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REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

I QUITE DISAGREE with Mr. Fred M. Wilcox when he says that politics should be kept out of labor policies.

My point of view is that there can be no definite and conclusive settlement of labor's problems until workers of America get into politics with both feet and especially with all the gray matter in their skulls.

Strikes are inspiring. They give groups of workers their opportunity to express dissatisfaction with industrial injustices. If they are sufficiently militant they may cause the political heads of our nation to interest themselves in strike settlements—under conditions which still leave the owning class in a position to profit from the labor of workers. But thus far in the history of the labor movement industrial revolts have never settled any of the fundamental evils of the system. Great labor victories have been won in the past. Workers have distinguished themselves in picket lines by their bravery and in their daily lives by their ability to work and sacrifice. But always, after the smoke of a purely industrial conflict has cleared away, always there has remained the necessity to strike again.

THIS IS SO because the workers have never seen the wisdom of taking for themselves the political power of the nation.

The Young People's Socialist League, in their recent convention in Reading, pointed to the fallacy of permitting the political power of the nation to rest in the hands of the owning class. Commenting upon the minimum wage rates established by government-approved codes, the young Socialists rightly warned that wages mean nothing since the president of the United States can, by the stroke of a pen, alter the value of the dollar and reduce workers' purchasing power to new low levels. That warning emphasized the case with which industrial gains may be nullified by the exercise of political power.

THERE WAS NO guesswork about the Yipsels' resolution. The thing they talked about has been done before and is actually being done today. Time and time again workers have gained increased wage rates. And time and time again prices have advanced until working and living conditions became so intolerable that new strikes, equally as desperate, as costly and as inspiring as those of the past, were fought to gain the bare right to live.

I DO NOT wish to be misunderstood as saying that workers should not strike. If I were in the position of some workers I would agitate for strike after strike as a means of maintaining that measure of fear—if not respect—which individual employers have for workers who dare to protest against slave conditions. But I would consider myself a prostitute scribe if I did not also plainly state that all struggles would be unnecessary if only the workers of the nation would unite their political power and do things for themselves.

THERE IS NO limit to the things which workers could do with their votes—if they would use them as (Continued on Page Three)

YOUNG SOCIALISTS OF NATION PLAN TO COMBAT FASCISM IN THREE-DAY CONVENTION HERE

Gathering of 131 Accredited Delegates From U. S. and Canada Warns of Dangers in NIRA—Stress Need For Workers' Organizations to Safeguard Liberties And Gain Economic Justice—McDowell Named National Chairman

In a three-day session in the Socialist Park at Sinking Spring which bristled with activity and plans for future organization work, the National Convention of the Young People's Socialist League took an uncompromising stand against danger of Fascism which, they warned, would be the outcome of NIRA unless the workers of the nation organized to make future laws operate in the interest of the workers of the nation.

A total of 131 young men and women from all sections of the United States and from Canada registered as delegates. Coming by train, private automobiles, busses, hitch hiking and, in the case of one youth from Indiana, by bicycle, all the young Socialists gave unmistakable evidence of their determination to secure for the workers of the nation a full share of the wealth which they create.

See Dangers in NIRA Stressing the "Fascist Economics," which are being enforced under the various labor codes now being approved by the National Recovery Administration as a real danger to future liberties, the convention (Continued on Page Two)

UNION LEADERS WILL SPEAK AT PARK LABOR DAY

Thousands Will Gather at Workers' Playground in Sinking Spring to Hear Rieve and Mullin

Workers Will Celebrate Strike Truce After Thrilling Campaign of Organization in Reading and Berks

Unionists and Socialists will gather at the Socialist Park on Labor Day to celebrate on Labor's holiday. Thousands of union men and women are expected to attend the event.

The T. P. L., Reading's organized unemployed will entertain in a minstrel show of song and dance, featuring the NRA.

The principal speaker will be Emil Rieve, President of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, who lead the hosiery workers in their recent campaign for organization.

Mr. Rieve, besides being the leader of the nation's hosiery workers, is also the chairman of the Continental Congress for Workers and Farmers. His Labor Day message will be of interest and importance, not only to hosiery workers, but to all workers who will attend the festivities at the Socialist Park on Monday.

Shoe Organizer Will Speak In addition to having the opportunity of hearing Mr. Rieve on Labor Day, those attending this monster Socialist-Labor event will have the chance of seeing and hearing Warren D. Mullin, organizer for the National Leather Workers Association, who lead the shoe workers in their struggle for a union and better living standards.

