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PENNA. WORKERS UNITE FOR ACTION

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

PEOPLE MAY BE divided into many groups. However, for the purpose of these reflections I am dividing the working class into two sections: One section is composed of the battling, organizing, demanding type. Sometimes they know exactly what they are after—and why. More often, however, their activities are merely blind reflexes to the pains of poverty and economic injustice. But regardless of the degree of their understanding, they do resent, resist and struggle. For that honor them.

The other section is somewhat contemptible. It is composed of individuals who take no action in their behalf and are never found within the ranks of organizations of the working class. On the contrary, they meekly and hopelessly wait for something to turn up and wonder what "they" (meaning Capitalist political representatives) are going to do for the people.

This second class reminds me of a story about two southern Negroes: Meeting on the street Erasmus said to Rastus: "Mah goodness boy, you suah does look low."

"Ah is low," Rastus mournfully admitted. "Ah's so low that ah's eben stopped wishin'. Why, dis maw'nin' when ah wakes up ah just laid flat on mah back, and ah all could think to say was, 'well, Luck, heah ah is, what you gohno do wid me today?'"

IT IS BECAUSE so many people fail to do something FOR THEMSELVES that the master class and their politicians are able to do so much WITH workers and so little FOR them.

Just why more workers fail to see that they are being "used" is more than I can explain. In times of peace they're "used" as animated machines. In times of war they're "used" as cannon fodder. But do they object? They do not. Only when the system cracks, when the masters stop "using" their humble servants, is there any great cry set up. And then most workers complain merely because nobody does anything WITH them.

IT IS THAT humble, meek, dependent attitude which makes the masses such easy prey to the classes. While they are waiting and wondering what Luck and the Capitalist rulers are going to do WITH them, the powers that be tighten the chains of economic slavery upon their limbs.

What are the masters going to do (Continued on Page Two)

Workers Federation Is Result of 2-Day Meet Of Many Labor Groups

Maurer Made First Permanent Chairman and Earl White, Secretary, of New Organization

UNIFIED ACTION SOUGHT

Workers of City and Farm Pledge Cooperation With Unemployed to End Poverty

Meeting in a two-day conference in Reading last Saturday and Sunday, the progressive workers of Pennsylvania united their forces in a new organization, with James H. Maurer as chairman, which has representation extending from the extreme southeastern to the northwestern sections of the

To All Worker Groups In Penna.:

Quick action is necessary throughout the State to prevent the Old Age Pension bill from being killed by three Senators. Senators Woodward, Buckman and Fay are the sub-committee which is "pickling" the bill and they are determined that the people shall not have an opportunity to vote on this matter of vital importance to the workers of Pennsylvania.

Many other Senators are willing to hide behind the arbitrary action of these three men.

Act This Week!

Over the week end, all worker groups should call upon their senators AT THEIR HOMES and demand that action be taken to bring this important bill out of committee. Don't delay; the legislature is planning to adjourn next week. Make your wishes plain and emphatic. Let no Senator doubt that his political future depends upon the manner in which he acts for the protection of Pennsylvania's aged workers.

corporation-ridden Keystone State. The call sent out by the Action Committee in Reading was answered by 250 delegates, representing 45 political and economic groups of farmers, workers, unemployed and progressive workers. The organization will be known as "The United Workers' Federation of Pennsylvania."

In opening the conference, James H. Maurer as chairman of the Action Committee, outlined the purpose of the conference.

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED WORKERS' FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

America today is not owned by the American people. Our so-called national wealth is not the wealth of the nation but of the privileged few. These few are the real rulers of America. They dominate the lives of their fellowmen. They own our jobs and determine our wages; they control markets and fix prices; they own our homes and fix rents; they own our food and set its cost; they own the press; they own the government and make our laws; they own our schools and mould the people's minds.

The United Workers' Federation of Pennsylvania demands that the country and its socially useable industrial wealth be redeemed from the control of private interests and turned over to the people to be administered for the use of all. It urges the workers to take economic and political control away from the capitalist class through the power of their united efforts.

The United Workers' Federation advocates the establishment of a system of cooperative and publicly owned and managed warehouses, municipally owned dairies, markets and credits to promote direct dealing between farmers and city consumers at the cost of the service in their mutual interests.

It advocates the socialization of industry under democratic

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WOULD DESTROY SMALL PARTIES PRET'L STRIKERS STANDING FIRM

Hoopes and Wilson Fighting Against Proposed Law Which Will Exclude Workers From Politics

Having adopted rules of order which are designed to gag the voices of minorities in the House of Representatives, the political gangs of big business in the Pennsylvania law-making bodies are now planning to kill minority (workers) political parties by exacting fees for the filing of nomination petitions which, in a statewide election would approximate \$12,000 and prevent all but the two political parties of big business from placing candidates in the field. The passage of the bill will be fought by Representatives Hoopes and Wilson, who have given publicity to the measure.

This bill, establishing a political trust to which none could belong without the financial support of the very rich, has already passed in the Senate and is being quietly but ac-

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Public Sentiment For Workers Encourages Bachman Employees — Will Hold Mass Meeting Tonight

At the end of the second week on strike, the workers from the Bachman Pretzel Company are holding firm. Only two have deserted their ranks. The strikers have been encouraged by the sentiment of the general public whose sympathy is with the workers in their fight against wage cuts.

Popular sentiment is against wage cutting which has lowered the living standards of the entire working class. Resentment is growing against employers who resort to child labor and violate the state law by working women long hours while many strong, willing workers are unemployed. They feel bitter toward a firm who has the audacity to lower wages at a time when business in their particular line has shown a marked increase.

Imported Scabs Unpopular
The action of the Bachman firm in importing strikebreakers from other

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BULLETIN

Yesterday afternoon, while going to press, news was received of a proposed levy upon furniture in an apartment at 133 South Sixth street. The case is in the hands of Alderman Messer, 4th Ward, and will be contested by the Taxpayers' Protective League. The League has stationed pickets at the apartment to forestall the alderman's next move.

DEMONSTRATION BY UNEMPLOYED HALTS EVICTION

Taxpayers' Protective League Acts to Prevent Constable From Making Eight Persons Homeless

WILL ACT AGAIN TODAY

League Takes Stand Upon Basic Right of Workers. Socialist Constables Refuse To Oust Jobless

A constable's eviction sale was halted, temporarily at least, on Wednesday morning when several hundred demonstrators, composed of members of the Taxpayers' Protective League and sympathetic neighbors, gathered before the home of George Mock, 1056 North Sixth street, for the purpose of preventing a sale which was threatened by Constable George A. Albert. The action of the League was taken in conformity to a determination of that organization to protect jobless workers against eviction from their homes.

Since the County relief officials have failed to provide for the payment of unpaid rents,

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BACHMAN STRIKE WILL RECEIVE SUPPORT IN ALL PARTS OF STATE

For the duration of the Bachman pretzel strike in Reading, the products of the American Cone and Pretzel Co. will not be very popular among the workers of Pennsylvania.

From Chester to Erie and in all sections of the state delegates to the United Workers' Federation of Pennsylvania are carrying the word to their fellow workers that pretzels are not in favor if they are offered for sale under the following brand names: "Bachman's," "Rolled Gold," "Butter Thin," "V-G," "Black Diamond," "Reading Baking and Pretzel Co."

As news of conditions in Reading seeps across the state, thousands of workers will refuse to spend their money or use their food vouchers with merchants who handle the above brands.

NORTON FAVORS PRECEDENT TO OLD AGE BILL

Unemployed Organization Greets With Hisses Senator's Refusal to Move For Discharge of Committee

PENSION BILL IN DANGER

Failure to Pass Measure in This Session Will Delay Action Until 1938 Under Constitution

Moss-covered senatorial precedent is more important than the welfare of aged workers, in the opinion of Senator James Norton, Republican State Senator from Berks.

Hailed before the Taxpayers' Protective League, in Labor Lyceum last Monday, to state his intentions with regard to the Old Age Pensions bill now picked in a sub-committee of the Committee on Pensions and Gratuities and Pensions, of which Norton is a member, the Berks senator flatly declined to make an effort to seek action by moving for the discharge of the committee from consideration of the bill.

In a meeting which grew stormy as unemployed members of the league challenged Norton's right to refuse to take any means available to

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FINK IS SCORED BY BRICKLAYERS

Say Contractor-School Director Wants High Wages Only When Spending Public's Money

Andrew J. Fink is a generous man as a school director. That is when he spends other people's money. But he hires labor at the very lowest prices obtainable when he acts in the capacity of a private contractor. In that case he is spending his own money.

The above comment, picturing Reading's contractor-school director in a Jekyll-Hyde roll, was made by Henry Button, secretary of the local Bricklayers' Union, this week after Contractor Fink had sub-contracted a bricklaying job on the third floor of the Berks County Trust Building to a firm of non-union bricklayers. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the Bricklayers' Union on Monday night and Fink was roundly condemned for what union members term insincere treatment of their organization.

Button called attention to Fink's

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What Reading Folks Are Talking About

OLD PARTIES TALK ABOUT GOVERNMENT

The highest purpose of the two old political parties is to secure jobs for their hangers-on. Anyone who doubted that may cease doubting, after reading this week's newspapers. From Washington come the cries of the hungry in search of places at the Democratic pork barrel. And here in Berks Democrats and Republicans are forgetting their Fusion tactics, of two years ago and engaging in a debate upon the claims of each party to public jobs. On one thing both agree, namely, that Socialists, however efficient, have no right to hold jobs in city hall.

