nonsense comes from the responsible heads of a great nation.

More understandable is the decision to dismiss civil servants who are one-fourth or more Jewish; for in the place of every person so displaced a loyal Nazi can be installed. If Hitler cannot end unemployment, bring prosperity, and abolish the Polish Corridor, he can at least hold up the Jews as the source of all German misfortunes. And if he at the same time provides employment for Nazis by dismissing the Jews, he is following a practice with which politicians in all countries can sympathize.

It has pretty well been demonstrated in the few weeks since Hitler assumed power that he is a man without intelligence, without character, without ideas. He is obviously Germany at its worst. If a new election could be held tomorrow, there is little doubt that he would not return to power. The tragedy is, of course, that Hitler cannot be gotten rid of now except at the price of civil war.

UNITED FRONT

Hitlerism would have been impossible in Germany had the two great working-class parties, the Social Democrats and the Communists, offered a united front to the Nazis. Neither party is entirely free from blame, but the major responsibility must be borne by the Communists, who on the eve of the Hitler triumph were telling their followers that then, as always, their primary task was to destroy the Social Democracy.

It is to be hoped that as a result of the German disaster there will come a genuine united front of working-class parties throughout the world. This is possible, however, only on the basis of mutual trust and confidence, qualities of which the Communists have as yet given no indication. So long as Communists propose united front activities solely in the hope of discrediting and attacking the Socialists, our policy should be to have nothing to do with them. When they come to us in a genuine and sincere effort to co-operate against the common foe, we will gladly work with them. But this change of heart on their part will come only when the two Internationalists have patched up their differences, and orders to act decently are sent from Moscow to the Communist parties throughout the world.

Mooney Framer On Probation

SAN FRANCISCO—Draper Hand, who was demoted and then discharged from the San Francisco police force for confessing his part in the scheme to railroad Mooney and Billings, has just been put on five years' probation for fraud of which he was convicted a year ago in a building contract. He was sentenced to prison, appealed, and his conviction sustained, but with probation instead of a prison term.

Boy Starves To Death

DETROIT—Edgar Lepley, 14, fell dead in the midst of a basketball game in which he had participated. Cause of his death, doctors said, was starvation. Investigation showed that he had been living on leftovers from church suppers and unsaleable foodstuffs donated by storekeepers. His parents, two brothers and six sisters had been existing on a similar diet.

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: Fourth Tuesday of each month in Orioles' Hall.
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.
Kenhorst: 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.
Newmanstown: Meets first and third Wednesday of the month in Band Hall at 8 p. m.
Shillington: First and Third Fridays at 8 p. m. First Friday in Borough Hall; third Friday in I. O. of A. 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.
Womelsdorf: 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.
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.
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 331 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 Newmanstown 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.
Amherst, 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'LAR FELLERS



Pop Can't Tune In On That



By Gene Byrnes



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