Mr. Mullin, who was beaten, as unionists believe, by a band of thugs hired by the manufacturers, has recovered from the effects of this brutality. (Continued on Page Three)

5TH WARD SOCIALISTS BE SURE TO REGISTER AND VOTE AT PRIMARY

While it is important that ALL Socialists should register and vote at the primary election on Tuesday, Sept. 19, Socialist voters in the Fifth Ward have a special interest in the primary election.

In this ward there is a contest as a result of the action of John I. Brown, who is not a Socialist but who has filed Socialist nomination papers for the office of Alderman.

The party's bona fide candidate is George Moore.

Go to the primary election on September 19 and put an "X" back of Moore's name on the Socialist ballot.

Brown is not the party's choice and must be defeated at the primary.

REGISTER NEXT TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

Bigony Warns of Dangers in Failing to Qualify—Says Sentiment Alone Is Not Enough

A stirring call to all workers who did not register as voters yesterday to do so without fail next Tuesday, September 5, was issued last night by Ralph O. Bigony, organizer for Local Berks Socialist Party. At a special meeting of the County Committee in Labor Lyceum, Bigony stressed the disastrous influence of the "stay-at-home" voter in former elections and warned against overconfidence in the coming municipal and county campaign.

"While it is too early to get the exact figures on today's registration, that thousands of people have not qualified as voters is a foregone conclusion," Bigony told the committee. "It is up to all of us to go out into our districts and see to it that not a single vote shall be lost as a result of the inaction of the voters. In the past the stay-at-home voter has decided election after election. He or she did not qualify to cast a ballot. When election day came 'round they were sorry but that did not help matters. They failed to do their duty." (Continued on Page Two)

WHY NOT?

Here is something for union workers to think about:

"Why not have all the members of Reading's new unions become readers of the Reading Labor Advocate?" asked an enthusiast this week. "They could get the real news about the doings on the labor front. They could have an antidote against the masters' viewpoints which are published in the daily press. They could have a common medium whereby a weekly message could be delivered from one to the other. Why not have all workers reading the same thing at the same time at least once a week?"

The suggestion was not new to us. We have thought the matter over many times. We have mourned, deplored and even cursed because the workers permitted themselves to be led into the channels which the press of the owning class prepared for them. "Why don't the workers support a paper of their own..."

WHY NOT?

Old established unions have learned the importance of a real working-class paper. The Hosiery Workers have a paper of their own. So have the Railroad Brotherhoods, the Enginemen, the Upholsterers and a number of other strong unions.

These union papers are paid for by a slight assessment on the dues. They are PART OF THE DUES and few individual members are even (Continued on Page Four)

SOCIALIST LABOR PICNIC

LABOR DAY Monday, Sept. 4th SOCIALIST PARK, Sinking Spring

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President Federated Trades Council

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In case of rain Picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 10th

SECOND STRIKE MAY RESULT FROM DISCRIMINATION IN LOCAL HOSIERY INDUSTRY

Reading Silk Throwing Workers Strike When Workers Are Discharged—Refusal of Employers to Deal With Union May Revive Open Conflict

Labor disputes in the hosiery industry, which are threatening to produce a secondary walkout in most local mills, burst into active revolt yesterday at the Reading Silk Throwing Co., 536 North Third street, as a result of the dismissal of one girl worker and D. Crawford, union chairman of the shop committee. Strikers report that Crawford was discharged while in conference with Ed. Lerch, manager of the plant, in an effort to have the girl worker reinstated on the job.

Possible strike action is also brewing in the Crystal Clothing shop, at 5th and Cherry streets where, union leaders state, the management is arbitrarily refusing to deal with the elected representatives of the employees, all of whom are unionists. Since the strike was settled as a result of an agreement entered into between the employers, the strikers and the National Labor Board, the hosiery workers in all but a few unimportant mills went on record by secret ballot in favor of union representation. Immediately upon their return to work, however, the strikers found that the bosses had no intention of living up to the terms of the settlement. Discrimination was universal. At practically every mill in this section it was quickly seen that the management was determined to make conditions as unpleasant as possible for the people who had been most active in the strike and particularly for those who were elected to represent the workers.

BERKSHIRE UNION PICNIC IN SOCIALIST PARK SAT.