It is worthy of comment that the same politicians who neglected to provide homes for the jobless, who favored big taxpayers in making city and county budgets, are now so deeply concerned about plums for their henchmen. The real purpose for which they are in politics is thus revealed. Their cries of "good government" are merely for campaign purposes. What they want is merely the spoils of office and—to quote former vice-president Davies—to hell with the trouble makers, Socialists and the working class.

MORE TIMES HYPOCRISY

In connection with the Demo-Rep squabble for jobs the Reading Times comments editorially that it makes no difference who has the jobs, so long as the jobholders are efficient. That's what the Times says now, when there are few Socialists to be disposed of. But back in the early days of the Fusion administration the Times did not see fit to object when Socialists were fired because they were Socialists.

Efficient public servants were sent into the army of the unemployed in

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EX-MAYOR STUMP SPEAKER BUILDING TRADES MEETING

Ex-mayor J. Henry Stump was the speaker this week at the weekly meeting of the Building Trades Council, held every Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at their headquarters on the fourth floor of the Peoples Printing Co. building, 29 Reed street.

Secretary Charles Haederle announces that attendance is growing each week and again invites all building tradesmen, organized and unorganized, to attend these sessions. Efforts are now being made to secure a guest speaker for next week's meeting.

Condemn Fink as Unfair
At this week's meeting action was taken to condemn Andrew J. Fink for his action in engaging non-union bricklayers on a job at the Berks County Trust building. A letter stating the position of the Council will be mailed to Fink.

Harold Seibert, Francis Klemmer and Charles Haederle were named to represent the Council at the Continental Congress of national labor and progressive groups in Washington on May 6-7.

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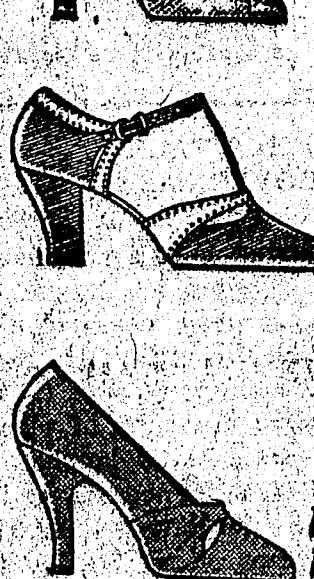
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with the workers? Well, they're going to put them into labor camps. They're going to increase the prices of the things the workers buy. They are going to tie up their bank accounts. They're going to cheapen schools, ruin cities, impoverish hospitals.

Those are some of the things that are now being done WITH the workers. And too many workers are still waiting and wondering how things are going to work out.

IT WAS, THEREFORE, with con-

siderable satisfaction that I witnessed and participated in a two-day conference of Pennsylvania workers who are planning to do something FOR themselves.

The delegates who attended the convention of the United Workers Federation in Reading are not going to be satisfied with anything that a profiteering group may do WITH them. They are out to demand that something be done FOR them. And, more important, they are beginning to see that they must do the doing.

From now on the militant workers of Pennsylvania are going to depend neither upon Luck nor Labor Exploiters. They are not asking merely: "What are you going to do FOR

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

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They produce the nation's wealth, but live in constant dread of poverty. They feed and clothe the rich, yet bow to their alleged superiority. They keep alive the industries, but have no voice in their management. They constitute the majority and can right all these social wrongs whenever they learn to use the power of their numbers.

The ruling class and their political henchmen will never change the system of which they are the beneficiaries. The workers alone have a direct interest in changing the present profit system to one of production for use, and they must take the initiative in bringing about this change.

To do this the workers of hand and brain, in city and country, must be united. They must use their power to force concessions from the owning class, for relief from the terrible conditions they are suffering under today.

But they must also look beyond immediate relief problems to the future, and must permanently organize their forces for the abolition of the system which makes charity inevitable.

They must organize for economic reconstruction, on the basis of transferring to the people ownership of large scale industries, beginning with those of a public character, such as banking, insurance, transportation, communication, mining, and the trustful industries, and extending the process as rapidly as conditions will permit, to the end that the exploitation of labor through rent, interest and profit may finally be abolished.

The United Workers' Federation supports the workers in their daily struggles on the industrial and political fields against the aggressions of the ruling class.

It supports a program that will abolish these bitter struggles by abolishing the system of private ownership in the means of life, and the greed for profits which such a system fosters.

It fights for a "health and decency" relief standard for unemployed workers and their dependents.

It fights for the highest living standards for workers of hand and brain which our modern productive powers makes possible.

It fights for the establishment of a new economic and social order which will make life, liberty, peace on earth and happiness a reality for all.

me," but "what can we do FOR OURSELVES."

A little more thought and conversation is all that is needed before great masses of Americans understand that the only way in which they can do anything for themselves is to organize their power. With the power of numbers they can plan and perfect a social and economic system which will enable all workers to enjoy the fruits of Science and Nature. Workers who organize, plan and act for themselves will stop being so "low" as to wonder what anybody is going to do WITH them or FOR them. They will work together WITH each other and FOR their class.

Old Workers Suicide

MILWAUKEE—Anton Schmidt, 52, hanged himself, and Albert Alsborg, 71, sent a bullet through his head. Cause: worry over how to keep alive.

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DEMONSTRATION

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rent bills have mounted and many landlords, particularly real estate companies and agents are threatening to resort to evictions in order to drive unprofitable tenants upon the streets.

"We are prepared to resist such action in all possible ways," was the announcement of officials of the Taxpayers' Protective League this week. The League is acting upon the principle that the right to shelter is a basic human right which supercedes even the right of property owners to gain possession of their properties. They are therefore determined that, rent or no rent, the unemployed are to be protected in the use of houses.

Put Constable "On Spot"

Wednesday's demonstration was well organized. Pickets were thrown around the house and a committee of five were stationed inside the home. When the time for the sale passed and Albert failed to make his appearance a delegation from the League sought the constable at the office of Alderman Zaffiro and asked his intentions. Albert stated that he would postpone the sale. According to the committee he stated that "I might lose my temper if I come out there." League members assured the constable that he might lose even more than his temper if he attempted to set jobless workers upon the street because of inability to pay rent.

At the Mock home it was learned that Albert was acting for the Pennsylvania Trust Company and that action had been started because the Mocks are \$123 in arrears with their rent.

Would Make Eight Homeless
The eviction would have made eight people homeless, two of whom are very old and three children—aged 2, 6 and 10 years. George Mock, against whom the action was taken, is 74 years of age and his wife is 78.

Two sons of the aged couple had served in the world war and another had military experience. One son, still living at home, was the sole support of the family until he lost his job as a railroad worker more than a year ago.

Similar Action Today

The League will again challenge the right of a constable to evict jobless families on Friday at 2 p. m., at which time Samuel DeGeorge is threatened with eviction from his home in the 100-block on W. Oley street. The regular weekly meeting in the city hall auditorium will be adjourned at that hour and the entire membership will march to the DeGeorge home.

Socialist Constables Decline to Make Sales

Constable Albert, according to League members, made the plea that he makes evictions because "that is my way of making a living." This explanation is greeted with derision by the unemployed organization, who refuse to condone the ousting of families for hire. "The same argument might just as well be used by gunmen and gangsters who shoot people for hire," was the opinion voiced by an officer of the organization yesterday. Some constables, including those elected on the Socialist ticket, are refusing to accept the dirty job.

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Novel Mooney Propaganda

BELLINGHAM, Wash.—Earning their way by selling picture postcards of themselves to be mailed to Tom Mooney, two youths shackled together with handcuffs are hitch-hiking to the Free Tom Mooney Con-

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WORKERS' FEDERATION

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"We are here to lay the ground-work for an organization which will be powerful enough to make this nation and all its resources the property of the workers who make the nation great," Maurer said. "With 2,000,000 unemployed and with millions more working for wages which are woefully inadequate to meet the needs of family life, we must press for action from our present lawmakers which will be immediate. However, this conference is not going to limit itself to immediate demands for relief. As far as I am concerned, I shall not be satisfied with any action short of taking over all the means of life and operating them for the welfare of the people."

Maurer stressed the growth of Fascism throughout the nation and warned the delegates that only the power of class-conscious labor organizations will keep the forces of private capital from imposing similar slavery upon American workers.

Maurer Named Chairman
Without opposition Maurer was elected chairman of the conference and Earl White, secretary-treasurer. The following vice-chairmen were named: George Leshner, United Farmers' Protective Association; Byron High, United Workers of Pottstown; William Skillen, Unemployed Citizens' League of Philadelphia.

Following the appointment of committees (published elsewhere in this issue) a declaration of principles were adopted in which "the establishment of a new economic and social order" was stressed as the ultimate objective.

Constitution Brings Discussion
The first real discussion came with the report of the Committee on Constitution and Organization. The entire Saturday afternoon session was consumed in ironing out difficulties and overcoming objections to certain sections of the document presented by the committee. As the afternoon drew to a close it became evident that the Constitution could not be

adopted without extending the time. Accordingly, the document was referred back to committee for changes and was finally approved on the following day.

