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## READING CONTINUES STRIKEBOUND POLICE CLUBS SWING ON JOBLESS MARCHERS

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

THERE IS SOMETHING I want to say while the present wave of strikes is sweeping over the nation, something which should, I think, be set in type, not so much for the good it will do right now as to place it upon the record for future consideration. For, being a Socialist, my viewpoint of industrial struggles within the Capitalist system simply must differ radically from that of non-Socialists. I, be it understood, wish to abolish Capitalism. The non-Socialist striker, on the other hand, thinks that his economic problems can be settled without making such a fundamental change. If he didn't think like that, he, too, would be a Socialist.

I BELIEVE IN strikes just as I believe it to be in order for any group of slaves to fight for better treatment. Just because they are not strong enough to secure absolute freedom would have been no good reason for pre-war Negroes to struggle for better rations, prompt medical attention and more security in their family relations. To the extent that they won such concessions from their masters, to that extent they elevated their living standards. They would have been foolish to wait until they could abolish slavery before demanding anything at all. IF EVERYTHING can not be gained it is only good sense to get SOMETHING.

SO WITH THE wage slaves of Capitalism.

There is no limit to the depths to which the owners would force unresisting workers. Therefore, I glory when workers resist oppression. I rejoice when they win concessions which make their lives even a slight degree richer. Whatever workers can gain under the wage and profit system is all to the good. In particular the winning of shorter hours is an advantage which can not be recaptured by the bosses—as the bosses have so frequently nullified wage increases by the simple expedient of increasing the cost of commodities.

But while I—and other Socialists—are eager to assist in every struggle which workers may make for better conditions under the Capitalist system, we would be false to ourselves, to our party and to all struggling workers if we did not take every opportunity to point to the need for destroying the Capitalist system and putting a Socialist system in its place.

LABOR EXPLOITERS TRY to befuddle the minds of wage slaves by charging that Socialists enter strikes for political purposes. That is one of the half truths which serve to keep the workers from seeing straight.

Socialists do not enter strikes for political purposes. In fact, all things that Socialists do have a political significance. For Socialists see what non-Socialists have failed to understand: that the masters keep workers in bondage by controlling the powers of government. And for that reason Socialists never tire of telling striking workers that their progress

### T. P. L. LISTS CASUALTIES IN LETTER TO PINCHOT BARRING GILES' ASSAULT

Clubs Swing on Hungry Men and Women Who Seek to Protest Starvation by Mass Demonstration—League Tells Judge Schaeffer That City Authorities Would Turn Streets Into Bloody Battlefields

Police violence in all its ugly aspects was brought into play last Friday afternoon when several thousand unemployed men and women, members of the Taxpayers' Protective League, were halted and dispersed as they were marching to the home of Poor Director J. Clinton Bach to protest against inadequate relief allowances.

When the march was started, about 4 p. m., in accordance with plans made public by the League, a riot call was sent out by Police Commissioner Giles and practically every man on the local force was hastily dispatched to head off the marchers.

The unemployed were cut off on

Clymer street near Perkiomen avenue, a few blocks away from the Bach home, and Wayne Sands, one of the leaders of the demonstration, was ordered to turn the marchers back to the city park where the demonstration was formed. When Sands

### THANKS TO MUSICIANS

The Taxpayers' Protective League wishes to thank the Italian branch of that organization for having their band in the big labor demonstration on Wednesday night, July 12. Thanks are also extended to the local union musicians and to the Socialist Male Chorus for furnishing instrumental and vocal music.

refused to comply with the police order the police drew their clubs and proceeded to forcibly prevent the demonstration.

### Protest to Governor

At a meeting later in the day the League's executive committee forwarded the following description and protest to Governor Gifford Pinchot: "We hereby protest against the police treatment of the unemployed, while marching through the streets of Reading in a peaceful and orderly manner."

On July 14, about 4 p. m., following a business meeting of the T. P. L., the unemployed organization of Berks county, at City Park, the unemployed marched toward the home of a Poor Director and while en route the police broke up the march, dispersed the people, and as

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### ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY TAXPAYERS' PRO. LEAGUE

The T. P. L. is holding a meeting of landlords and holders of real estate on August 1, at 1:30 p. m., at Labor Lyceum. The object of this meeting is to bring pressure on the Poor Board to pay rents for the unemployed.

All members of the T. P. L. in Reading and Berks county are urged to be at the regular city park meeting on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the band stand.

An invitation is extended to all strikers in Reading and Berks to be present.

Due to the interference of the police of the City of Reading in the march to Clint Bach's home last Friday afternoon, Bach has been asked to make his appearance at this Friday's meeting and speak to the assembly at the band stand. Sarah Limbach, State Secretary of the Socialist Party will also speak.

The radio program over WEEU sponsored by the T. P. L. has been changed from 10 a. m. to 10:45 a. m. every other Friday.

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### SOCIALIST PARK SUNDAY

### ROPE STRIKERS WIN VICTORY

Settlement Provides For Union Recognition, Shorter Hours And Wage Increases—Discharged Organizers Reinstated

Another labor struggle ended in a victory for Reading workers yesterday when the Jackson Rope Walk employees voted to return to work under an agreement which reduces hours, raises wages and grants union recognition to approximately 175 people involved. An additional stipulation provides for the reinstatement of employees who were discharged for union activities prior to the strike.

Under terms of settlement, hours are reduced from 54 to 48 and wages increased from as low as \$4 per week to minimums ranging from \$12 to \$16. Skilled workers will get wage increases ranging up to 33 1/2 per cent.

Further negotiations with Jackson concern will be conducted by the representatives of the United Rope and Cordage Workers Union as occasion may demand.

The settlement is the outcome of negotiations during the past few days in which Harry Alexander, organizer for the Taxpayers' Protective League, acted as spokesman for the strikers and Charles Kutz, state labor mediator, participated.

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### HOSE USED AS WEAPONS BY TAXI STRIKEBREAKERS

Charging that they were attacked by non-striking taxicab drivers and beaten with rubber hose and crank handles, four taxi strikers have sworn out warrants against four drivers still in the employ of the Yellow Cab Co., charging assault and battery and aggravated assault and battery. Raymond Schaeffer, one of the strikers, was arrested on a warrant by Samuel Seaman, charging that Schaeffer damaged one of the Yellow Cab company's cabs.

Hearings on all charges were set by Alderman Springer for yesterday afternoon at too late an hour to be reported this week.

The strikers, Carl Kramer, Robert McCallisher, Charles Haas and Raymond Schaeffer, declare they were set upon by Harrison Reno, Clyde Brown, Wade Russell and Charles Hafer in the company of Manager Seaman near a taxi stand on Penn street below Sixth about 1:20 o'clock Sunday morning.

Striker's Car Damaged. The attack grew out of an argument between Haas and Hafer when the former discovered that his car had been damaged to such an extent that he could not start it before making repairs. Seeing Hafer nearby, Haas asked the non-striker what he knew about the damage and an altercation ensued.

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### STRIKERS IN MANY INDUSTRIES REJECT SLIGHT INCREASE TO WAGE FIGHT FOR ORGANIZATION

Walkouts at Textile Machine and Penn Optical Add to Number of Plants Affected—Hatters Report Strong Response to Union—Strikers Are Receiving Food Vouchers on Same Basis as Unemployed—\$2 Wages Exposed In Sweatshop Probe

Workers' revolts against speedups, wage cuts and earnings far below the needs of family existence continued in Reading this week, with an agreement between the striking pretzel workers and most of the firms as the only rift in the clouds of dissension which have been hanging over Reading for the past month. While the employers, in almost every case are apparently willing to give slight increases in wages (10% is the amount of increase generally suggested by the bosses), all are standing out against union recognition and closed shop agreements with the strikers.

### New Strikes This Week

Tuesday morning the workers of the Textile Machine Co. walked off the job. Moulders in that plant met at Paradise Garden Cafe in West Reading and decided to join the

### HOSIERY STRIKE HAS INDUSTRY AT STANDSTILL

Stubborn Effort of Organized Employers to Wear Down Strikers. Fails to Bring Results

### STAND FIRM FOR UNION

Public Understanding of Organization's Value Increased By Struggle—Determined to End Old Slave System

Beaten to a complete standstill the hosiery manufacturers of Berks County are seeking some way to prevent themselves from publicly throwing up the sponge.

This is the view taken by all who are close to this astounding situation in which over 11,000 full fashioned and close to 3,000 seamless workers are on strike.

Despite the fact that every full fashioned hosiery mill in the county is closed and that only three or four small seamless shops are still working after a fashion, the employers are stubbornly fighting to avoid admission.

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### WRONG FIGURES USED IN STEEL COMPANY STORY

An error in last week's story about the Reading Steel Casting Company has been called to the attention of the Advocate and is gladly corrected. The statement that moulders earn \$1.65 per shift should have included mention of the fact that they do not work the entire shift when they draw such wages. It often happens that there is considerable waiting time during which the moulders do no work and receive no pay. Wages for moulders average between 60 and 70 cents per hour, but even this rate is a reduction of approximately 50 per cent under the earning of several years ago.

We learn from a source which we believe reliable that the labor wage at the steel plant is 34 cents per hour.

The report that work is being imported from a stock shop in New Jersey is also denied.