Socialist Park in Sinking Spring will be the playground of the members and families of the Berkshire Division of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers Saturday, when that organization will celebrate with an all-day basket picnic.

A full day's entertainment program has been planned, including a baseball game between the footers and leggers, games and contests for all the children and free dancing in the evening.

A good time is promised by the committee in charge, which has issued a cryptic call for all Berkshire unionists to BE THERE. (Continued on Page Four)

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

SLAVES GET ONLY WHAT THEY TAKE

Now the hosiery workers of Reading are learning that the bosses do not intend to stand by the spirit of the strike settlement. Now their union leaders are asking government officials to compel the bosses to make signed contracts with the union.

The attitude of Berks County's hosiery dictators does not surprise Socialists. They know what many other workers have not yet learned: That the masters never willingly give their slaves anything. They made a weasel settlement. They promised to recognize the representatives of their employees' selection. But now they argue that recognition does not mean that they will enter into signed agreements.

The bosses made their settlement with their tongues in their cheeks—dishonestly. The union leaders were honest, probably foolishly honest. They might have foreseen that the contempt which masters have always had for slaves did not die in the year 1933.

The hedging of the bosses ought to serve as a powerful and convincing lesson to workers. Now, more than ever before, they should know that their future welfare lies upon what they, themselves do. To get economic justice the workers must win it. The bosses will not give it to them. Neither will the bosses' government. If they are to get justice they must take it by their own organized power. There is no other hope.

If the workers are even the least bit wiser than they were a few days ago, they ought to be thoroughly convinced that they must develop their own power; that they need a union which is capable of fighting a victorious battle, and that they must unite their political power and make the laws which will give them the full value of the product of their toil.

PAINT WORKERS 'SMELL A RAT'

It was encouraging this week to see the striking employees of the Wilhelm Paint Co. reject a method of balloting for union representatives which was not to their liking.

The plan was to make each employee write the names of his candidates for employee representative on a piece of paper. In this way the workers' votes would be thoroughly divided and the bosses would have a nice little company union.

So the Wilhelm strikers refused to vote.

Better no settlement than a bad one. Better—far better—to go back to work temporarily defeated than to accept an arrangement which will make for permanent defeat. Better no union at all for a while than a company union at any time. The Wilhelm workers "smelled a rat" and walked a way from the stench.

LAW IN LAURELDALE

Representative Darlington Hoopes appears to have the Berks Court. (Continued on Page Three)

PAY ADVOCATE SUBS AT PICNIC ON LABOR DAY

If your Advocate subscription has expired you can renew it at Booth No. 4 when you attend the big picnic on Labor Day at the Socialist Park.

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duty and the result of the election did not please them."

Sentiment Not Enough

Declaring that sentiment and sympathy alone is not enough to win, Bigony continued:

"Every man and woman must take himself and herself in hand. Here is the question they must ask themselves: DID YOU REGISTER ON THE FIRST DAY?"

"If the answer to that ques-

tion is "no," then they should accept it as their sacred duty to themselves, their family and their class to REGISTER NEXT TUESDAY WITHOUT FAIL."

Bigony warned all party workers against over confidence. "We know," he said, "that today the sympathy of the overwhelming majority of the workers of this city is with the Socialists." But we also know from sad experience that sentiment doesn't win elections. If that were all that is needed we would never lose an election in Reading.

"But the thing that wins is VOTES. It is up to us to realize that we can't win without votes

and you can't vote unless you register. Last Thursday was the first day. If you missed your chance to register on that day, don't wait longer than next Tuesday. Delay past that point is dangerous. Something might happen to keep you from being enrolled."

Sacrifices Sometimes Needed
 Explaining that in order to register it is necessary to show a receipt for county taxes which has been paid within the past two years, Bigony declared that this requirement is likely to deter some people from voting.

"It is not the fault of the Socialists that the jobless workers of the state are disfranchised. Our representatives in the state legislature introduced and fought for a reduction of the poll tax to one cent. However, there were but two Socialists there and too many representatives of the big business interests. Therefore the old poll tax remains."

"However," the Socialist organizer declared, hitting his desk for emphasis, "there is no reason why every worker should not strain every point to get the necessary tax receipt. This is a time for sacrifice, and no sacrifice will yield better dividends than the payment of the county tax, which is the cheapest tax of all. The paying of this tax is the first step toward electing representatives of your own to office."