Permanent Officers Elected
While at times the debates became heated, the unanimity of purpose of the delegates was demonstrated in the closing session of the conference when Maurer and White were elected as permanent president and secretary-treasurer of the organization. Harry Suttery, Philadelphia, was elected first vice-president, and Robert Lieberman, Pittsburgh, second vice-president. Together with the officers, the following were elected as an Executive Committee: Joseph Schwartz, Philadelphia; John Mohn, Akron; Eugene Bowen, Harrisburg; George Bause, Pottstown; George M. Rhodes, Reading; Robert Cullum, Pottsville; John Coveleski, Mt. Carmel; John Cummings, Shamokin; M. F. Goodall, Williamsport; W. F. Mann, Erie; Ira M. Kephart, Pottstown; Jack Blaney, Black Lick.

Due to the size of the gathering, the convention changed its Sunday headquarters from the Knights of Golden Eagle hall to a larger hall in the Masonic Temple.

Condemn \$1-Per-Day Plan
Sunday's session adopted resolutions condemning as "a step toward Fascism" the Roosevelt plan of forestation under which workers will be paid \$1 per day. Other demands were for a moratorium on the debts of part-time and unemployed workers, the abeyance of evictions and mortgage foreclosures, a governmental banking system under which money will have a value fixed by the value of basic necessities and be protected from speculation, the abolition of private employment agencies and the establishment of state agencies which will furnish service without cost, and the enactment of a 30-hour workweek law with wage provisions which will guarantee decent living conditions to all workers.

Against Commissary System
A resolution demanding increased unemployment relief which shall be paid in cash was a direct challenge at the commissary system now operating in Williamsport, Erie and other sections of the state. The body went on record for public works at prevailing union wages, as against the systems of work relief which have been inaugurated under the supervision of relief boards who pay workers in groceries or food vouchers. To finance the measures

demanding by the conference, the delegates approved of a resolution providing for a greatly increased tax upon all incomes in excess of \$5,000 per year and inheritances of \$25,000 and upward.

More stringent child labor laws and a system of pensioning aged workers were demanded as one means of putting able-bodied men and women to work. The minimum age for child labor was set at 18 years in the demands endorsed by the conference.

Want Control of Relief
A motion to demand that labor and unemployed organizations be given majority representation on all local relief boards was opposed by a number of delegates. The latter argued that it would be a mistake to assume local responsibility until such time as Labor possessed power to levy funds in the state legislature. However, after some debate the conference voted to press for control of relief boards as provided by the motion.

Another demand, which was adopted without a dissenting voice, was for the broadening of workmen's compensation to include occupational diseases. Slum clearance and a housing program by the state was also approved.

Urge Vets to Affiliate
Following an appeal by Delegate Skillen, a World War veteran, urging all members of veterans' organizations to acquaint their organizations with the aims and principles of the Federation, the delegates adopted a resolution urging veterans to join the Federation as a means of solving the problems of all workers.

Farm Report Late
The Committee on Farm Rehabilitation, after many hours of effort, presented an exhaustive report of the farmers' problems too late for action by the conference. The report was referred to the Executive Committee for future action.

Other resolutions adopted by the conference demanded:

The exercise of the right of eminent domain by the state to take over mines and industries and operate them for private use, beginning with such industries and resources as are now being held out of use by private owners.

Maintenance of high educational standards and condemning "economies" in the interest of large taxpayers at the expense of public services.

Cooperation of unemployed and employed workers in strikes, lockouts and demonstrations.

Demanding of Gov. Rolph of California that he free Tom Mooney and Warren Billings.

Urging recognition by the national government of Soviet Russia.

Pledging a boycott of German-made products as long as the German government persecutes workers and fosters race hatred.

Annual Meetings
Conventions of the Federation will be held annually, or oftener if necessary or expedient. The time for the regular meetings was fixed for June of each year at a place to be decided by the Executive Committee.

In closing the convention Chairman Maurer complimented the delegates upon the success of their two-day efforts.

"I feel certain that we have done something which is going to be important in the years to come," Maurer said. "I have attended many conventions during the past 50 years, but I can recall none which was conducted in a better spirit or in which greater sincerity of purpose was shown."

"What we have done here today will be an example which other states should follow. I hope to see the day when the workers of the entire nation will be organized, for by that organization will they gain the power to establish a new social and economic

ODD and END SHOE SPECIALS THIS WEEK

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WORKING COMMITTEES AT ALL-STATE CONFAB

Committee on Credentials: Ralph Bigony, Jack Schaeffer, Lincoln Steigerwalt, Reading.
Committee on Constitution and Organization: George Rhodes, Federated Trades Council, Reading, chairman; Emil Rieve, Hosiery Workers' Union, Philadelphia; Franz Daniel, Citizens' Unemployed League, Philadelphia; Robert Skelton, Socialist Party, Wilkes-Barre, and Samuel Auerbach, Central Jewish Branch, S. P., Philadelphia.

Committee on Farm Rehabilitation: Clinton Golden, Bucks Co. Farmers' Union, chairman; William Rugal, Berks Co. Farmers' Union; Chas. Phelps, Montgomery Co. Farmers' Union; J. R. Kehl, Boyertown, U. F. P. Asso.; W. F. Mann, Erie, Federated Workers, and George Leshner, United Farmers of Amity Township.

Committee on Finance: Jacob Freeman, 14th Ward, Unemployed Citizens' League, Allentown, chairman; George Rhodes, Federated Trades Council, Reading; John Trier, Central Labor Union, Lancaster, and Wm. Skillen, Unemployed Citizens' League, Philadelphia.

Committee on Resolutions: Raymond Hofes, United Workers' Council, Reading, chairman; Birch Wilson, 18th Ward Branch, S. P., Reading; Leo Orso, Socialist Party; Williamsport; Michael Demchak, Unemployed League, Mt. Carmel; M. A. Heller, American Federation R. R. Workers, Reading; Ira M. Kephart, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Pottstown, Pa.

Committee on Social and Economic Reconstruction — Political Science, Socialization of Mines, Railroads, Public Utilities, Basic and Miscellaneous Industries: Harry Suttery, Hosiery Workers' Union, Philadelphia; H. L. Springer, Carpenters' and Joiners' Union, Sayre; C. P. Wilson, Brotherhood Firemen and Engine-men, Harrisburg; Jacob Hiestand, American Federation of R. R. Workers, Reading; James Fox, Brotherhood Firemen and Engine-men, Harrisburg; Birch Wilson, 18th Ward Branch, S. P., Reading; Sara Limbach, State Committee, S. P., Pittsburgh; Samuel Lyons, Amg. Clothing Workers, Philadelphia; Wm. Pollock,

Upholstery Weavers' Union, No. 25, Philadelphia; Robert Flannery, Unemployed Union, Pottsville.

Committee on Unemployment Needs, Immediate and Future: Robert Cullum, Unemployed Union, Pottsville, chairman; Jack Schaeffer, secretary, Taxpayers' Protective League, Reading; Albert Wells, Amg. Clothing Workers, Philadelphia; Robert Lieberman, Unemployed Citizens' League, Pittsburgh; Wm. Lemon, Socialist Party Branch, New Kensington; Leo Sitko, United Mine Workers of America, No. 105, Mt. Carmel; Joseph Ashton, Upholstery Weavers' Union, No. 25, Philadelphia; J. W. Blaney, Workers' Unemployment Council of Indiana County.

Committee on Press and Propaganda and Public Educational Standards: Dr. Jesse Holmes, Teachers' Union, Swarthmore, chairman; Raymond S. Hofes, United Workers' Council, Reading; John Edelman, Teachers' Union, Philadelphia; Robert Hecker, Allegheny Valley Workers' League, Pittsburgh; George Shearer, Workers' Committee on Education, Harrisburg; Agnes Barker, Socialist Party, Delaware County.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO AIDED LABOR CONVENTION

On behalf of the Action Committee and all delegates to the convention of The United Workers' Federation of Pennsylvania, we extend our thanks to those who helped to make the convention a success:

To the workers who helped to "chisel" food,
To the friendly merchants and business firms who contributed,
To comrades who gave the hospitality of their homes to visiting delegates,

To the Yipsels and clerical workers who compiled concise reports of the proceedings, and, finally,
To the Socialist women who cooked and served untiringly during a two-day grind, we tender our gratitude and appreciation.

For the U. W. F. of Penna.,
JAMES H. MAURER, Pres.
EARL WHITE, Sec'y.

FINK

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public statement in which the latter bewailed a tendency to reduce the wages of school teachers.

"Mr. Fink is not so thoughtful of workers when he pays them," Button declared. "For a long time I have been attempting to get him to deal with the union in the hiring of bricklayers. He had promised to do so, but when the Berks County job came up he dodged me until after he had given the job to a non-union firm. When I confronted him with his action he said he thought the firm was 'all right and satisfactory to everybody.'"

Button termed Fink's explanation as "old stuff" which contractors always use to explain away "unfair" actions.

Americanism: Jailing the citizen who makes a false income tax return; making no effort to punish the one who earns enough to pay the tax but makes no return at all.