### MOHN HAT WORKERS WIN UNION SHOP WITH 8-HR. DAY, 10-HR. PAY

In what was described by Hugh Glover, organizer for the United Hatters of North America, as "a clear-cut victory for organization," 180 striking employees of the Mohn hat factory voted, Wednesday afternoon, to return to work next Monday.

The terms of settlement gives the Mohn employees full recognition of their union and an 8-hour working day with 10-hour pay.

The Mohn workers are now planning to extend the influence of the union to all other plants in this locality. They will utilize all spare time in picketing struck plants in Adamstown and Denver, Glover announced.

On the same day an agreement with the Paul Hendel concern on South Third street provides for a temporary 9-hour day on a 10-hour-pay basis plus a 10 per cent wage increase and full recognition of the Hatters' Union.

Moulders' Union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The shop is being picketed and operations at the industry are at a standstill.

On Wednesday there was a partial walkout of workers in the serving department of the Penn Optical Co., Eighth and Bingham streets. Labor-driving tactics, speedups and a wage cut of 10 per cent, imposed June 1, are mentioned as the direct cause of the walkout. The strikers explain that they are allowed only a half hour for making ready their machines each morning and that the task requires a full-hour. They also report that, while they are paid by the hour, they must get out six frames in a day of nine hours. Failing to reach that mark, they are obliged to work until the required number of frames are completed, the

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### OPEN MEETING FOR PAINTERS

All painters, whether organized or unorganized are invited to attend an open meeting of the Painters Union next Friday night, July 28 at 8 o'clock, on the 4th floor of Peoples Printing Co. building, Reed and Court streets.

Arrangements are being made to have prominent speakers to address the gathering on matters of importance to all workers at the trade.

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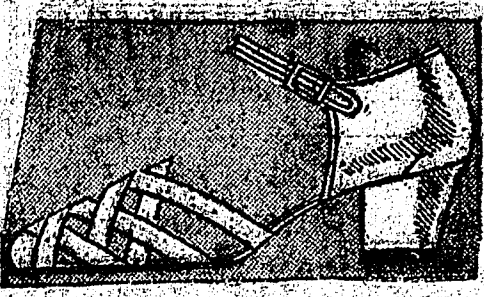
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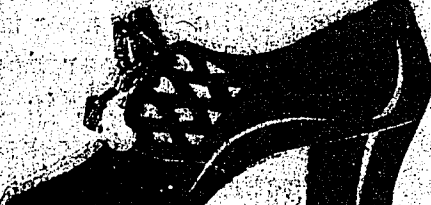
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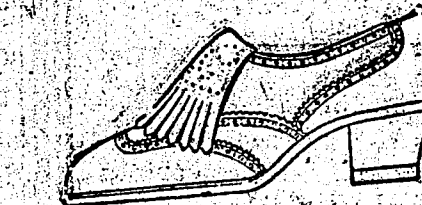
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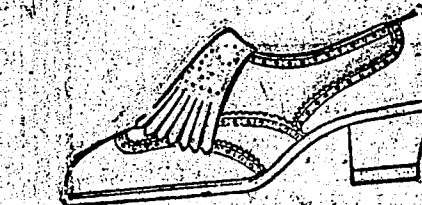
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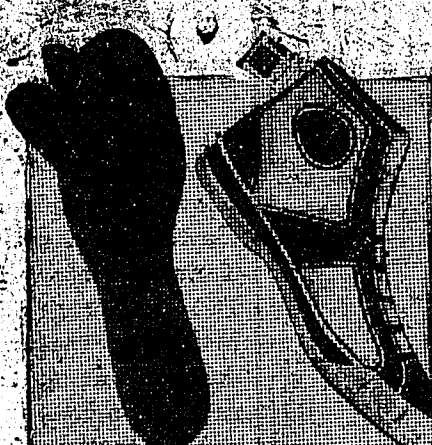
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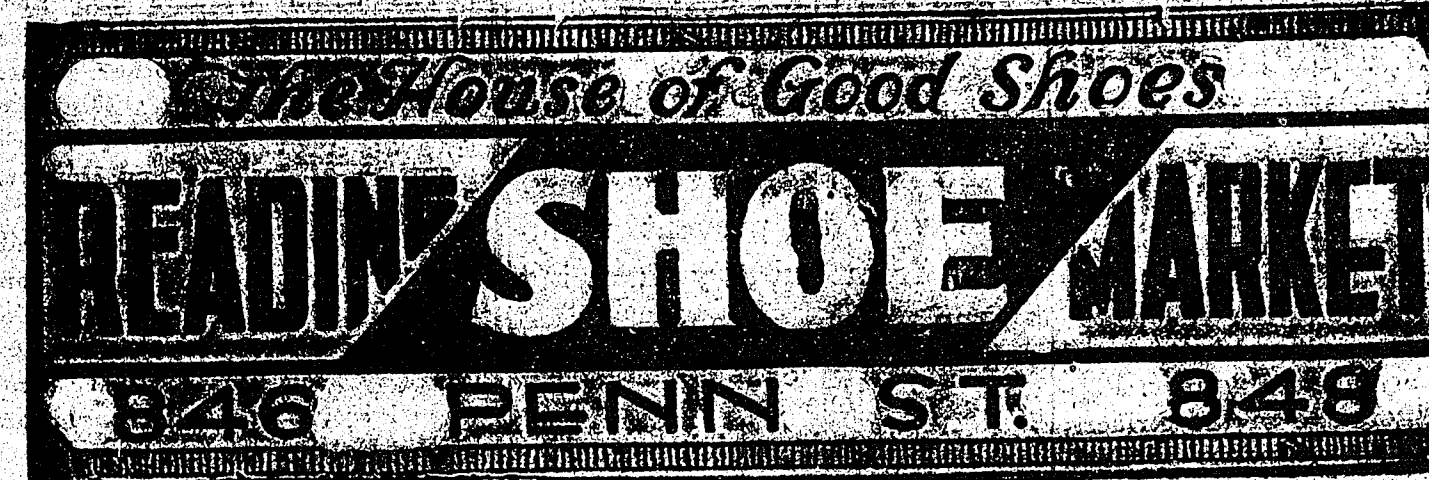
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## HOAN HITS CITY SALARY SLASHES

Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee Declares Wage Reductions Kill Attempts to Shorten Workdays

MILWAUKEE.—Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, has assailed the common council majority's salary reduction resolution in a veto message as "sheer hypocrisy" and "a stab in the back to all those, including the president of the United States, who are striving to shorten the workday so as to give relief to the millions of unemployed."

For Six-Hour Day

The mayor's full statement of the reasons for his veto is as follows:

"If adopted, this resolution would make it impossible for the city to adopt the six-hour day in its public work and to readjust salaries accordingly."

The federal government is busily engaged in providing for the six-hour day and five-day week, as far as it is physically possible, throughout the industrial world.

"It is doing so as a necessary step to provide employment for the millions who are suffering the curse of idleness."

Assails Council Hypocrisy  
"I, for one, would feel utterly ashamed not to co-operate in this splendid move and I believe the common council should take the same attitude."

"You have already unanimously indorsed bills asking the federal government to so limit the hours of labor. You have unanimously indorsed a similar proposition, asking the state legislature to enact such a bill."

"It seems sheer hypocrisy to ask all other units of government to put the six-hour day into effect and then make it possible to carry it out in our own city."

Unemployment Relief Vital

"The resolution you have adopted not only prevents 2,000 or more people from obtaining employment through the six-hour day, but it actually wipes out the \$800,000 made available by the 10 per cent donation for employment."

"This will make it impossible for the city to provide the supervisory help necessary to take advantage of the labor supplied from the county relief lists not to speak of wiping out the funds that enabled us to furnish 10 days' work to 10,000 people during the past year."

"This resolution is a stab in the back to all those, including the president of the United States, who are striving to shorten the workday so as to give relief to the millions of unemployed."

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assaulted and roughly handled both men and women.

"According to George Gaul and Walter Jacobs the police were ordered to pull their guns and did pull their guns."

"Following are some of the casualties:

"Mrs. Harvey Hess, 437 Pear St., struck with a club.

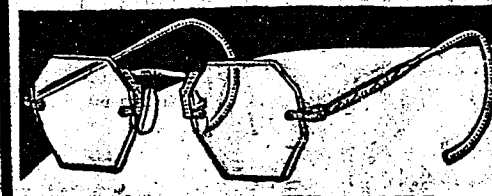
"Thomas Eitel, 227 Cedar St., struck on hand with club, leaving it black and blue and swollen.

"Mrs. Margaret Bréhéiser, 222 Mulberry St., old, grey-haired and nearly 70, knocked roughly to one side.

"Josephine Synanoyez, 422 Arlington St., struck with club.

"Elizabeth Clark, 140 Rose St., struck on shoulder.

"Michael Sindura, Kenhorst, black



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and blue elbow and leg, struck with club.

"Ed. Burke, R. F. D. 1, Fleetwood, knocked off porch into gutter. "Paul Neiman, 1105 North 12th St., struck with club.

"Clarence Eisenbise, Kenhorst, struck with club.

Charge Policeman Brück  
"According to many, at least one policeman, William Wurst, was drunk.

"Mrs. Pinchot, who addressed us a few weeks ago, knows that we are orderly and peaceful, and this is a positive invasion of the rights of citizens to peacefully assemble and walk through the streets."