Bigony closed his remarks with a warning to those who have not yet received county tax notices. He explained that sometimes assessors fail to get the names of the taxables on their lists. He urged all in doubt on that point to see their assessor, and warned them that next Wednesday, September 6, is the last day on which to be assessed in time to vote.

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UNION DEMAND SWEEPS NATION AS NRA RESULT

Workers Everywhere See Short Hours and Full Living Wage As Only Real "New Deal"

MANY LOCALS FORMING

Slogan of "30 Hours and 29 Wages" Has Met a Popular Response Throughout U. S.

By FRANK L. PALMER.

NEW YORK (FP)—Reports from practically every industrial section of the country show that the workers are expecting and demanding, as their share in the NRA, three things:

1. The 30-hour week.
2. Pre-panic wages.
3. A union.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins graphically described the response she got from steel workers in the Pittsburgh area when she asked about hours. "Over and over they said the same thing," she told the steel code hearing. "Lady, 30 hours is enough." If Miss Perkins had had time to visit the coal miners in the area she would have found them saying the same thing. If she had talked with the workers in Pittsburgh buildings—as I did with many—she would have found them working up to 78 hours a week but debating as to whether they should work 40 hours as the blanket code provides or 30 hours, the hours they think they should work. She would have found Western Union boys awaiting the 30 or 40-hour week, elevator operators, janitors, all talking the same thing—a decent wage, the 30-hour week and a union.

Many Demands For Unions
 It was this irresistible demand for a union which helped to force the company union clause out of the steel code and which is bringing a flood of applications to every union which is attempting to organize. "We have locals in towns in which we have not been able to hold a meeting for 30 years," a representative of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers told Miss Perkins' meeting at Homestead, Pa. "We have new locals in communities in which we have never had a meeting until the last two weeks," Secretary John Meldon of the Steel and Metal Workers' Industrial Union said.

Much of the strike in the soft coal fields of Pennsylvania is over the issue of the union. A few companies have recognized the union but have evaded most of the benefits to the workers. Now the workers demand their own checkweighman—guaranteed by law and the union contract—and the hardboiled Mellon and Rockefeller interests fight them. The checkweighman is the first step toward effective unionism and both bosses and workers know it. A checkweighman means honest weight, which means higher pay. It is a step toward the 30-hour week, decent pay and a powerful union.

U. M. W. A. Growing
 From the coal fields everywhere come reports of the rebuilding of the badly crippled United Mine Workers of America. Colorado had one company unionized under contract and scattered members at other mines; now the state is nearly organized. Missouri mines are reported nearly unionized again and St. Louis is soon to have 25 new local unions, with the old unions gaining steadily.

So the reports flood in. The unions and the communities which are putting on aggressive membership drives are gaining members. Those who lag in membership gains are those who lag in the effort to get members. One union official told of sending two organizers into a community where organization had been blocked for years to hold a meeting. They reported back, with satisfaction, that they had had a good meeting. "How many members?" they were asked. "We have to do some educational work, don't we?" was the plea. The next time the organizers went into that town they took a charter all made out and membership cards. At the end of brief speeches, they asked for applications and four tables were kept busy for two hours signing up new members. And that was in a "closed" steel town.

Frances Perkins gave labor a tip in her demands on the steel industry in the Washington hearing: It will take the 30-hour week and 1920 wages to bring back prosperity, she said.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

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adopted a resolution stating that, although NIRA had given to workers the right to organize, the act may also prove the undoing of working-class liberties and the destruction of workers' organizations.

"Attention was also called to the fact that the minimum wages guaranteed in the various codes have no real or permanent meaning since the president has it in his power to alter the value of money and raise commodity prices at any time.

President Roosevelt's appropriation of \$23,000,000 for new battleships was also condemned as a threat of future wars in which the working-class youth of the nation would again be slaughtered in an attempt to preserve American capitalism.

United Front Brings Debate
 The presenting of a resolution on the "United Front" with the Communist Party was the signal for a lengthy debate. The resolution as finally adopted criticized the tactics of the Communist Party as having failed to win the workers of America. However, it stated the League's desire for a real united front and called upon the National Executive Committees of both National groups to be in their power to establish a basis for common action in the cause of Socialism.

Parade and Demonstration
 Saturday afternoon the "Yipsels" staged a parade and demonstration in Reading. About 400 members of the League, escorted by the Socialist Band of Local Berks, marched to 10th and Chestnut streets and conducted a meeting on the steps of the Southern Junior High school.