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Now brings you greater protection with perfect comfort. Admit 4 Boxes

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Boys' Sizes 7 to 16
Full Lined
KNICKERS
48c
Tan, brown or grey tweed. Mixed. Full cut. Bar tacks. Ed. knit cuffs.
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Boys' Sizes, 6 to 14
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20% Reductions
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Regular 35c Shirts

Over 800 Work Shirts in this lot! Every one a "Yacht" style. Work shirt, Fine Blue Chambray Shirts, with 2 pockets. Sizes 14 to 17, at only **19c**

Reg. 59c Work Shirts **33c**

WIDE AWAKE WORK SHIRTS, made in Reading—nationally known, blue and grey, triple stitched, full cut, guaranteed fast color. All sizes. Regularly 75c Shirts, first time for only **39c**

\$1.00 "SPAIDE" and "BRAVE MAN" Work Shirts, the very best quality, at, only **63c**

Mowing Down All Prices on Men's OVERALLS

Choose from the largest stock of fine Overalls in Berks County! Over 300 Dozens to select from. Very fine quality Blue Denim Overalls, now selling everywhere for 75c. Well made, full cut. All sizes from 36 to 44. Over 110 Dozen in this one lot, while they last, at the unheard-of low price of only **44c**

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Regular 79c WORK PANTS! Over 400 Pairs! Here is a real treat for YOU! Never before has any store offered anything to compare with this value! Just think! Real, first quality Work Pants for only 48c pair. Dark cottonades, stripes and plain greys. Well made, full cut. Sizes 32 to 42. Choice **48c**

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Fur Felt Hats, newest shapes, all Spring shades. All sizes. Regular \$1.50, **88c** at

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Every Suit up-to-the-minute, 1933 Spring style! Fine chevrons, cashmeres and worsteds—the season's most popular light and dark colors and patterns—tans, grays, browns, blues, oxfords, etc. All sizes from 33 to 42. (No charge for minor alterations.) **\$7.48-\$9.47**

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Every Suit is brand NEW! All pure wool worsteds, all hand tailored. The season's leading styles, colors and patterns. Sizes 33 to 48. (No charge for minor alterations.) **\$11.47**

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Nationally known famous "MON-ROE" Suits and "NORMAN" Pure Worsteds—all hand tailored throughout. Tailored by "SMITHSON." The very latest 1933 Spring styles, including the newest HOLLYWOOD one-button models. Sizes 33 to 48. (No charge for minor alterations.) **\$13.97** **\$16.97**

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Hundreds To Choose From Large assortment in the city—at lowest prices in the city. Newest styles, colors and patterns. All sizes. **\$12.50 to \$15.00 Values**

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AND **\$8.97**

\$17.50 to \$20.00 Values

\$10.47

\$12.47

35c PARIS GARTERS

18c

Boys' Shirts and Blouses

One large odd lot of Boys' Shirts and Blouses—plain colors and patterns, but not in all styles—representing 300 each—choice of these while they last. **23c**

20c Boys' Golf Hose, at **10c** pr.

Boys' PANTS

Elastic top and elastic or drawstring (kilt) bottom. Newest styles, all colors. For Spring, every pair NEW! **43c**

Reg. \$1 and \$1.25 Knickerbockers, **68c**

Boys' Sweaters

Boys' 100% Pure Wool Sweaters, Turtle Neck style, newest and most popular. All sizes. Regular 75c, at only **49c**

Boys' V-neck Sweaters, 100% Pure Wool, Turtle Neck, and all sizes. Regular \$1.00, at only **58c**

Boys' "H-T" Pure Wool Sweaters, in all the newest colors. Sizes 28 to 34. Regular 55c, at only **39c**

Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT WEST LAWN BRANCH

Card players are invited to compete for fine prizes at the West Lawn headquarters. Fee, 25 cents per corner. Good lunch will be served.

JACKSONWALD CARD PARTY

Come to the card party Saturday night at the Black Bear Hotel as guests of the Jacksonwald Branch. The fee will be 25 cents a corner with your lunch free. Prizes for the winners. The next meeting of the branch will be held on May 9, at Lora's carpenter shop.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM "A"

Comrades vote on Referendum A to amend the National constitution in regards to exempt stamps. It is important that every member qualified should vote for the Reading amendment, which asks for an unlimited number of exempt stamps.

Six months' membership in the party will qualify you to vote. Members at large send all ballots to Labor Lyceum. Branches see that all ballots are counted and returned to the Labor Lyceum as soon as possible.

CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

Delegates who have been elected to the Congress in Washington, May 6-7, by their various organizations and who have not received credentials, get in touch with organizer Bigony or the committee in charge of arrangements at Labor Lyceum.

LOCAL BERKS

May 4 is the next meeting of Local Berks which will be an important one. Members who are delegates to the Continental Congress and who are to receive their final instructions for the convention must attend. Business requires your presence.

SHILLINGTON CARD PARTY

Shillington Branch will hold a card party and dance Saturday night at the Legion Hall. Tickets 25 cents with prizes for the winners. Lunch will be served by the women. The proceeds of this party will be turned over to the radio and music fund. Comrades you are welcome to pay this busy branch a visit and help the good work along.

UNIVERSALIST MEETING

On Thursday, May 4, at 2:15 p. m., in the Universalist Church, 416 Franklin street, Mrs. J. C. Gamble, of Philadelphia, will speak to the wives and friends of the Taxpayers' Protective League. The subject will be "Martial Problems." This is the second meeting on these questions and every woman is urged to bring a friend.

WEST READING CARD PARTY

The West Reading Branch will hold a card party Saturday, April 29, at 233 Kline Ave. It is 15 cents a corner, refreshments will be served and prizes will be given to the winners. This is for the benefit of sending delegates to the Continental Congress at Washington, D. C.

WEST READING YPSLS, CIRCLE 3

The West Reading Ypsls, Circle 3, will hold a card party at 233 Kline Ave., May 3, at 8 p. m. Fee 15 cents a corner. Usual good eats and prizes. All comrades are invited to boost this circle along.

TREE DEDICATION ON SUNDAY, MAY 21

The programme which has been arranged by the Women's Committee in honor of the Women's Educational League will take place in the Park on Sunday, May 21. The following Sunday has been reserved, however, in case of rain. Watch this column for further announcements.

MEALS SERVED AT SOUTHERN BRANCH

Starting Saturday of this week and continuing every Saturday until further notice, the Southern Women's Branch will serve a luncheon from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. and a supper from 5 to 8 p. m.

Delicious food at depression prices will be on the menu. For instance, clam chowder at 10c; coffee, 3c; roll and butter, 2c. Roast beef with mashed potatoes, pepper cabbage, bread and butter and coffee, 25c. Remember the place—Southern headquarters, Peach and Franklin streets, in the basement.

GYM CLASS AT PARK

All members of the Workers' Gymnastic Alliance will meet at the La-

bor Lyceum on Saturday at 2 p. m. when they will leave for the Socialist Park by truck for the regular exercises.

SETTLE FOR CHAUTAUQUA TICKETS AT ADVOCATE

Comrades who have tickets or cash for the Chautauqua Committee are urged to make settlement, either with a member of the committee or at the office of the Advocate.

MUHLBERG BRANCH

The next meeting of the Muhlberg Branch will be held Thursday, May 4, at the Hyde Park Fire Hall. The Tuesday meeting is advanced to this date, due to the Taxpayers' League having the hall for the regular meeting date. All members and friends please note this change.

Y. P. S. L. NOTES

Friday, Circle 2—Speaker, Stewart Tomlinson. Monday, Circle 3—May Day. Wednesday, Circles 6 and 7—Red May Day. Thursday, Circle 4—Visit Local Berks. Thursday, Circles 1 and 9—Visit Local Berks. Sunday, April 30, the Young People's Socialist League will hold their general meeting. All Ypsls be there and bring your dues books along with you. Meeting starts at 8 o'clock.

We still can use girls in the baseball team. Come and help us out comrades. Are you doing your share? The team meets at 14th and Buttonwood streets Saturday, April 29, at 2:45.

The Workers' Theatre is meeting at 8:30 in the Labor Lyceum. We need your cooperation both from the Senior and Junior Ypsls.

Comrades don't forget to bring your dues book to the general meeting on Sunday, April 30, 1933.

Boys' baseball practice Sunday, April 30, at Sixth and Amity playground.

BRANCH MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1

Tonight:
Southern Women: Birch Wilson.
Northwest: Lilith Wilson.
West Lawn/Paul Speicher.
Berkshire Heights: Fred Merkel.
Gibraltar: James Roslin.
Circle 2: Stewart Tomlinson.
Monday, May 1:
Northeast: Earl White.
Central: Lincoln Steigerwalt.
Sinking Spring: Fred Merkel.
Tuesday, May 2:
Lebanon: Current events.
Womelsdorf vs. Newmantown Debate.

Laureldale: Jacob Hiestand.
Kenhorst: Current events.
West Reading: Wm. C. Hoverter.
18th Ward: Raymond Hofes.
Southern: Lincoln Steigerwalt.
Farview: Wm. Schweren.
Vinemont: James Wesner.
Northwest Women: Earl White.
Thursday, May 4:
Muhlberg: Clyde Kiebach.
Friday, May 5:
Northwest: John Reifsnnyder.
West Lawn: Stewart Tomlinson.
Berkshire Heights: William C. Hoverter.
Exeter: Albert Hartman.
Southern Women: Social nite.