"On Wednesday, July 12, 25,000 unemployed and strikers marched through the streets of Reading and there was no trouble. There were also no police to interfere with us. When people assemble and march they don't riot or tear each other to pieces, in the absence of police. The police cause the trouble and we hereby request that you take action whereby peaceful people can peacefully assemble and walk through the streets of our city, and we also request that Mrs. Pinchot come to us next Friday, July 21, to lead our demonstration."

"Yours sincerely,  
"Taxpayers' Protective League.  
(Signed) WM. HERTZOG,  
"Secretary General Assembly."

Invite Bach to Speak  
Commenting upon the affair, Poor Director Bach issued a public statement to the effect that he sympathized with their demands for better relief but declared that the matter of relief is now in the hands of the State, since county finances are exhausted. Bach went on to say that the marchers were late arriving at his house and that he was on his way to meet them and march with them when the police attack started.

In reply to Bach's statement, the Taxpayers' Protective League has addressed a letter to the Poor Director inviting him to address them today between 2 and 4 p. m. in the interest of safety.

Demonstrations Banned  
Mayor Heber Ermentrout and Police Commissioner Giles have placed a ban upon all future demonstrations at private homes and threatened further police violence if the unemployed ignore their order.

In a letter to Judge Schaeffer last Monday the League informed the latter that the organization realizes it is helpless to protect its members from the police, who, the letter reads, "in order to limit our rights will, if necessary, turn our streets into bloody battlefields to impose this limitation upon us."

Enforced Starvation  
Officials of the League describe the action of the city police as imposing starvation by force upon the unemployed of Reading. They point to the fact that, despite the fact that food prices have made sharp advances, allowances to the jobless have remained at the same level as before.

"The League has kept perfect order at all its demonstrations," Robert Schoener pointed out this week. "However, it now remains to be seen how long thousands of people will suffer slow starvation before they become desperate enough to defy the clubs of the Reading police. The League is not looking for trouble, but we feel that we should not be assaulted and beaten when we attempt to call public attention to the plight of the unemployed by public demonstrations."

F. P. Man Arrested

DENVER.—Harry Cohen, Federated Press correspondent and member of the Denver United Front Committee, who had fought for continuation of relief to the unemployed, has been arrested and is being held for investigation.

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Comrades Asked To Furnish Sleeping Quarters For Delegates To Gathering Next Month

Arrangements are under way for the National Convention of the Y. P. S. L. to be held in Reading on Aug. 25 to 27.

The National Convention Committee, which meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Labor Lyceum, asks for the cooperation of all party members.

The problem of housing the delegates is important. Those that have the room for one or more delegates please notify the committee. Gits and tents would also be greatly appreciated.

Members that can give the use of their cars are asked to do so. Typewriters are another important necessity. With a little cooperation on everybody's part the National Convention should turn out to be a huge success.

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Lengthen Made Work But Still Pay 30c An Hour

CLINTON, Iowa.

Unemployed Clinton men who have been made to earn their doles by working on the roads and other jobs at 30c an hour will now have the chance to put in eight hours a day instead of six. They will be given one to three days' work a week as before, according to the size of their families. The rate remains 30c an hour, though Industrial Dictator Johnson has said in Washington that he thought 45c a fair minimum for American workers. The men are paid in grocery orders instead of cash. There are 1,102 families on relief in Clinton county.

British Labor To Boycott Hitler

NEW YORK.—The British Trade Union Congress has indorsed a resolution urging members to boycott German goods. The Dutch National Trade Union Center and the Dutch Socialist Party have indorsed a similar boycott.

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## HOSIERY STRIKE

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ting defeat and recognizing the Union.

With the employees all signed up as members of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, the only fiction manufacturers can fall back on is the old one: "the code is not yet in effect."

The employers know and admit that the National Industrial Recovery Act obliges them to permit unionization and to accept the principle of collective dealings. Advised by some slick legalist, the manufacturers say that they don't have to actually accept the union until the code for the hosiery industry has been okayed by the President.

In the weeks that must elapse before the code is adopted, the bosses figure they can break the strike and thus discourage the workers from attempting further moves at unionization.

**Strikers' Spirit Strong**

The spirit of the workers is so magnificent here that nothing less than union recognition in some form will enable the strike to be ended. Instead of weakening, the strikers have been gaining strength perceptibly and unmistakably. The turnout on the picket lines and at mass meetings, the success of the strikers in preventing strikebreakers from going into the plants, the general air of victory, and steadfastness which prevails proves that there is no chance of this strike weakening. As the message of unionism has been brought closer and closer home, these 11,000 workers in the past five weeks have found themselves; they know now they were always unionists at heart and that they are never going to be anything else in the future as long as they work for a livelihood.

Strike activities have been carried this past week in a deliberate and organized manner. Membership lists are being checked, picket shifts carefully organized and a whole series of committees has undertaken the enormous job of studying and compiling wage rates in each and every shop on strike.

The complicated piece rate methods prevailing in this district are for the first time being thoroughly analyzed and set forth in detail. The shop committees are laying the basis for wage negotiations when they are opened.

**Union the Chief Issue**

In deep secret, the manufacturers are making all sorts of devious moves whereby they can maneuver themselves out of the corner in which they now are trapped. It is apparent that higher wages—even the union wage scale—could be readily had by the strikers if they would not insist upon union recognition. This the strikers resolutely and indignantly reject. "Rather work for less at first, but have a union," that is the sentiment of the great mass of the strikers.

Negotiations have been carried on with some of the smaller manufacturers but none of them dare settle with the union for fear of having their credit choked off by the larger manufacturers. The entire crowd of manufacturers is making a well organized drive to prevent the workers gaining the right to organize.

**Small Employers Threatened**  
All employers are sticking together like the toughest minded union men—but unlike unionists the employers' actions are too often ruled by fear rather than by reason. Economic terrorization is freely used by the richer bosses on the smaller

try that need bank loans in order to live. Loans are obtained from the two banks in Reading which remain open and which, despite all denials to the contrary, are thoroughly dominated by the millionaire hosiery barons. The little fellow among the manufacturers who would recognize the union would at once find himself unable to stay in business because of lack of credit with which to operate.

The workers are fighting a banking ring as well as a manufacturers' union.

**Federal Authorities Inactive**

Federal authorities and the officials of the National Industrial Recovery Act are keeping in close touch with this most important strike situation in America. The story of the strike is front page news every day in local papers and is featured elsewhere. But as yet no definite action has been announced from Washington. The administration has not yet indicated whether it is prepared to come to grips with the employers on the question of union rights and recognition. It is probable that until the White House indicated its attitude on this question that the manufacturers will defy and violate all labor provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

In the past week at the Textile Machine Works where a partial walk-out took place, several men were discharged frankly for union activities. The workers are willing to take affidavits to the fact that their bosses freely admitted firing them for seeking to form a union in the mechanical departments of the Wyomissing industries. These statements are being forwarded to Washington for consideration by the United States Attorney General and the counsel to the National Industrial Recovery Act.

**Lasting Impression Created**

The whole community continues to be amazed at the revolution which has occurred in the mental attitude of the whole county by this almost incredibly effective stoppage of work in a district which was the citadel of anti-unionism for almost twenty years.

This strike has created a sort of fervor and new spirit in the community which can only be compared to a sort of change which a great religious revival brings about. But this great awakening of the spirit of unionism will not peter out like conversions at revivals have so often failed to "take." This is the real thing in Reading. Only those close to the situation can see this and be absolutely confident about it. Nothing can now drive these workers back into old slave habits, old habits of submission and servility. Very few strikes in America have meant so much to the strikers as has this experience which has enabled the workers of Berks to actually see themselves in the light of honesty and reality.

The precious idea of the recognition of the union with all that this means in the way of both economic security and in moral and social progress has gripped the minds of these people so firmly that nothing will now force them to abandon this demand. The employers will be made to capitulate in a few days or in several days—but they will have to give in one way or another. One of the most formidable and well equipped groups of industrial barons have at last met a dramatic and sensational defeat. Reading's hosiery mills will fall before the army of unionism and within a few weeks after that there will probably be not another non-union plant left in the state. The unionization of the entire hosiery industry in America will then be within reaching distance.

## NAZI TERRORISM ALARMS LEADER

Letter by Hitler Official to His Chief Warns of Dangers in Repressive Tactics

NEW YORK (FP).—Confirmation of the reports of Nazi terrorism has come from a Nazi leader himself in the form of a letter from Count Reventlow to Adolf Hitler, published in The Manchester Guardian. The Guardian has been banned from Germany for reporting Nazi persecution of radicals and Jews.

Reventlow is a Nazi Reichstag member, an extreme jingo before the war and a Hitler supporter of long standing. His letter to Hitler follows, in part:

"I feel it is my duty to make the following statement: The persecution and ill-treatment of trade unionists by the Nazi storm troops continue, and have reached an extent which, I am convinced, involves very grave dangers of several kinds. I will not go into details, although these too are at your disposal.

"The typical procedure is this: the trade unionists in question, women not excepted, are dragged into an 'S. A.-Lokal' (that is to say, one of the Nazi Brown Houses or club-rooms) and beaten and ill-treated there, sometimes in a manner that can hardly be described. Often articles of private property are taken from their homes. In the occupied trade union buildings things are demolished, money is often taken away, including savings that belong to groups of young people. Such things do not happen in Berlin alone, but throughout the Reich, including the eastern frontier regions, where they have a specially dubious aspect.