This meeting was addressed by Warren D. Mullen, organizer for the National Leather Workers' Association; Hyman Sheapin, Los Angeles; Albert Hartman, of the Reading Electrical Workers' Union; William Gomborg, New York; Noah Water, Providence, R. I.; Aaron Levinstein, New York, and Julius Umansky, New York, the League's national chairman.

Banquet Saturday Night
 At a banquet and dance in the Socialist Park on Saturday night addresses were delivered by Councilman Jesse George, Assemblyman Darlington Hoopes, Milton Weisberg, Pittsburgh, a member of the League's National Executive Committee, and a number of others. A dramatic presentation was rendered by the Yipsels of Los Angeles and New York. The banquet ended with dancing, music being furnished by the Socialist orchestra of Local Berks.

McDowell Succeeds Umansky
 In the closing day's session Arthur McDowell, Chicago, was elected the League's national chairman, succeeding Julius Umansky whose term of office expired. Winston Dancis, New York, was re-elected national secretary-treasurer.

One Reading man, Austin Adams, was elected a member of the National Executive Committee, together with John Donatad, Holyoke, Mass.; Aaron Levinstein, New York; Robert Parker, Cleveland; Paul Noah Walker, New York, and Milton Weisberg, Pittsburgh.

Other Resolutions
 Additional resolutions adopted in Sunday's session urged the recognition of Soviet Russia by the government of the United States, called for action to prevent the League of Nations from becoming a mere capitalist tool, and emphasized the need for the economic organization of the working class into industrial unions. In the latter resolution gratification was expressed at the fact that the officials of the American Federation of Labor have recognized the need of breaking down narrow craft lines, which Socialists have been saying should be done for the past 30 years.

CENSUS SHOWS 10,000 JOBLESS IN DETROIT

DETROIT (FP)—A recent census of Detroit unemployed reveals that 103,786 are still jobless, and Oakley E. Diston, supervisor of the registration of unemployed, says he expects 15,000 more to register in the next month. Many unemployed refused to register, for they had to stand for hours in line at police stations and were required to bring witnesses. Indications point to at least 150,000 as the number of unemployed.

Rising food prices have added to the misery of the jobless. Food prices have increased approximately 20% since the low point of the retail market was reached February 28, according to a survey made by The Detroit News.

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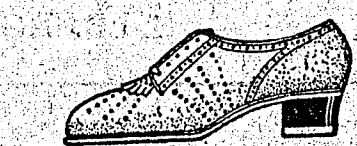


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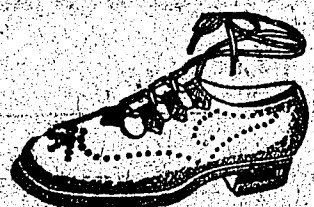
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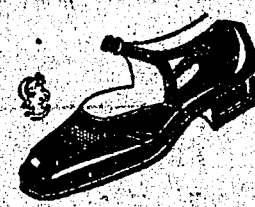
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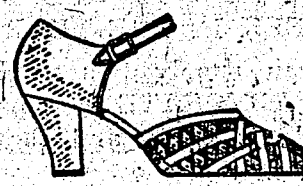


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UNION LEADERS

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al attack. Mr. Mullin's ability as a union organizer, his courage and sincerity have won the confidence of all local Socialist and union leaders. Whether you are a shoe worker or not you should hear Mr. Mullin.

The other speaker on the Labor

Day program is George M. Rhodes, president of the Federated Trades Council, who has been active in the general organization work throughout the campaign.

The past three months in Reading was without doubt the most important and thrilling period in the history of local labor. Every Unionist and every Socialist should turn out to celebrate and take part in this important and mammoth celebration. Everybody is welcome to attend and hear the message of the workers on Labor's holiday.

ROMANCE

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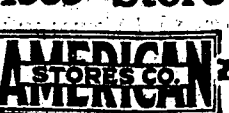
Miss Seminaris and Mr. Mullin plan an immediate marriage. Mullin is well known in the Socialist movement in New England, and as an ordained minister has conducted the Labor Church in New Bedford for several years. He is a graduate of Oxford University, England, and has also been a worker in shoe factories.

Miss Seminaris has been active in the Labor and Socialist movements in Philadelphia for the past two or three years. She has been with the hosiery workers' union for the past four and a half years in Philadelphia.

A 3-year-old infant in New York city can speak four languages—French, German, Italian and Spanish. He also learned English, just for fun.