Anyway, public eagerness for this new money proves that Uncle Sam's word is as good as his bond.

WHEN you can buy a really fine SONDHEIM'S SUIT for **\$13.50** Man, That's NEWS!

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And Worth It!

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LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By STEPHEN H. ELY

The Reading Labor College held its final session of the 1932-33 season last Monday night. Plans for our future work were discussed, and from all indications the subjects next season, while fewer in number, will deal principally with labor problems.

The symposium which was held at the Southern Junior High School on Wednesday night, was from every angle, a most successful affair. Mr. James Ford, the first speaker on the program, gave a brief outline of Communism. Mr. Italo DeFrancisco explained the origin of Fascism, and what it has accomplished in Italy. Rev. Max C. Putney painted a colorful word picture of what the future might be like under Socialism. Many questions were asked, the various speakers by those in the audience.

The chairman of the committees

are requested to attend an important meeting at the Labor Lyceum next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Following the above mentioned meeting the College Chorus will hold a rehearsal.

On Monday evening May 15, at 7:30 o'clock, the two classes will hold a joint meeting at the Labor Lyceum at which time further information pertaining to the details of the banquet will be revealed, and the program for the next season will not doubt be ready for presentation by the executive committee.

Please remember to make settlement for all banquet tickets on or before the night of May 15, at the Labor Lyceum.

LOST ARTICLES AT LABOR LYCEUM

The following articles have been picked up at Labor Lyceum and await the claims of owners: 2 umbrellas, 1 scarf, 1 man's cap, 1 woman's hat, 1 man's raincoat.

LOYALTY

By ADAM EBERLY.

Loyalty is one of the best meaning words in the English language.

Are you loyal to your class? Are you loyal to your fellow-man? Are you loyal at your work?

Now, workers, the Karl Marx Cigar is your cigar. It is made under union conditions; our workers receive union wages. The Karl Marx Cigars and the factory is owned and controlled by the working-class party—the Socialist Party.

If you want to be loyal to your party or your class, you will boost no other cigar than "Karl Marx." It is made in your factory. Don't only be loyal yourself but try to get all your friends and associates also to be loyal to you and themselves. Tell them about your cigars. Try to make them understand that it is their cigar, that it is their factory. Try to show them what it would mean to all of us if all the factories would be owned and controlled by the working class, with every worker receiving union wages and good working conditions.

Now, workers, always remember that word "loyalty" and apply it to your everyday life. Be loyal to your cigar, the "Karl Marx." Smoke and boost and accept no others.

We now have them in over 900 cigar stands in Reading and Berks. If your merchant does not handle Karl Marx cigars ask him why, and if he wants them notify Labor Lyceum and the salesman will go to see the merchant.

Remember, workers, since beer came back there are many new places opening so when you go to buy a good glass of beer see that Karl Marx cigars are behind the bars.

Silk Workers' Wages Slashed in Anthracite

POTTSVILLE — After repeated wage cuts, workers in the Tilt Silk Mills were given another cut. Hang-ers formerly receiving 10 cents an hour for a 9-hour day are to get 9 cents an hour for 10 hours, and winders have been cut from 4 cents to 3 cents per pound. Wonders who receive 75 cents a day consider themselves lucky. In Shamokin, a neighboring community, silk workers are striking against such conditions.

What a language. Sending 250,000 of us into the forest to get us out of the woods and then not getting us out.

MANY TIMES WE HAVE HAD BIG SALES OF WHICH WE ARE PROUD, AND MANY TIMES WE HAVE OFFERED INCOMPARABLE VALUES—BUT THESE ANNIVERSARY OFFERINGS EXCEED EVERY PAST EFFORT—THEY ARE POSITIVELY SENSATIONAL!



ANNIVERSARY SALE!

POMEROY'S Basement Store



Specially Purchased For Our Anniversary Sale Women's and Misses' Fur-Trimmed and Tailored **SPRING COATS**

Fur-trimmed Capes, Cuffs, and Collars. Beautiful new Spring materials; also plain color Polo Sport Coats of which we had hundreds of at a higher price. Sizes 14 to 42. **\$4.87**

Just 400 Women's and Misses' New Spring Tweed **SPORT COATS \$2.57**

Various styles and colors. Every coat lined. Sizes 14 to 20. To be sold at...

Greatest of All Dress Values Women's and Misses' New Spring **SILK DRESSES**

\$1.77

Every dress all silk, in the newest Spring prints. New puffed sleeves. Boleros and Capes. Contrasting colors and print combinations. Sizes 14 to 20.

Larger Women's New Spring **DRESSES \$2.57**

In Spring's newest prints and slenderizing styles, light and dark. Sizes 38 to 52.



Girls' Fast Color WASH **DRESSES 27c**

New Spring Patterns and Styles. Sizes 7 to 14.

Women's Reg. and Extra Muslin and Broadcloth **SLIPS 19c**

Built-up Shoulder and Strap Styles. Flesh and White. Sizes 36 to 52.

1500 Brand New Attractive **SPRING HATS 57c**

An anniversary price. Spring's newest Turbans, Brims and Sailors. All colors and black. Plenty of large head sizes.

Only the Anniversary Could Bring Such a Ridiculously Low Price for These **TURBANS 27c**

Regular 95c In All Colors and Styles.



Boys' Linen and Covert **KNICKERS**

And Linen English Shorts **39c**

Full Cut. Sizes 4 to 18 Years.

Boys' Fast Color Broadcloth **Sport Shirts 34c**

Cellophane Wrapped. Plain Colors and Fancies. Sizes 8 to 14 1/2.

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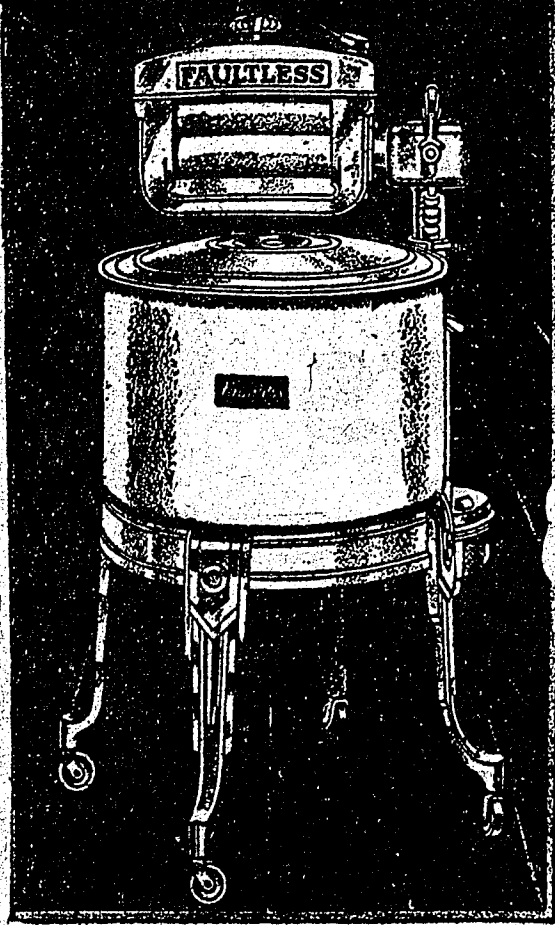
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favorably at this session. However, the Senate sub-committee appears determined to block action and thus prevent the people from expressing their wishes at the polls.

Should the legislature adjourn without taking action the work of two years will be killed and the entire process will have to be repeated. Unless the Senate acts favorably, Old Age Pensions cannot possibly become a law until 1938, as five years must elapse between actions involving constitutional changes.

Of Statewide Interest

The manifest intention of the Senate to permit Old Age Pensions to die in committee has aroused the resentment of workers, farmers and unemployed groups throughout the state. At the conference of those groups, held in Reading last Saturday and Sunday, it was decided to stage mass protests at the homes of senators in all parts of the state as a means of emphasizing the popular demand for Old Age Pensions.

It is an accepted fact that, in preventing an expression of the popular will on this subject, the Senate is heeding the wishes of Grundy's Manufacturers' Association. In the time which remains before the adjournment of the state legislature, the workers of the state hope to convince the senators that their future political success hinges upon heeding the wishes of the plain people in the matter of Old Age Pensions.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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droves in obedience to Boss Bertolt's orders and in keeping with his promise that "if you stick to me there'll not be a Socialist left in city hall."

The objection of the Times at this time is just another piece of that newspaper's well-known hypocrisy. What they fear is that the old party politicians will show their hand so plainly that even a last-minute slimy editorial will fail to hide the facts that the real "Hinky Dinks" are in the ranks of the two old parties.

BOOSTING MR. FINK

The Reading Times is already campaigning against the Socialists. In days gone by their attacks were more direct. While the Socialists were in power the Times complained about all manner of things under the sun. They published hundreds of fictitious letters and did everything in their power to convince their readers that Socialists were insincere and inefficient.

However, the Times is more crafty now. Having learned that direct attacks upon the Socialists of Reading are costly, the Times now hopes to keep the Socialists from capturing control of the School Board by boosting the stock of Andrew J. Fink.