**Private Life Violated**

"For trade unionists, trade union buildings are a kind of home to which they are attached. The younger members are now denied the use of the clubrooms, gymnasiums, and so on. These things and many others signify immense, deep and violent inroads into the private life of the trade unionist. Objects to which he was always attached are being destroyed or taken away from him, including even small articles of private property.

"The right to employ workmen is already being reserved here and there for our own factory cells. Through fear of losing their means of livelihood trade unionists join these cells, and that is the only reason why they conceal their rage and bitterness.

"Altogether, during these weeks, an accumulation of hatred is being engendered, and I consider it a great danger, quite apart from the fact that all these methods are unjust and show little consideration for our competitors. After all, the Free Trade Unions—that is, the Socialist Trade Unions—still have four million members, not counting further millions of dependents.

"The actions of the storm troops are, to a certain degree, humanly understandable, but this degree has long been far exceeded.

"Some of those who have been maltreated flee across the frontiers because their future is menaced. That some are joining the Stahlhelm I partly attribute to the fact that they want to be secure against further ill-treatment. I may add that they are sometimes forced to make a written declaration that they have been well treated.

**DESCRIPTIVE**

A young wife, wishing to announce the birth of her first child to a friend in a distant city, telegraphed:

"Isaiah 9:8." Which passage begins: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Her friend, unfamiliar with the Scriptures, said to her husband: "Margaret evidently has a boy who weighs nine pounds and six ounces, but why on earth did they name him Isaiah?"

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stricted to two for each five paid-up members.

**Starvation Amid Plenty**

NEW YORK.—In the shadow of some of New York's ritziest hotels, restaurants and penthouse skyscraper apartments, Alexander Block, 73, was found lying on a Central Park bench, too weak from starvation to move. He was taken to a hospital.

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School Boards and Labor  
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Wage Policy—International  
Aids

Taking its lone stand in Philadel-  
phia for a drastic wage-cut and  
lockout of union men is costing the  
John C. Winston Publishing Com-  
pany heavily in lost orders.

Recently the employers of union  
printers in that city proposed a low-  
er wage rate, which was accepted by  
the Typographical Union. The Win-  
ston Company alone insisted upon an  
extra slash under that agreed to by  
all the others. Since the union could  
not grant any such special privilege,  
the company locked out its union em-  
ployees.

This act was especially galling be-  
cause in the past the International  
Typographical Union's campaign for  
union-made public school textbooks  
has been very profitable to the Win-  
ston Company, which unionized only  
to take advantage of this campaign.

As publishers of textbooks, the  
company has been trying to renew  
contracts for the next school term.  
But many States require union, fair  
labor in the manufacture of text-  
books, and have turned a deaf ear to  
the story of the company that it is  
not as black as it has painted itself.

In other communities, where the  
State law is not specific enough in  
protecting union labor, there are  
members of school boards who are  
opposed to underpaid labor and who  
believe in fair dealing. They can-  
not see doing business with the  
Winston Company.

Active support given by State  
Federations of Labor, Central Labor  
Unions and local organizations has  
turned the light of clearest publicity  
upon the misconduct of the company.

What is also heartening Philadel-  
phia Typographical Union is the ad-  
ditional financial support just voted  
by the International Union. This  
will enable information about the  
unfair practices of the concern to be  
carried to every town in the country  
in the market for textbooks.

School boards are now consider-  
ing purchase of books for the next  
school term. This happens just  
when the nation is keen for indus-  
trial recovery and apt to take quick  
action against a concern which cuts  
under accepted standards.

By the friends of just conditions  
of employment concentrating their  
influence in the contest against the  
unfair practices of the Winston  
Company, it is expected that con-  
cern will see the advantage of re-  
suming its relations with the union,  
re-employ the locked-out union men  
and abide by the wage scale set by  
the employers and union.

### REFLECTIONS

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is made immeasurably more difficult  
by Capitalist laws—laws which per-  
mit a few individuals to own the jobs  
which millions of workers need.

SOCIALISTS WILL STRIKE with  
their non-Socialist fellows. But So-  
cialist strikers want to do more than  
merely close industries. Until the  
bosses concede a point or two.

Socialists really want to OPEN the  
industries. They want to produce  
abundantly under conditions which  
will enable the producers to enjoy  
ALL that they produce.

While the mills and mines and  
factories are owned by a few, So-  
cialists struggle to make the few  
give greater consideration to the  
many who work. But greater than  
a more bearable slavery, Socialists  
want INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM.

That explains why Socialists are  
in politics. They want to unite the  
political power of the working class  
in order that workers may use all  
the force of government to take the  
means of life for the people. When  
that is done—and not before—the  
need for strikes will end, for then  
all men and women will become use-  
ful producers and all will share in  
the wealth their labor creates.

WORKERS, UNITE AT the ballot  
box! Fight for better and fuller lives  
under this old slave system. Then  
use your political power to end the  
slavery which the masters' law fast-  
ens upon you. You who made the  
world must also own it.

Soviets Boost Rail Wages

MOSCOW—Wage increases rang-  
ing from 20% to 60% have been  
granted Soviet railroad employes,  
with corresponding increases for  
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ficient work. The purpose is to help  
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### STRIKERS

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strikers declare, and receive no extra  
pay for the extra time.

Vanity Fair Strike  
The most recent walkouts, reported  
yesterday, occurred at the Vanity  
Fair silk underwear plant where 100  
workers are on strike. A partial walk-  
out of the Redway and Mell and  
Fisher seamless hosiery plant work-  
ers is also reported.

Hatters Unionizing  
Hugh Glover, general organizer  
for the United Hatters of North  
America, reports that there is no let-  
up in organization activities of the  
hatters. Glover reports a 100 per-  
cent union organization in the Mohr  
and Hendel plants and 98% of the  
Alexander factory.

A meeting in Eagles' Hall last Fri-  
day night was attended by 580 local  
hatters. The local organization has  
elected the following officers: Pres-  
ident, Paul Palm; vice president, How-  
ard Hartman; treasurer, Bessie  
Frost; financial secretary, Revella  
Hendricks.

The Bollman plant in Adamstown  
and the Fichtorn plant in Denver  
are also affected by the strike.  
Glover describes the spirit of the  
hatters as excellent and declares he  
never associated with a more willing  
group of workers.

All Strikers Standing Firm  
In all the industries affected the  
strikers are standing together, despite  
the fact that many homes are suffer-  
ing privations as a result of the loss  
of the starvation wages which pre-  
cipitated the walkouts. Laundry  
workers, shoe operators, iron work-  
ers, shirt workers, clothing workers,  
silk workers, taxi driver and hosiery  
strikers are all demanding complete  
unionization as the chief condition  
under which they will return to their  
jobs.

Police Interference Halted  
While city police have been sta-  
tioned by Commissioner Giles at all  
the struck plants, there has been a  
noticeable let-up in the trouble-pro-  
voking tactics which characterized

police activities at some mills a week  
ago.

Mass picketing is being permitted  
and is proceeding in an orderly man-  
ner. In this activity the strikers are  
receiving invaluable assistance from  
the "Taxpayers' Protective League."  
Several weeks ago Stewart Tomlin-  
son, chairman of the League's execu-  
tive board, publicly stated that no  
members of that organization would  
be used as strikebreakers. Instead,  
the unemployed organization recog-  
nizes that the success of the strikes  
will react to the benefit of all work-  
ers and are therefore doing all in  
their power to strengthen the de-  
mands which have been voiced by the  
striking workers.

Relief Roll Grows

With the stopping of payrolls in  
Reading there has been a corre-  
sponding growth in the number of  
people who are applying for the food  
vouchers which are now being fi-  
nanced with State funds. Under a  
State ruling the strikers are entitled  
to relief without regard to the rea-  
son for their present unemployment.

Sweatshops Exposed

The most startling outcome of  
local strike activities has been the  
expose of wages in the shirt indus-  
tries of Berks and nearby counties.  
At a hearing lasting four hours be-  
fore Dr. Henry Moskowitz, Federal  
conciliator, in the Abraham Lincoln  
Hotel Tuesday night, it was revealed  
that wages as low as \$2 for a full  
week's work were being paid to girl  
workers.

This fact was already known to  
union organizers and social workers  
who were forced, in many cases, to  
add a dole to the wages earned in  
order to supply the bare necessities  
of existence to full-time workers.  
Amalgamated Clothing Workers'

Union officials are now seeking for  
an absolute minimum of \$5 as a  
weekly wage, with wages graded up-  
ward from that point.

Arkansas Judges  
Can't See Salary Cut

MENA, Ark.—Sixteen of the 22  
circuit judges in Arkansas and six of  
the 15 chancellors are refusing to  
obey the governor's request that  
they take a 30% wage cut for three  
months. It would imperil their dig-  
nity, they maintain.

Mr. Morgan can't be such a big  
shot. He doesn't gnaw the end of  
a cigar as they do in the movies.

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**Small Home Owners Get It In The Neck**

MEMPHIS.—The new deal is coming too late to help many small home owners in Memphis who are being evicted by due process of law because the federal act for refinancing small home mortgages is too slow in coming into operation. A carpenter with six children who had built and paid for his house but still owes money on the lot lost it all last week

when he was sold out of his home. "I knew I didn't have a chance," he said, in pathetic contrast with the militant treatment given to Iowa eviction judges by organized farmers.