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GREEN VIEWS WORKERS' CHANCES UNDER NRA

Union Chief Declares Benefits Can Be Gained Only Through Organization

By William Green, President of American Federation of Labor

Labor is organizing. It will continue to organize because the spirit of organization is abroad throughout the land. Never since the war days have the workers been so aroused to the need of organization for self-protection and self-advancement.

During the terrible years of unemployment the workers have suffered from low wages, lack of work and a lowered standard of working conditions. In the minds of the workers everywhere the enactment of the Industrial Recovery Act marked a turning point. The "New Deal" which has been emphasized in such striking fashion seemed to be reflected in the spirit and purpose of the National Recovery Act.

Labor knows and understands quite fully that it is impossible to secure all the benefits to which it is entitled under the provisions of the National Recovery Act unless it organizes and selects representatives to prepare and present its case when the various industrial codes are being considered and adopted.

Experience has shown that even after industrial codes are adopted and promulgated it must unite, plan and act collectively in order to require employers of labor to comply fully and completely with both the spirit and the letter of the industrial codes.

Labor organized will get more than labor unorganized.

The consciousness of this fact will cause laboring people everywhere to pay little or no attention to the appeals of manufacturers to workers to remain unorganized and assurances given by them that they will see to it that their non-union workers receive the full benefits of the Industrial Recovery Law.

Those manufacturers who oppose union labor have not done those things in the past, consequently there is no assurance that they will do them in the future. The action of those employers who are opposed to union labor has not been of such a character as to invite confidence and belief in their pretensions and statements now.

Self-interest and self-preservation call for united action and organization. Higher wages, shorter hours and improved conditions form the goal for which labor is striving. The opportunity to secure these benefits is here. Let the workers everywhere respond in whole-hearted fashion, united in this great organizing crusade and enjoy the new freedom which has been made possible through the enactment of the Industrial Recovery Law.

The American Federation of Labor appeals to workers of all classes and all callings—white-collared, manual and professional—to organize, not for the purpose of securing, in an orderly, intelligent and American way, all the benefits to which they are justly entitled.

A welcome is extended and the full protection of the American Federation of Labor is guaranteed to all those who unite with labor and who become affiliated with the great organized army of labor included within the American Federation of Labor.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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squirming on a point of law in Laureldale.

It appears that a mistake was made in that borough in the election of 1931. Four councilmen were elected and only three should have been. Now another election is due and four councilmen are to be elected. But there is only room for three on the borough councilmanic body. So Hoopes is asking that one of the present councilmen be ousted.

The best thing that the Berks Judges have said to Hoopes so far is "Why didn't you tell us before?" But that question doesn't correct errors. It now remains to be seen whether the court will rule that errors can be justified because they have been undetected for three years.

The Socialists of Laureldale are interested in the number of councilmen to be elected this year because they have four good candidates for those offices and stand a mighty fine chance of electing them. Without doubt, that phase of the situation also interests the Honorable Court.

IF READING BORROWS MONEY

Council has not yet decided whether or not the proposal to float a loan of \$1,850,000 will be placed upon the ballot for the voters' decision.

However, to do so will be to place the taxpayers of Reading in a queer position. It must be remembered in this connection that many people are NOT taxpayers anymore. Only those who own property and CAN PAY TAXES are in that class.

The loan issue on the ballot will give the non-taxpayer a wonderful and comparatively new opportunity to place an additional "plaster" on the homes of taxpayers in order that money can be got to give jobs to the non-taxpayer.

In other words, the fellow who wants a job building a dam can order the fellow who pays the bills to buy a dam. It doesn't matter a dam whether the taxpayer wants a dam or not. The dam dam must be bought if the non-taxpayer votes for it in sufficient numbers. And the taxpayer must pay the bill while the non-taxpayer will get the wages.

It's a beautiful system. The loan won't help many people, but it will hasten the day when taxes will have to be raised and more people will leave the taxpayer group under the shadow of the sheriff's red flag.

In years gone by Socialists warned that bonds mean mondays. But things have changed. Now they mean jobs for those who have nothing and ultimate ruin for small property owners, many of whom insist upon being ruined by Capitalism before they become Socialists.

NOT SO FAIR FOR THE FAIR

The Reading Fair Association is likely to suffer as a result of the gas attacks launched by Police Commissioner J. Stanley Giles against local strikers' picket lines. Why? Because J. Stanley is president of the Association.