As a school director, Mr. Fink has always been ready to settle public matters in the newspapers before bringing them to the attention of the Board. With the publicity which he has gained by such tactics and by such press notices as the Times is able to give him now, the Socialist-haters at Sixth and Walnut streets hope to re-elect him.

We call attention to this little game for the sake of a better public understanding. The Times is not fooling the Socialists and we are going to see to it that the general public thoroughly understands that paper's tactics.

ALDERMANIC "GRAVY"

It's just too bad that we have a system of fee-collecting which invites aldermen to seek convictions and fines rather than justice. Generally it's bad for defendants who are brought to trial in aldermanic court. But sometimes the system backfires and hits the aldermen.

That is what appears to have happened in the case of Alderman Conney, 9th ward magistrate. According to a report in the Philadelphia papers the Reading alderman authorized a private "dick" to make excessive collections as fines for minor traffic violations. A Philadelphia magistrate called Conney to time and made him return the greater portion of the money collected.

This story is interesting because it shows that people without friends at court are likely to suffer injustice at the hand of venal public officials and because it furnishes additional evidence to prove that graft is the natural fruit of capitalism.

THE SCHOOL BUDGET

While much is being said about the School Board's budget, the fact is that budgets as institutions are frauds and delusions.

There are two columns to a budget. In one column are listed the sums which the Board is going to spend. The total of that column is generally made as small as possible. In the other column is an amount which balances the first column. That column is made up by adding to-

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gether all the funds which are expected to come in. Of that sum taxes are the chief item.

And that's exactly where the joker lies. When the needs are listed they remain needs. But when the receipts are put on paper they do not remain receipts. And so the budget doesn't balance. What is more to the point, everybody knows at the time it is approved that it is not going to balance when the year ends.

Right now there are more than 414,000 good American tax dollars unpaid from last year's school tax budget. Go back a few more years and the amount grows to three-quarters of a million dollars. And the amount unpaid increases year after year.

School Boards cannot spend the amount of money they budget. They can spend only that part of the budget which comes in to the treasurer. To reduce tax rates in the face of shrinking receipts is merely to lay the Board open to the mercy of the money-lenders later on.

When the above facts are considered the insincerity of the plea that taxes be reduced under any circumstances becomes more apparent. The public must furnish the cash if the schools are to be kept open. How-

ever, if Capitalism continues even public education will be sacrificed. The trouble is not that taxes are too high, but that the majority are kept too poor to pay. Socialists are not responsible for that.

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PRETZEL STRIKERS

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cities to take the place of the local workers who refuse to work for starvation wages has won widespread sympathy for the local strikers.

The general attitude of the public and the co-operation of the Federated Trades Council, The Taxpayers' Protective League and the United Workers Council has made the striking workers determined that they will

continue the fight until they win their demands.

Many strike sympathizers are refusing to purchase goods of any kind from merchants handling Bachman's pretzels. As the Bachman plant is part of the American Cone and Pretzel Co., that make several brands, the matter was presented at a statewide conference last Sunday, and the names of the various brands were mentioned for the benefit of the delegates to carry the news back home to their local organization for the purpose of putting all brands on the un-fair list.

Local Dailies Bury News

The local daily newspapers are as usual not very anxious to give their readers any news about the strike. To the public it seems strange that these same local papers, who give first page publicity about Allentown sweat shops, censor stories of the Bachman strike and bury them in the middle of the paper where few readers can find the story.

Since the local papers are not anxious to give the news to the public, funds are being raised for a radio campaign to tell the facts about the strike and the conditions that have brought it on.

Pretzel workers in other plants in the city are showing their co-operation in the fight. A number of them have made financial contributions to assist the strikers. In one of the bakeries an increase amounting to about \$4.00 per week has been given the workers since the Bachman strike. Realizing that the strikers are responsible for the increase, a number

of workers in that plant have pledged their support to the strikers.

Meet in Labor Lyceum

The sentiment for organization is strong among the workers in all the bakeries in Reading. The newly organized union of Pretzel workers will meet on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Labor Lyceum, at which time all the workers in the pretzel industry are welcome to attend.

Mass Meeting Friday

Another mass meeting of strikers and sympathizers has been arranged for Friday night near the Bachman bakery at Kutztown Road and Jefferson St. in Hyde Park.

The speakers will be Raymond S. Hofes, Ralph Bigony, Earl White and George Rhodes.

NORTON

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bring the pensions bill upon the floor of the Senate, Norton declared that he was in favor of the bill and would vote for it. However, he insisted that he could do no more than urge the committee to report to the Senate.

"The Senate has never discharged a committee and to do so would break a precedent," Norton pleaded. "I'm not going to start it," he added. Norton's viewpoint was resented by the entire gathering, which applauded when Charles F. Sands charged the Republican senator with being more concerned with maintaining senatorial precedent than in securing relief for aged workers.

Hoots and hisses answered Norton's plea that relief is "not the point involved."

Demand Public Be Heard

At the present time three members of Norton's committee are withholding a report on the Old Age Pension bill. The bill involves a constitutional change and must therefore be passed by two sessions of the legislature and then submitted to the people for ratification. It has already passed two sessions of the House and will be placed upon the ballot for the vote of the people if the Senate acts

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WOULD DESTROY

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tively urged in the House. It is known as Senate bill No. 426. The provisions of the bill are that the following fees shall be paid for filing nomination papers for candidates at any primary, general, special or municipal election:

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For the office of representative in Congress, \$75.

For the office of judges in the courts of common pleas, the orphans court, municipal court of Philadelphia and county court of Allegheny, \$75.

For the office of associate judge, \$25.

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For any other county or city office except election officers, an amount equal to five per cent of the first month's salary as fixed by law.

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Socialists Fight Gag Rule

In Monday night's session of the House the Socialists made a new attack upon the rules imposed on motions to discharge committees. When the Rules Committee reported Hoopes offered an amendment fixing 11 p. m. as the time for a special order to discharge the Committee on Ways and Means from consideration of the income tax bill which is endorsed by the State Federation of Labor and the State Grange. Hoopes then demanded a roll call and verification of the roll on the amendment. The amendment lost by a vote of 71 to 100, but those in favor of the bill voted for the amendment while the rest will be placed on record as opposed.

On Wednesday Hoopes again sought to open discussion on a forbidden topic by offering a resolution fixing a special order for consideration of the 1-cent poll tax bill, but the speaker ruled the resolution "out of order." Hoopes offered an amendment again on Wednesday morning similar to that of Monday night and succeeded in getting a roll call on his 1-cent tax bill. Reps. Mohn and Sarig of Berks voted against the amendment and thus placed themselves on record as against the 1-cent tax.

90 Strike In Newark

NEWARK, N. J.—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America have tied up a shirt factory in Newark in a fight on low wages. Ninety are out.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED WORKERS' FEDERATION OF PA.

As Adopted in Convention at Reading, Pa., April 23, 1933.

ARTICLE I

Name
Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the United Workers' Federation of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II

Object
Section 1. The object of the organization is to form an alliance of responsible producing class organizations, for the practical purpose of co-operating in promoting the interests of the workers of this State, through united non-partisan political and industrial action.

ARTICLE III

Organization
Section 1. The organization of the United Workers' Federation shall constitute an alliance of bona fide working-class organizations, and progressive organizations in sympathy with the aims and purposes of the Federation. These shall consist of trades unions, farmers' organizations, unemployed groups, working-class political parties, labor fraternal bodies and progressive educational societies, whose purposes are in harmony with the objects of the Federation, as expressed in its Declaration of Principles and Resolutions.

Section 2. Individual trade unions, farmers' unions, unemployed branch organizations, Socialist branch organizations, central labor unions, county units of unemployed, farmers, and Socialist groups, state organizations of labor, farmer, unemployed and the Socialist party and educational societies are entitled to affiliation with the United Workers' Federation.

ARTICLE IV

Membership
Section 1. Application for membership in the United Workers' Federation shall be made in writing by the officers of the organization desiring affiliation. By virtue of their application, organizations agree, while members of the Federation, to work in harmony with the latter in its efforts to attain the objects herein set forth. All applications for membership in the Federation must be addressed to the officers of the organization.

ARTICLE V

Officers
Section 1. The officers of the United Workers' Federation shall consist of a State Chairman and a State Secretary.

Section 2. The State Chairman and the State Secretary shall be elected by the convention at large.

Section 3. The State Chairman and the State Secretary shall reside in the same city which shall be the headquarters of the United Workers' Federation.

ARTICLE VI

Committees
Section 1. State Committee—The State Committee shall consist of 17 members, inclusive of a State Chairman and a State Secretary. Nine members to constitute a quorum.

Section 2. The State Committee other than the State Chairman and the State Secretary shall be chosen in district caucuses, two representatives to be chosen from each of the seven districts, as follows:

First District—Philadelphia, Delaware and Chester Counties.
Second District—Lancaster, York, Adams, Lebanon, Dauphin, Perry, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Cumberland, and Juniata Counties.
Third District—Berks, Lehigh, Pike, Northampton, Monroe, Bucks, Montgomery and Schuylkill Counties.
Fourth District—Luzerne, Carbon, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Union, Snyder and Center Counties.
Fifth District—Lackawanna, Tioga, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Bradford, Sullivan, Wayne, Lycoming, Potter and Clinton Counties.
Sixth District—Erie, Crawford, Elk, Warren, McKean, Mercer, Forest, Venango, Clarion, Jefferson, Clearfield and Cameron Counties.
Seventh District—Lawrence, Butler, Beaver, Allegheny, Armstrong, West Moreland, Indiana, Washington, Bedford, Greengarden, Fayette, Cambria, Blair and Somerset Counties.