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**Activities of the Reading Socialists**

**WOMEN'S CHORUS REHEARSAL MONDAY;**

**ALTOS ARE NEEDED**  
All members of the Socialist Women's Chorus are requested to be at the headquarters of the Southern Branch, Peach and Franklin streets, next Monday night at 8 for rehearsal. The chorus is making fine progress in preparation for its public debut at the Women's Picnic on July 30. However, a few more altos are needed to give the right effect to the singing. Ladies who can sing alto are asked to be at Monday's rehearsal.

**CAKES NEEDED AT SUNDAY'S PICNIC**

No Socialist will be 100 per cent successful without a full supply of those delicious home-made cakes which the women comrades know how to bake. There was a scarcity of cakes at the last two picnics. How about making up for lost time next Sunday, ladies?

**FULL ATTENDANCE WANTED AT SHILLINGTON TONIGHT**

The Shillington Branch has asked the Advocate to issue a call to all members to attend their branch meeting tonight in the I. O. of A. Hall. The branch caucus requires your presence there, Shillington Socialists!

**SOCIALIST CAUCUS NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT**

Caucus at the Red Men's Hall, Friday, July 28th, at 8 p. m. Members must be in good standing for at least six months to vote. Comrades who are out of work or unable to pay dues see your financial secretary.

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**FESTIVAL AND CARNIVAL AT LAURELDALE SATURDAY**

To be held by the Laureldale Branch, S. P., Saturday, July 22, from 7 to 11 p. m., at Verger's Hall, Elizabeth and Marion streets. Music by the Socialist Band, vaudeville acts, dancing girls and other entertainment. Soft drinks, cake, candy and ice cream will be offered for sale. Everybody invited.

**WOMEN'S COMMITTEE MEETS NEXT FRIDAY**

All members of the Women's Committee are urged to attend a meeting in Labor Lyceum next Friday night, July 27, to make final plans for the Women's Picnic.

An especial need exists for women who will give their time and labor to make the picnic successful. If you are willing to work at the picnic come or send your name and address to the Women's Committee at Labor Lyceum.

Contributions of cakes will be appreciated.

**SWEATER LOST AT PARK**

The person who found a woman's brown wool sweater at the picnic in Socialist Park, last Sunday, will be doing a favor to the owner by calling 2-2709.

**SOCIALIST PARK HOUSES BUSY STUDY GROUP**

Socialist Park, center for the past few weeks of strike activity, has also housed a quieter but no less significant group of men and women—the students at the Socialist summer school for eastern United States.

Coming mainly from Pennsylvania, but with Connecticut, West Virginia and New Jersey represented, the forty-odd students have been studying Socialist theory and principles under Mark Starr of Brookwood Labor College, and the principles of organization under Sarah Limbach, state secretary of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania.

In addition to the regular staff, lectures by men and women prominent in the Socialist movement have been given almost nightly, with August Claessens coming as a special instructor in public speaking for three days, and H. Kantorovich for a like period of Marxian economics. Those who have lectured include the Berks County legislators, Lilith Wilson and Darlington Hoopes; James H. Maurer, Mary Winsor, Dr. Jesse Holmes of Swarthmore, Leo Krzycki, national organizer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and Emil Rieve, president of the Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers of America.

The students, many of whom were sent to the school by organizations and unions, such as the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Bakers' Union, found a fine field for action in the strike situations in Reading and Lebanon, in which they actively participated. In the monstrous inspiring labor solidarity parade last Wednesday, the group took a prominent part. On Saturday evening in the dance pavilion at Socialist Park, the school is having open house and is running a social to which they will welcome all Socialists and sympathizers in Berks County.

**A New Deal For The Grasshoppers**

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**HOSE USED**  
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also reports a bad body beating with the hose and torn clothing.

**Public Helping Strikers**  
The strikers declare that they have been given encouraging support by the taxi-riding public, and that many of their customers are refusing to patronize Yellow cabs during the strike. Up to the present time all efforts at negotiations have been rejected by Seaman.

Ah, well; the June sun would have driven Adam out of the garden, anyway.

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## PRETZEL UNION

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per cent demand should determine whether closed shop rules would prevail. If less than 85 per cent of the strikers voted for a closed shop, then membership in the union was to remain the option of present employees. If 85 per cent or more voted for a closed shop the bosses of all struck shops except the Bachman Pretzel Company agreed to employ only union members.

**Bachman, Krouse and Reddy Resist Union**  
The Bachman, Krouse and Reddy managements refused to participate in the settlement on that basis.

When the vote was finally counted it was found that 259 votes had been cast for and 59 against a closed shop. As those favoring a closed shop were

only 81 per cent of the total, union membership will not be enforced. However, practically every employee of both the Quinlan and Superior plants have already joined the union, making those plants organized shops, according to strike leaders.

During negotiations preceding the taking of the vote, Augustus L. Krouse, of the Krouse Pretzel Co., walked out of the conference when it was decided that an office worker would not be entitled to vote on the question. Krouse refused on Wednesday to abide by his former agreement, although the result of the vote against the closed shop demand was favorable to the bosses.

**Wage Rates Fixed**  
The wage rates fixed by the agreement will not affect those plants already paying more than agreed upon in the settlement.

Recognition is given the Pretzel Workers' Union to bargain collectively for all employees and seniority in length of service shall be observed in reducing working forces, under the agreement. While it is stipulated that the maintaining of union membership shall be the function of the union itself, the employers agree to prevent obstructionist minorities from interfering in the harmonious relationship between union members and employers.

The 40-hour work week will prevail. Arbitration is provided for on future questions of dispute and a 30-

day notice is required of either party when changes or modifications of existing agreements are desired.

**Statement by Rhodes**  
The Pretzel Workers' Union has announced through George M. Rhodes, that the strike has been settled in the following pretzel bakeries: Quinlan, V. G. Sturgis, Superior, Supreme, Tasty, and Morris.

V. G. Sturgis, Tasty Pretzel and Morris Pretzel Co. are closed shops and will be given the support of organized labor throughout the country because the pretzels made in those plants are all union made. Other plants will be given the same support after they become closed union shops. Rhodes' statement continues:

**Strike On at Bachman and Krouse and Reddy**

"The strike continued at the Krouse bakery when Mr. Krouse for the second time broke his agreement for settlement. The Bachman pretzel company strike which started when Bachman locked out his union men will continue until an agreement is signed.

"Mr. Reddig of the Reddy Pretzel Co. attended the meeting at city hall when the vote was taken but has refused to sign with the Union. The workers in that plant have continued their strike activities.

"The Bachman plant is part of a chain of the American Cone and Pretzel Co. Mr. Bachman has been getting his work done in other plants of the chain, in an effort to break the strike of his workers for decent conditions.

"Union officials declare that Mr. Bachman cannot escape the fact that workers are organizing everywhere and will refuse to work for starvation wages any longer. We have learned that wages in this chain in Allentown, Philadelphia and McKeesport are only half of what the union scale calls for. Under the union scale the rate for the average twister for a week will be about \$22.00 per week, other workers receiving lower rates than twisters.

**Will Extend Fight**  
"We are going to carry our fight on Bachman and Krouse, from coast to coast. We are going to tell the workers everywhere that the pretzels made by the American Cone and Pretzel Co. and the Krouse Co. are on the unfair list.

"We are going to send our representatives to all the slave pens of the

American Cone & Pretzel Co. and ask the workers in those plants to join us in our fight against sweatshops in the pretzel industry.

"Our fight does not stop even after Reading is 100 per cent union. We are going everywhere that pretzels are made. To do this we need the support and co-operation of all the workers in the pretzel industry.

**Practically Closed Shop**  
"In reference to the vote taken on Tuesday night to decide on the closed shop, I want to state that there seems to be a misunderstanding because the union agreed to an 85 per cent vote to decide the question.

"In order to make it clear, I want to state that the only reason an 85 per cent vote was agreed to by the union was because the alternative agreement is practically a closed shop and we felt that we had nothing to lose.

"There is still something to fight for and I am sure that even those poor souls who voted against themselves when they voted for the open shop will soon see the light that the wage increase and the better conditions they will now work under is ample proof of what an organization means. What benefits they will receive is entirely due to the union that they have opposed."

**Shut Off Water Hiking To Job Seekers**

SEATTLE.—Looking for a job by hitch-hiking on the water has gone up the spout on the Lake Washington ship canal. All swimmers boarding log booms are to be tracked down by motor patrols and arrested, Port Warden Sweeney announces.

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System

## TEACHERS GROW CYNICAL

Small Business Men Sadly See  
"Individualism" Vanishing  
Under Roosevelt's New Deal

MENA, Ark. (FP). — Two weeks in what is regarded as the sluggish and reactionary south, talking with farmers and smalltown people, meeting other travelers in the cotton belt, reading the southern press, make it plain that the principal prop of the capitalist order is dwindling month by month.

That prop is the belief that the system is the best, all things considered, that could be devised for the American people. This unquestioning confidence, a priceless asset for any system, but particularly for the capitalist order which is founded on grab and graft, is shrinking and shriveling like the crops under the torrid Arkansas sky.

Significantly enough, it is not so much the depression itself as the cures proposed and set in motion against it that cause the southern farm and city workers and their betters in an economic sense to turn skeptics. Depressions, like droughts, can be explained away as acts of God. But what can be said for President Roosevelt and his legislation? It certainly is upsetting to habits of thought.

**Profit In Destruction**  
"Says a middle-aged cotton farmer: 'Now here's one of these government agents come to me the other day and he says if I'll plow under my cotton the government will pay me around \$10 an acre to do it. I had prepared the land, dropped the seeds and tended the crop and now I'm to destroy it. And it'll pay me to do it. I make money by spoiling the crop I been tending. Why, if my boy had talked to me like that agent I'd have pounded his face for him. What are we coming to?' He will get \$10 for what usually yielded him only \$5 an acre."

The farmer is just realizing that producing what is needed by others is an economic crime under the present order—that destruction pays better under the profit system than production or construction. Roosevelt's farm remedies are undermining the farmer's faith in capitalist sanity and capitalist goodness.

**No Use For Schools**  
A southern educator, reflecting on the condition of the education system in his and neighbor states, says: "The education authorities seem to think that if a great part of the population is to be permanently unemployed there is no use wasting money to educate them. In the same way, if our university scientists and technologists cause all this overproduction of crops and goods by their researches, the authorities are going to, and actually are, firing them out of their jobs, shutting their laboratories and experiment stations. It looks like a return to barbarism."

What will people think when they see that our government, beginning with the president who is dismissing the scientists and technicians in federal employ, deliberately encourage ignorance and antiquated production methods? Has the system gone to seed?

That educator still has a job but like the rest of his class he is wondering how long it will last. With the end of his job he is beginning to see and maybe hope for the end of the whole profit system.

**Small Business Doomed**  
"Where do we come in, I'd like to know?" says a southern small business man. He has not built up a great industry but tries his hand from time to time in various lines. In the elaborate preparation of the so-called ethical codes of fair practice at Washington he foresees the doom of men like himself. "We make our start on a shoestring and on a gamble," he explains to a hitchhiker whom he has picked up on the hard road. "Sure, we pay low wages and we work long hours but nobody works longer than I do when I'm beginning in a new line. And sometimes I don't get a thing out of it. It falls through. At least the workers have got their wages while the plant was going. But under the new codes it will be almost impossi-

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ble for men like me to start up in a small way. Industry will be geared for the fellow already established, for the moderately big and the really big shots. Opportunity won't smile so pretty after Roosevelt has his scheme working well."

The American business order, on its knees after four depression years, is not an inspiring spectacle to those who used to swear by it even if they did not profit greatly by the profit system. As the lesser middleclass folk are forced to reflect on the strange things coming out of Washington they begin also to think about better ways of doing the job that capitalism has fallen down on. Will such reflections survive a period of rising prices and so-called prosperity? Maybe not, but the fact that in the South the present order is no longer thought habitual, if not sacred, is an evil omen for capitalism when the next depression hits it.

Texas Farmers Puzzled  
About Depression Cause

AUSTIN, Tex.—Farmers in Texas are hearing that agricultural experts in Washington attribute the farm depression to the tractor. Putting the horse and mule on the shelf released a lot of land for cultivation that had formerly been held for pasture, the experts say. That caused the surplus of farm products and

hence the depression prices. Raise more livestock and burn less gas, they say.

"But what will we do then with the surplus packages—shoot them?" the Texans want to know.

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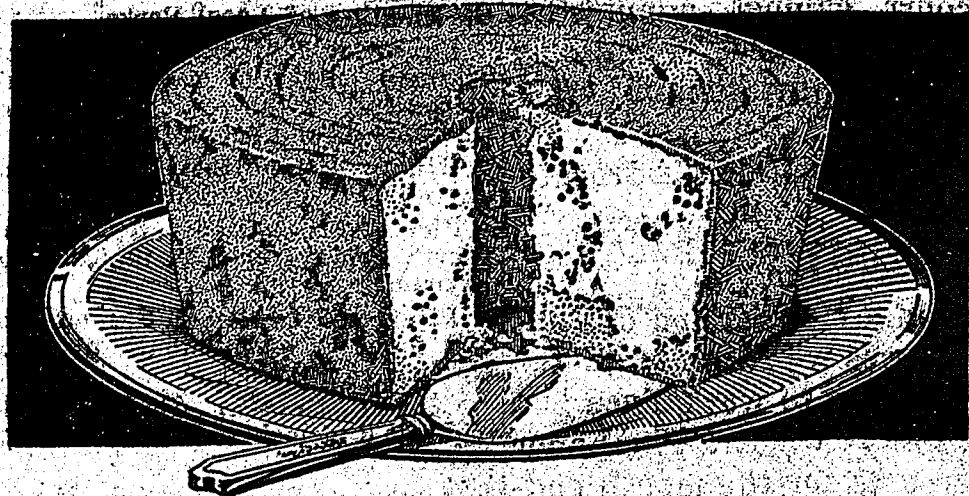
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By JOHN PAINE  
Federated Press

"Fatherly" Barney Baruch telephones NIRA administrator Johnson every morning it is said. Just to give a little "fatherly" advice, eh?

**RECORDS**  
Accomplishments of the Geneva Arms Conference during the 14 years—0.

A man offers to pay the dues of King Victor Emmanuel and Premier Mussolini of Italy for life membership in an American Legion post.

**RIDDLE NO. 9,871, 329,768**  
If Mrs. Roosevelt's flying booms the aviation industry, what effect will son Elliott's divorce have on Nevada industry?

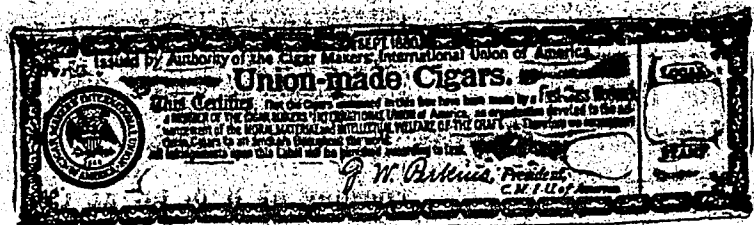
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## LIFE -- A BILLIARD GAME

By RAYMOND E. KIEBACH

Billiards or pool as it is oftentimes called is well known to the people of America and England. This picture is drawn from the English version of the game; that of playing on a rectangular table with six pockets, fifteen balls, a cue ball and a cue stick. The object is to drive into the pockets as many of the balls as you can by bounding one hard-surfaced ball off another. To aid the player the edges of the table are made elastic. Without this aid the player would be greatly handicapped; his method of attack would be severely limited.

Our life or civilization can be compared with this game of billiards. Let the earth be our billiard table; the men of wealth the billiardists; their money and power the cue stick; their henchmen the cue ball; and we, the masses, can represent the fifteen balls to be played upon. Last, but very important are the edges of our table to be composed of our legal machinery.

Men of wealth hold the positions of power from whence they can direct or order this life of those below to their own advantage just as the billiardist views his balls upon the table and decides his plays so that he may drive as many balls successively into the pockets he possibly can. A misplay means a failure and the successful player must keep his failures far apart.

Money as I have already stated is the cue stick. What means has the man of power to carry out his plans? You can answer, "brains" but it is the "eagle" that talks. How does it talk? Well, first of all, it talks when the cue stick strikes the cue ball of the billiardist. The player wants something done but it is the cue ball that carries it out; namely, that of driving the other balls into the pockets. When this has been accomplished the desire of the player has been satisfied.

All through the game the elastic edges of the table have often played an important part. Many times the balls have seemed to be placed in a position of inertia; that is, they were so placed that it appeared to be impossible to drive them into the pockets. But the player is only seemingly tied up; he rebounds his cue ball from cushion to cushion till it comes to a pregnable part of the barrier; the balls click and into the pocket goes the ball. No shot on the table is impossible. Failures are only those of judgment or skill. The legal machinery has done the part for which it was created.

Is this not a true enough picture of our present economic structure? Are we, the majority, anything more than just hard surfaced billiard balls bounding against one another? The weakest being the first to be driven into the "out." Even the cue ball is not always able to escape the pocket or "out."

How can we make this otherwise? By abolishing the game and substituting another? There is no need of this. We need only to change the motive forces of the game. The earth would still be our billiard table; this we could not change unless it were possible to move to another planet.

Instead of the "rugged individualism" of the man of wealth for the billiardist we would substitute the co-operative commonwealth where each and all would receive the full "social value" of the wealth created from Nature's storehouse; none would want who would be willing to work.

The cue stick of money or property rights would be replaced by the cue stick of human rights in which man himself would be the chief object of concern so that "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" would be truly possible to him. Property and its rights would be subordinate. The technician would replace the henchman for the cue ball, and in so doing there would be more ways devised for the welfare of all instead of a few. Old age pensions and unemployment insurance for the "outs" or pockets.

The Golden Rule, with all the foregoing, would lose its tarnish and shine forth in all its glory and the name "masses" would be forgotten and replaced by the great human brotherhood with peace and plenty on earth and good will towards men realized for the first time in its entirety.

## SUFFICIENT

Mabel: "She has six reasons for leaving him. In the first place, his money was all gone."  
Edith: "Never mind the other five."

## WASHINGTON GOSSIP

By LAURENCE TODD  
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

Is Gen. Hugh Johnson's administration of the Industrial Recovery Act a fascist performance, "lacking only the castor oil," as one labor official in the capital has described it in print?