Section 3. The district wherein the State Chairman and the State Secretary reside shall elect three delegates, giving that section a total of five representatives who will act as the Emergency Committee of the United Workers' Federation.

Section 4. The duties of the State Committee shall be to act for the Federation between conventions. It shall have the power to fill vacancies on the Committee between conventions, and to call a special convention when deemed necessary.

Section 5. The Emergency Committee is authorized to act for the Federation when immediate action is necessary. All other matters shall be transacted by correspondence with the State Committee, or by calling a meeting of the State Committee at large.

ARTICLE VII

Conventions
Section 1. Conventions of the Federation shall be held annually in the month of June, at a place to be designated by the State Committee. Emergency conventions may be called by a two-thirds majority vote of the State Committee.

Section 2. Every local organization affiliated with the Federation, having 100 members or less, shall be entitled to one delegate; organizations with more than 100 and less than 300 membership shall be entitled to two delegates; organizations with 300 and more members shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every additional 300 members or fraction thereof. The total number from any local organization, however, to be limited to five (5) delegates.

Section 3. City, county and state organizations such as central bodies, etc., shall be allowed one delegate each.

shall be issued by the State Committee.

Section 5. The State Chairman shall open the Convention and shall preside until the Convention is permanently organized by the unopposed delegates on the roll call as prepared by the State Committee.

Section 6. The State Committee shall formulate the agenda for the Convention.

Section 7. The Convention shall adopt the platform and the constitution of the Federation, and transact such other business as may properly come before it. All acts of the Convention shall be final and binding on all officers, committees and affiliated organizations, unless and until reversed by a later convention.

ARTICLE VIII

Dues
Section 1. Every organization, local, county and state, affiliated with the United Workers' Federation shall pay the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per year. The affiliation shall be One Dollar (\$1.00).

Section 2. The State Committee is authorized to revise ways and means to raise any additional funds necessary for the proper conduct of its business.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLANS MOONEY CONGRESS

NEW YORK (FP)—The eastern section of the national management committee of the Free Tom Mooney Congress to be held in Chicago, April 30 to May 2, held its first meeting in New York April 21, heard reports on the progress of the election of delegates all over the country and mapped the broad outlines of the Congress program.

The Congress should be called to order promptly at 1 p. m., on Sunday, April 30, the committee decided. A preliminary credentials committee will spend Sunday morning in receiving those credentials which have not already been sent to the headquarters, 180 West Adams St., Room 302, Chicago, in advance. Delegations are being asked to mail credentials in advance because of the fact that 2,000 delegates are expected and the task of handling the details will be enormous.

It was decided that with so great an assemblage of workers' delegates with unlimited varied problems that it was necessary to limit the program for discussion to three matters:

1.—How to win freedom for Mooney and Billings.
2.—How to free other working class prisoners, including the Scottsboro boys.

3.—How to protect the rights of workers to meet, carry on their own press, organize, etc.

One session of the Congress will be given to each subject, the Congress will adjourn for the Chicago May Day celebration Monday afternoon and there will be a great mass ratification meeting May Day night in the Chicago Stadium, which seats 25,000 and has arrangements for overflow crowds.

WEB. THAYER, PERSECUTOR OF SACCO-VANZETTI, DIES

BOSTON (FP)—Judge Webster Thayer, who won world infamy for the vindictiveness he showed against Sacco and Vanzetti when those two famous prisoners were before him for trial, is dead at 75.

Judge Thayer was shown to have violated the rules of procedure which ordinarily protect prisoners, to have had the utmost of personal bias against the two men because they were radicals and to have exhibited that prejudice both in and out of the courtroom.

But for the Sacco and Vanzetti case he would have been unknown, small-minded, small-town judge. This case lifted him to world infamy. For years there was talk of the danger that he would be bombed but it was not until Sept. 7, 1932, that any such thing happened. Then, with no apparent connection with the death of the men more than five years before, a bomb destroyed a porch at his home in Worcester, Mass. He moved to Boston, where he died.

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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

THE RUSSIAN TRIALS

The Tory government in England burnt its fingers in premature protest of the certain innocence of these Englishmen brought to trial in Soviet Russia. I am writing before the final verdict. Certainly the case against the Englishmen is convincing. It is not a case to be answered simply by saying that Soviet justice is ruthless and unfair. It is true that Russia combines with the best penal system in the world for the treatment of criminals a ruthless secret police and an open identification of her courts with her political government. All of which means that Soviet justice in the case of political suspects is by no means above reproach. The pity of it is that the probable guilt of these Englishmen and the premature and excited protests of the British government inevitably tend to strengthen the opinion in Russia that the use of the G. P. U. and all the rest of it is necessary.

A VICTORY FOR LABOR

By contrast with the shame of the Scottsboro verdict came the good news that Matozzo and Dupire, indicted for murder in Christian County, Illinois, were acquitted by the jury. Matozzo and Dupire were leaders of the Progressive Miners. Both are members of the Socialist Party. The real prosecutor was the attorney for the Peabody Coal Company. The state's attorney, a man named Coale, whose removal I vainly sought from Governor Horner when I was in Illinois, was scarcely more than the errand boy for the company lawyer. Other cases in Christian County remain to be tried, and farther south in Illinois letters from friends as well as the news in the papers tell me that the reign of terror still continues, notably in Franklin County. But the acquittal of Matozzo and Dupire is in itself a good omen and shows what a friendly rather than a hostile audience can do in a county.

REFORMS AND A PROGRAM

It is too early to tell how successful Mr. Roosevelt will be even in moderate reform. It is not clear that he has coordinated program rather than a miscellaneous set of reforms some of which will step on the toes of the others. He missed an immense opportunity in the banking crises. Every day makes it clearer that the money changers are back in the temple and will stay there.

I have repeatedly expressed my doubts of the farm relief plan. As some farmers have written me many of them are likely to pay as consumers more than they will gain as producers, especially if they do not produce in quantity any of the commodities allegedly to be benefitted by the plan. As an emergency measure I should rather see straight price-fixing than this complicated machinery. Besides, mortgage holders are likely to get the first benefits of increased prices.

Moreover, of the money devoted to public works at least half should go to housing in order that we may make a beginning under public authority in catching up with a city like Vienna, the abolition of flats, shacks and slums. The work camps seem to be taking on the military aspects we feared. As for Mr. Roosevelt's plan for re-financing certain farm mortgages and the home mortgages, they are doubtless well intentioned. Their effect upon the precarious financial structure is

doubtful. Certainly they cannot clean up the situation. Only a capital levy drastically applied to a reduction of the whole burden of debt by scientific determination of the points at which that burden is heaviest will avail.

Mr. Roosevelt as President far more clearly than Mr. Roosevelt as Governor or candidate seems to see that there are international implications to the problem of prosperity. At any rate, his Secretary of State has said some encouraging words on that subject. These conferences to be initiated in Washington will be significant. Whether capitalist nationalist statesmen can travel at all in the road of real internationalism is more than doubtful. For Socialists it is a tragedy that MacDonald comes now no longer as a Socialist idealist, but as a muddle-headed orator about peace who consents to be the window dressing for a reactionary Tory administration. His use to us is that of a warning example of what not to do.

THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

By JOHN M. WORK

As its chief aim, I hope the continental congress will demand that the government and the states and other subdivisions take over the great industries and operate them.

There should be no compromise on this point.

Nothing else will be sufficient.

If the government can improve conditions somewhat without taking the industries, or if the private owners can do so, it will only be a temporary improvement, followed in due time by another slump.

Hence there should be no ifs or ands about it. The government and the states should commandeer the industries and operate them.

The Socialist delegates to the congress may be tempted to compromise with the other delegates and be satisfied with a demand for a big appropriation for public works—but they should not stop with that.

A great public works program is all right as far as it goes. I hope the government will have a housing program which will clear out the slums of cities and replace them with decent living quarters, and that it will furnish money with which the cities can build filtration plants, electric plants, gas plants, telephone plants, and the like. These are excellent objects and worth pushing.

But they are not enough. They are only emergency measures to afford temporary employment. They do not solve the larger problem in the least.

Universal and permanent prosperity cannot be brought about in any such manner—and nothing less than a demand for the establishment of universal and permanent prosperity should satisfy the continental congress. Any lesser demand would make its name—the second continental congress—laughed at. It would be unworthy of its famous predecessor. Unless the Socialist delegates will go the whole length, they had better stay at home and put the expense money into the enlargement of the circulation of the Socialist papers; it would do far more good in that way.

Universal and permanent prosperity can be brought about only by public ownership and operation of the great industries, so that the people can be put to work to produce things for themselves, and not be thrown out again later.

The time for putting off this main object is past. Let us take all the minor helps we can get, but let us not be content with anything less than the right thing—the commandeering of the industries. With the industries in the hands of the public, and no longer run for private profit, everyone can have a job, payrolls will begin to operate once more, and the workers will have the wherewithal to buy the things they sorely need, and to earn and pay their way in a self-respecting manner. What is still more important, this will be a permanent condition, constantly becoming better and better until the apparently fantastic income figures of the technocrats shall become a reality. Other splendid results, too numerous to mention in a short article, would follow, as every Socialist knows.

Stick to the commandeering of the industries.

MAY DAY REFLECTIONS

By JAMES ONEAL

This May Day brings with it more than ever the need of sound and sober thinking because of the rise of nationalist and racial hates out of a decaying capitalist civilization. Are the Fascist movements abroad something new to the Socialist movement? They are not. Capitalist society, in a period of convulsions, in a period when its productive powers develop to their fullest, sets in motion decaying sections of the population in the lower levels of society. There is a remarkable passage by Marx and Engels in the "Communist Manifesto" which anticipates the present Fascist period. I quote:

"The 'dangerous class,' the so-

cial scum, that passively rotting mass thrown off by the lowest layers of old society, may, here and there, be swept into the movement by a proletarian revolution; its conditions of life, however, prepare it far more for the part of a bribed tool of reactionary intrigue."

Is it not the "passively rotting mass" in Germany and other countries, the mass ignorant of the causes that rock capitalist society to its foundations, that is led by demagogues like Hitler and Mussolini? These same masses if informed that capitalist civilization is reaching its end, that a collective regime of the

working class alone can solve the absurdities and contradictions of capitalism, would be recruited into a Socialist movement.

Blinded by their insecurity, hysterical because of the black curtains that capitalism has thrown about them, these unfortunates seize power and transform society into a prison with themselves as the keepers. Sections of the ruling class subsidize such movements although they may even fear this nursing of a wild monster. They gamble with madmen, knowing that the latter will provide a noose for working-class organization but hoping that the noose will not be coiled round their own necks.

But Fascist wild men do not stop short of jailing the movement that is really their liberator. In Italy the capitalist and banking classes are today the slaves of the Black Shirts and in Germany the same classes are coming under the domination of the monster they financed and encouraged. And with what results?

There isn't a single depression factor that is inherent in capitalist society that Fascism can remove. Capitalism is a system of producing commodities for exchange. That is its basic depression disease. Every capitalist enterprise, from the first factory that issued out of the old system of family production more than a century ago, came into the world afflicted with this depression disease. Each is a plant for producing commodities for a market the capacity of which no one knows.

What happens? Wage workers sell their labor power to the capitalists. In every plant the workers produce values in excess of the value of the wage they receive. Each worker sells one labor power; the capitalist buys hundreds, even thousands, of labor powers and out of each one an excess value is realized by the capitalist buyer. Commodities accumulate till some become unbuyable. The unbuyable surplus increases and finally industrial stagnation sets in.

Aside from this depression cancer, firmly lodged in each industry, there is the basic disease in the monetary economy. Capitalism being based upon commodity production, the system of exchange requires one generally accepted commodity in which the values of all other commodities will be measured. Gold has become that money commodity. Why?

Because, to serve as a measure of value it must have large value in small bulk. That is, it must be scarce to meet these requirements. But as the basis of the money economy and to serve as a means of circulation it should be abundant. The two functions of gold as a commodity come into conflict. It must be scarce for one purpose and abundant for another!

In normal periods gold will fairly well function despite this fundamental contradiction but in a period of depression, if fear becomes general, there is a scramble between the nations to maintain the gold reserves that are essential for each money economy. However, there is not enough gold in the world to serve this purpose. Fear becomes panic and panic becomes hysteria. Then the money structure slides off its gold base and what was chaos in industry also becomes chaos in the whole money economy.

In other words, the system of capitalist production has become so highly developed, it has gestated such vast powers of commodity production, that it is the victim of glaring economic contradictions which it cannot solve.

Now Fascism makes no alterations whatever in the system of commodity production. To chain capitalist production to a Fascist regime will solve nothing. In fact, any alteration in the governing structure of society, whether it be toward despotism or toward democracy, will not touch the two-fold depression disease that rages in the system of commodity production for exchange and sale.

These are fundamental considerations that Marxian Socialism long ago stressed and there is no satisfactory answer to the problem they present short of a social revolution inspired and led by a class-conscious working class. Hysterical Fascists in control of a capitalist system are like a squirrel in a revolving cage, they

are always moving but they get nowhere. Moreover, the contradictions, conflicts and absurdities of commodity production are also certain to disillusion masses who follow a Hitler or a Mussolini.

However, to get rid of Fascism may mean agonized convulsions, conspiracy, terror, and bloody class struggles which, if prolonged, may largely wreck a highly complex system of production and exchange. All the more reason why the working class should give its utmost support to the agitation for the preservation of the popular rights of organization, agitation, free assemblage and elections. The Fascist, the Bolshevik, and the bourgeoisie reactionary all have one thing in common in that they sneer at democracy. It is the united front that reveals much that is similar in the philosophy of each.

If it is true that a society based upon the production of commodities for sale is afflicted with a cancerous depression disease, then it is also true that neither Fascism nor military rule can cure it. Both mean little more than an alteration of the governing structure while the disease is located in the industrial structure of society. One might as well expect to prevent a fault in the earth's crust from producing an earthquake by passing a law against it as to expect Fascist decrees to cure the cancer that eats through the whole structure of society.

These are May Day reflections upon a capitalist system in convulsions all over the world. Workers should beware of any trend toward diverting attention from these basic facts to any attacks upon nationalities and racial minorities. It was only a few years ago that we had an epidemic of Ku Kluxism—hate of foreigners, Catholics, Jews and the Negroes. Last year an American Hitler, Edward Clark Young, after attempting to market a 200 million dollar scheme to restore "prosperity," was sent to a psychopathic ward for observation. The Klan expired in a carouse of corruption and graft, with some whippings and murders thrown in for good measure, but the ignorance upon which it fed is by no means banished.

Whether the worker is Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant, black or white, German, Italian or American, all workers have one interest in common and that is to fight in a common solidarity for their emancipation. Once the poison of racial and nationalist hates seeps into their ranks division is certain and solidarity is impossible.

Such hates are evidence of a barbaric mind. They are a reversion back to ancient grudges. They serve and can only serve reactionary classes. They are in fundamental conflict with the idea and practice of labor solidarity. The post-war history of Italy, Hungary and Germany show that all these aspects of nationalism have served to put the whole working class in chains.

The interests of the workers of all countries are the same. Ours is a clarion call to clasp hands across all frontiers. We are Socialists and internationalists. We seek the abolition of capitalism not only in our own country but in all countries.

Our rallying cry remains what it was in 1847.

"Workers of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain."

"PITY GERMAN LABOR"

WASHINGTON (FP)—"What a fatigued people can do when its nerves are ragged with anxiety is illustrated by Germany's plunge into Hitlerism," says the Journal of Electrical Workers and Operators, editorially, in its April issue. "A flashing oratorical style, unscrupulous promises, a modern sense of organization, have placed an adventurer at Germany's helm, and civilized values have received another blow or two. His strong-arming the Jewish race is a slur on humanity."

"The most to be pitied are German labor unions. Hitler has placed at the head of the labor ministry the labor-hating employer of the nation, the king of company unionism. It is as if a president of the United States had appointed Walter Gordon Merritt or James Emery, as secretary of labor. This union foe is pledged to uproot, rend, scatter and destroy the trade union movement. It remains to be seen whether this is possible. "It is to be regretted that the American labor movement has no way in which to aid the German unions. For if they go, labor the world over will be adversely affected."

(Correspondent's note: Since the above was written, Hitler has seized control of the works councils, through which the unions deal with the employers, and he has imprisoned thousands of trade union officials.)

The effort to overcome disagreeable noises in the theatres might include searching the patrons for peanuts as they go in.

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, 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 at 8 p. m. until further notice, at 8 p. m., 1014 Broadway Blvd.

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

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.

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.

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.

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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 Newmans-town Band Hall.

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

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

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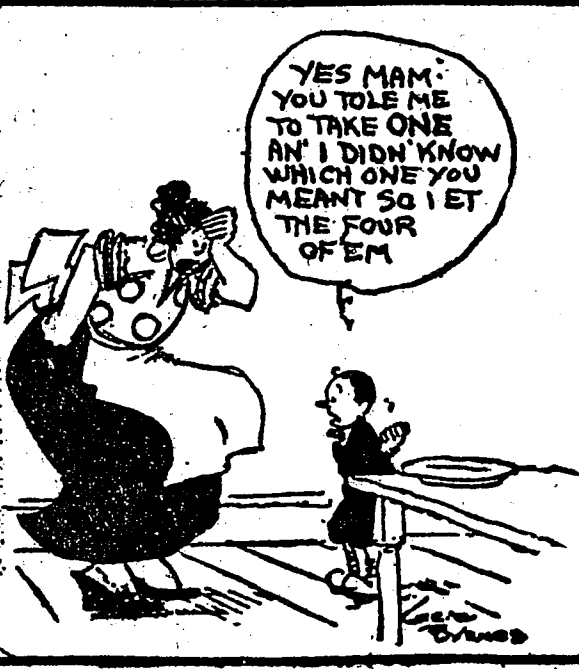
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