When protests were made to Johnson by members of the Labor Advisory Board against his stacking the staff of the Recovery Administration with open-shoppers and lawyers who never had favored collective bargaining, his reply was that he must pick men and women in whom he personally has confidence. On July 17 the cabinet advisory committee announced that 174 persons had been employed by Johnson. It is probable that not more than a dozen of these were ever identified either as employers, workers or lawyers, with union agreements.

Surrounded, therefore, with anti-union yemen, the former open-shop boss of the defunct Moline Plow Co. has proceeded to develop the normal traits of an industrial despot. He has no contact with the press except two conferences a week in which he answers questions, and his occasional statements through the press bureau—whose staff seems never to know anything of what is going on, because the General has put the lid of silence on what he is doing.

And on July 15 the fascist chief made his first attack on labor standards, under cover of this guard of secrecy and class bias. He was able to persuade the President to sign an executive order, without the consent, consultation or even knowledge of any member of the Labor Advisory Board, striking from the new cotton textile code the wage-differential and four-months-period clauses which had been cited by the labor men as justifying their acceptance of that low-wage code.

Your correspondent asked Leo Wolman, chairman, and John P. Frey and Father Francis Haas, members of the Labor Advisory Board, July 18, whether they had been informed or consulted in any way concerning this abandonment of the wage-differential and four-months provisions of the code. Each said he had not been consulted, nor known of it. None indicated what sort of protest would be made by the Board at this flagrant double-crossing of labor and of the Board at the moment when the first accepted code took effect. Frey and Father Haas expressed deep concern at the turn of events. Both had urged that one half of the staff be labor people. Such a division of the personnel on a basis of group loyalty, they felt, would protect labor from surprise attacks. Now an attack had come.

On July 9 the President issued his letter of approval of the cotton textile code subject to a series of 13 "interpretations." No. 5 of this series read: "The existing amounts by which wages in the higher-paid classes, up to workers receiving \$30 per week, exceed wages paid in the lowest classes, shall be maintained." And No. 3 had stated that "Approval of the minimum wages proposed by the Code is not to be regarded as approval of their economic sufficiency," while No. 13 specified that "This approval is limited to a four-months period with the right to ask for a modification at any time and subject to a request for renewal for another four months at any time before its expiration."

On July 15 Roosevelt signed another order, whose significance has not yet been explained to the public by Johnson's press bureau, stating that, "on the report and recommendation of the Administrator and on consideration" the four months limit was withdrawn, and the code was amended as to 6 of the 13 "interpretations." This substitute for the wage-differential guaranty quoted above is as follows:

"The amount of differences existing prior to July 17, 1933, between the wage rates paid various classes of employees (receiving more than the established minimum wage) shall not be decreased—in no event, however, shall any employer pay an employee a wage-rate which will yield a less wage, for a work week of 40 hours than such employee was receiving for the same class of work for the longer week of 48 hours or more prior to July 17, 1933."

This means that the minimum wage of \$12 in the South and \$18 in the North will tend, after all, to become the maximum wage for scores of thousands of workers who were earning more than the minimum rate in the mills prior to July 17. It robs the mill hands of increasing purchases

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Heading the many features of the day's program will be an address by Norman Thomas, always a drawing card, with Philadelphia workers. Brief speeches will be made also by Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers and leader of the great strike work in Reading; Leo Krzycki, general organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and chairman of the Socialist Party Labor Committee; Franz Daniels, former Socialist Party organizer in Philadelphia, now "trouble-shooter" for the Amalgamated; and by Frank Crosswaith, noted Negro orator.

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## PROSPERITY BY HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION

Once again the American public appears to be under the spell of mass hypnotism. Despite all the pressure which has been applied to industry and all the forced economic activity which public works and the threat of currency inflation have stimulated, the fact remains that there are still between 10,000,000 and 12,000,000 people without jobs. Nevertheless, in the face of this vast army of unemployable men and women, there are a growing number of people who sincerely believe that Prof. Roosevelt is bringing prosperity out of the hat.

That the awakening of those hopeful and trusting souls is likely to be rudely disappointing is indicated by facts recently compiled and published by the Labor Research Association. In a bulletin on the steel and metal industry, the Association tells us that more than two million tons of steel have been ADDED TO INVENTORIES in steel plants since the inflation boom began, that PRODUCTION CONTINUES TO OUTSTRIP CONSUMPTION, and that, while production and stocks have been increasing so rapidly, EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES LAG far behind.

The Association quotes figures. It tells us that while INOT PRODUCTION SOARED 102.8% the total number of WAGE EARNERS EMPLOYED INCREASED ONLY 3.7%. Also, we are informed, wages per ton dropped in May to the NEW LOW OF \$9, as compared with a wage bill of \$13.40 PER TON during the first three months of this year. Furthermore, the Association points out, the gap between production and employment was produced partly by speedups, partly by technological improvements which brought up the man-hour production 43.2%, and partly by a 29.5% average increase in hours worked per man.

In the face of these figures, how can anybody believe that the recent industrial spurt is going to continue? The story which they tell leads to a different conclusion. The figures reveal the fact that the wealth being produced is not being consumed by the people, but rather is being added to inventories. Stocks are being increased in the steel industry—and in most other industries—in the hope that later on, when prices and production costs rise, they may be sold at a greater profit.

But the masters of industry still refuse to face the obvious fact that it will be as impossible for jobless workers to buy things a year from now as it is today. Sooner or later, however, they will understand that profitable business can not be forced as long as the gap grows wider between what workers produce and what they receive.

With stocks piling up in the warehouses of industries and upon the shelves of mercantile establishments, there is more reason for alarm than for optimism. When merchants realize that buyers are just as rare as they ever were they will stop ordering. Then industry will stop running and business may plunge deeper into depression than ever before.

Meanwhile, the masses are being hallyhoosed and hypnotized into believing that happy days, if not here again, are rapidly heading in this direction. It is not the first time they have been fooled. Back in 1916 they were bamboozled into believing that they were fighting for a better world in which to live. Only a little more than four years ago they trustingly swallowed Mr. Hoover's bunk about permanent prosperity. That they should be hypnotized by the Roosevelt brand of buncombe is therefore not surprising.

As for us, we have not yet been moved to alter our opinion. We know that the old Capitalist system is dead. We see that the only way in which civilization can be saved from ruin is to stabilize production and distribution. But more than that, we see that Mr. Roosevelt is hopeful that the stabilization may be effected in such a manner as to enable industry to continue piling up profits for the numerically small class of owners and coupon clippers to which he belongs. To succeed in saving Capitalist society Mr. Roosevelt will have to impose a new and more rigorous slavery upon the masses who do the producing.

As for the cedes which are now being adopted for the conduct of industry, they appear as nothing more than agreements between the same group of bandits who have been legally robbing the people down through the ages. And the utmost that can come to slaves when their masters agree is a more beneficent but more deeply entrenched slavery.

That the masters are hastening to pile up stocks with cheap labor for sale at a later date when prices advance, indicates that the present owners of industry have not abandoned their old practices. They are still seeking easy money and large profits. And when they find that customers are lacking for the goods they are now producing, they can be depended upon to close their mills and dismiss new millions as ruthlessly as of yore. Those gullible ones who have been hypnotized into be-

lieving they are headed for prosperity, may soon be jolted out of their trance.

## POLICE FLOUT FEDERAL LAW

The National Recovery Act provides that when either the employer or his agent interferes with the workers' rights to form a labor union and establish the right to collective bargaining that he or they are violating the law of the land. We charge that in Lansdale, Pa., the Sheriff of Montgomery County is acting in fact as agent of the Dexdale Hosiery Mills in using tear gas and other forms of terrorism to prevent workers from winning a strike for the right to bargain collectively with their employer.

The National Administration must take a hand in situations such as this in Lansdale. Borough officials there have for years made it their special business to prevent the workers from joining a labor union. At last the workers revolted when conditions of employment became unbearable.

The strikers joined the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers and attempted to adjust their grievances by dealing with their employers through their organization. Management refused to recognize the right of the Union to speak for the employees. This is the first violation of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

When management by various forms of pressure managed to induce a small group of workers to desert the strike, the Borough authorities at once proceeded to mobilize for an attack on the strikers and their rights. An illegal proclamation was posted which, if obeyed literally, would have forbidden picketing. Next, the Sheriff deputized a group of the toughest suburban cops from the various towns in the county and brought them into the picture mounted and spurred.

When the strikers refused to obey a proclamation which the Governor of the State admits is illegal, and continued to picket, the employer and his agents became desperate. Quantities of tear gas were sprayed at young girls and boys peacefully marching in the street in front of the mill. This was done deliberately for two reasons: one, to scatter the strikers and the other to provoke violence, if possible. The Sheriff knew that if a stone was thrown the Governor would probably not be able to use the State Police against the local cops. And, of course, a stone was thrown. No one knows by whom or from where.

All of this is the familiar story of using the authorities for breaking strikes in Pennsylvania. All right-minded citizens will demand that the Federal authorities put a stop to such abominable, frank and brutal violations of the law which prohibits employers' agents from obstructing the unionization of workers. When public authority is given the workers, they will seldom organize; we demand that the United States Government stand back of the workers in their fight to establish their constitutional and human rights to form trade unions and have those unions recognized.

## MACHINERY REPLACING LABOR

In 1842 Sir Robert Peel made an address in which he declared that increased demand for manufactures would only increase machine power.

To this "Punch," which serves other purposes than humor, replied:

"Machinery, in its progress, has doubtless been the origin of terrible calamity; it has made the strong man so much live lumber. But as we can not go back and must go on, it is for statesmen and philosophers to prepare for the crisis as surely coming as the morning light. How, when machinery is multiplied—as it will be a thousand fold? How, when tens of thousands are made idle by the ingenuity of the human mind? How, when, comparatively speaking, there shall be no labor for man? Will the multitude lie down and unrepining, die? We think not—we are sure not. They will rise—and already we hear the murmur—a cry, a shout for the adjustment of interests; a shout that, hard as it is, will strike upon the heart of Mammon, and make the spoiler tremble.

"We put this question to Sir Robert Peel; if all labor performed by man were suddenly performed by machine power, and that power in the possession of some thousand individuals—what would be the cry of the rest of the race? Would not the shout be, 'Share, share?'

"The steam-engine, despite of themselves, must and will carry statesmen back to first principles. As it is, machinery is a friend to the poor; the time will come when it will be a beneficent angel."

The above prophecy was made nearly one hundred years ago. Since that time practically no industry except that of bending pretzels has been exempt from labor saving devices.

The New Era inaugurated by the present Administration will fulfil this prophecy just to the extent that it succeeds in prevention of profiteering.

## THE EVIL IS JOBLESSNESS

It seems to be very hard for some folks to understand that it is not taxes, but joblessness, that is hurting the taxpayer.

If all the people had jobs, and good incomes therefrom they would not be worried about their taxes. The main thing is to get them employed. The expenses of the city of Milwaukee have been reduced about \$7,000,000 a year—instead of the no-reduction which some folks charge—but if the "harassed taxpayers" had jobs their incomes would exceed that amount in a jiffy. There are limits beyond which city expenses cannot be trimmed without cutting out government altogether—then there would be anarchy and nobody would have anything.

If the Socialists had their way, the electric and other utilities would be owned by the city, and the income from them would cut down the taxes tremendously. The Socialists are also working for a social system which will practically abolish taxes entirely.—Milwaukee Leader.

## WE ARE A PEACEFUL NATION

Ever since 1920, when the late Warren G. Harding called a disarmament conference in Washington, this nation has made feeble gestures at world peace. But all the while it has been feeding olive oil to the dove of peace it has steadily increased its expenditures for militarism.

To illustrate: Out of every dollar of the approximately four billions spent by the government in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, 29 cents went for the national debt. The national debt is a war debt. Twenty-seven cents went for war

pensions and care of veterans, and 16 cents went for naval and military appropriations. In other words, 72 cents out of every dollar spent by the federal government went for military expenses of some sort.

Compared with the outlay for wars, past and future, the government spent 9 cents out of each dollar for public construction, roads, bridges and harbors; 4 cents went for the postal deficit; 13 cents paid for all the routine functions of government—president, congress, court, cabinet, administration of justice, public health, agriculture and surveys, and only 2 cents went to promote commerce, industry, aviation, fisheries, general science and research.

We are a peaceful nation.—Minnesota Union Advocate.

## "RETURNING PROSPERITY"

Is the alleged business revival genuine? That is a difficult question to answer. The A. F. of L. figures we recently quoted show more than a million workers returning to work since last March. That is all to the good, but what of wages? The Labor Research, Inc., reports that wage increases for the month ending March 15 are "still insignificant." To this it adds: "In manufacturing and non-manufacturing establishments, to every worker who received a wage increase there were almost 100 who suffered decreases—practically the same ratio that obtained the month preceding."

At the same time this organization declares that "The business revival continues to sweep on at a rapid pace." The upward trend of wholesale prices continues, but this is "almost entirely due to the increase in the prices of commodities dealt in speculative markets." A speculative market is uncertain and unless the rising price level becomes stable and continues it may reach the point where "the larger and higher the rise, the greater the danger of a fall."

The whole economic situation is one of guess and gamble with only one thing certain, the ratio between wage decreases to wage increases is 100 to 1. That does not look favorable for the working class, and Socialists may well pass this information on to those who rejoice at "returning prosperity."—The New Leader.

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

## INTO THE UNIONS

The most encouraging aspect of the National Industrial Recovery legislation is the protection it affords to employees in their efforts to organize.

A significant movement into the unions is now occurring wherever the established organizations have had the intelligence and the energy to take advantage of the situation. New local unions are being formed by the hundreds, particularly in those cities, like Reading, with a well-established Socialist movement to lend encouragement and direction.

The Industrial Recovery Act by no means provides a substitute for bona fide labor organization. It gives protection against wages below the figure provided in the code and against hours longer than those fixed, but it will take aggressive trade union action to secure for the workers wages above the minimum. Moreover, the minimum figures set will reflect the strength of the labor organizations in the various industries, and will be higher or lower as those bodies are strong or weak.

## NAZI INDUSTRY

The Nazi movement was swept into power in Germany on a wave of blind protest against wretched economic conditions and a forced inferiority in world political affairs. Every intelligent student of affairs then said that from the economic point of view the Nazi regime was doomed to failure, for in the place of a consistent economic program it offered merely a hodge-podge of slogans.

The history of the first few months of Hitlerism provide ample proof that this view was justified. In their boycott of Jews, in their beatings and imprisonment of all radicals, in their suppression of civil liberties and all human rights the Brown Shirts have proved themselves without superiors. But business lags, unemployment, remains at the dangerously high peak of 5,000,000, and foreign trade in particular falls off at a rapid rate, reflecting the feeling of disgust which all nations now feel toward the group now dominant in Germany.

In order to find some way out of the economic difficulty, Hitler has now created a General Council for Industry including in its membership some of the leading industrialists of the land. This group, however, is merely to give advice to the government, and is not clothed as yet with any significant power. For the rest, Hitler relies to stimulate trade and increase employment upon the conferring of tax exemptions upon those who follow his suggestions.

What Hitler does not understand is that there can be no improvement in the internal economy of the nation without sharp increases in wages to provide mass purchasing power; that the system of private ownership and production for profit has broken down and that an increasing measure of social control over industry is

necessary; that in an interdependent world one nation's prosperity is dependent upon the good will borne toward it by all the national groups, and that terrorism and suppression mean fewer sales abroad and therefore less employment at home.

An appeal to the Nazis on humanitarian grounds is a waste of breath. But perhaps Hitler will learn that it does not pay to persecute Jews and radicals.

## THE IRON AND STEEL CODE

The code submitted by the iron and steel industry represents a more severe test of the Recovery Act than that prepared by the cotton textile group, for the latter was a severely depressed industry in which cut-throat competition had long plagued employers as well as employees. In view of the feudalistic organization of the steel industry and its domination by several giant firms, the hours and wages fixed represent concessions as great as might have been expected.

The forty-hour week called for by the code, while it is much longer than required by the unemployment situation, applies, it must be remembered to an industry which only a decade ago enforced the twelve-hour day. This indicates remarkable progress in the short space of ten years, and indicates the speed at which industrial conditions are changing. The minimum wages fixed, twenty-five cents in the South and thirty-five in the North, are likewise disappointing in their conservatism, but again merely what was to have been expected.

An amusing section of the code was that dealing with unionism, in which the virtues of the open shop and the company union were painted in the most glowing terms. The labor unions should press their campaign for organization more vigorously than in other industries, and show both the steel workers and the steel barons what real unionism means.

## Illinois Labor Makes Some Legislative Gains

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Outlawry of the yellow-dog anti-union employment contract and creation of machinery to fix minimum wages for women were the principal gains made by labor in the recent session of the Illinois legislature. The federal amendment banning child labor was ratified but a watertight anti-injunction bill, the 5-day week bill and one compelling the prevailing wage on public work were defeated. The state relief and public works program is to be dovetailed into the federal plan. The civil strife in the mine fields was looked into but nothing was done except to authorize further investigation.

## And Then The Big Flop, Says Omaha

OMAHA.—The shot in the arm that inflation panic orders are giving to business in the United States won't last very long, say Nebraska observers. And then what a flop, they add. The Roosevelt brand of down and that an increasing measure of social control over industry is

## 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, Fershing 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.  
 Jacksonville: 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.  
 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 Branch: Every Tuesday 8 p. m., at 18 N. Franklin street.  
 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 Friday 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.  
 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. F. S. L.  
 Circle 1, Sr., meets every Thursday, 8 p. m., at Franklin and Peach Streets.  
 Circle 2, Jr., meets every Friday, 8 p. m., at 1311 N. 9th St.  
 Circle 3, Sr., meets every Monday, 8 p. m., at 233 Kline St., W. Reading.  
 Circle 4, Sr., meets every Thursday, 8 p. m., at 13 N. Franklin St.  
 Circle 5, Sr., meets every Wednesday, 8 p. m., at Gordon and Green Streets.  
 Circle 7, Jr., meets every Wednesday, 7 p. m., at Gordon and Green Streets.  
 Circle 8, meets every Tuesday 8 p. m. in Labor Lyceum library.  
 Circle 9, meets every Wednesday, 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.  
 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 1039 Willow street.  
 Newmans-town — Meets first and third Wednesday of the month in Band Hall at 8 p. m.  
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
 Local Montgomery, second Sunday at 2 p. m. For location ask any branch secretary.  
 Ambler, second and fourth Monday at 8 p. m. at 825 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.  
 Pottstown Junior and Senior Circle — Meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Labor Lyceum, 24 South Charlotte street.