Rightly or wrongly, thousands of strikers and their sympathizers are likely to stay away from the fair when they realize that their half dollars are going to bring glory and some profit to the big Fusion gas man.

The former strikers are talking the thing around. Somehow they don't wish Stanley all the good luck in the world. So they are suggesting that perhaps it would be just as well to deny themselves a look as the cows, farm implements and fancy work and spent their money (if any!) for smelling salts to take the gas smell out of their nostrils.

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The rulers of a Capitalist nation may not approve of workers striking. But they would far rather have workers walk OFF the job as strikers than see them walk ON the job as the owners of industry.

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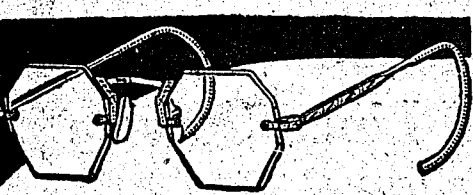
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SECOND STRIKE

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The shop committees of the local mills have authorized the local union to call another strike if necessary. Meanwhile an effort is being made to have the employers change their attitude through the mediation efforts of the National Labor Board.

President Emil Rieve, for the Union, has asked the Board for an interpretation and a ruling on the question of whether or not the manufacturers are obliged to enter into formal agreements with the Union.

A reply has been received from Senator Robert F. Wagner, Chairman of the Board, who undertakes to have the Board make an interpretation of the issue which has been raised by the Reading employers. In view of the recent statement by General Johnson and Donald Richberg that

'agreements between employers and employees were the most effective method of stabilizing industry, it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that the Board will rule in favor of the Union.'

Strike Sentiment Strong
The morale of the membership here has not suffered as the result of the temporary setback in the drive to unionize the industry. On the contrary, it has been strengthened to the point where union leaders may have difficulty in keeping the workers of some mills from again walking out on strike as the Reading Silk Throwing employees have already done.

Resentment among the workers is running high as a result of low wage rates, unequal distribution of work, discourteous treatment by foremen and managers and in some cases outright discrimination in which new workers are employed while old workers who had been active in the strike are still unemployed.

The attitude of the employers, more than anything that the Union organizers have done, has convinced the workers of this city of the need for a union which will be strong enough to compel the owners to recognize the rights of workers. An unfavorable verdict by the National Labor Board is therefore likely to be the signal for another general walk-out of all the hosiery mills of Berks.

Workers Strike For Discharged Comrades

PITTSBURGH.—Five hundred workers at the Pressed Steel Car Co. went on strike when the company discharged 140 for joining the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union.

When the union named a committee of 19 to confer with the company over the discharges, they too were fired summarily. The plant is located at McKees Rocks.

Millinery Workers Strike

CLEVELAND.—Eight hundred millinery workers under the leadership of the Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers' Union are out on strike for better working conditions and increased pay. Fourteen shops are affected.

PARTY EDITOR TALKS ON WHAT KIND OF UNION

Whether Socialists Should Urge Industrial or Craft Organizations Depends Upon Nature of Industry

URGES AGAINST DISSENSION

Best Generalship Needed to Launch New Organizations Upon Road to Effective Union Action

By JAMES ONEAL
Editor of The New Leader.

One of the most active party members in Pennsylvania writes me of a problem facing Socialists in helping to organize workers in industry under NRA. Both party members of A. F. of L. unions and party members not members of unions are assisting in this work. The object of all is to organize workers as quickly as possible but some think that these workers, organized as mill and factory groups, should remain so organized. While others think they should affiliate with the trade union organizations. There is a difference of opinion within both groups as to the best course to pursue but meaning they organize.

One group argues that it opposes organizing the workers and then splitting them up into various craft organizations; the other group argues in favor of affiliation with the recognized labor movement. Back of the differences is recognition by Socialists of the need for industrial unionism to cope with modern industrial development; the danger lies in a purely local application of the principle of industrial unionism. The New York City central body in charge of the organization drive is directed by Socialists except for three industries where the unions are progressive and have their own organizers on the ground.

Here is a problem of building effectively organizations of workers without bringing in rancor due to differing opinions as to the best course to pursue.

First, it should be remembered that there are two or three unions of industrial type that are affiliated with the A. F. of L. There are also about twenty of the intermediate type between the old craft and the industrial form of organization. Organization by plant and by industry is not inconsistent with the A. F. of L. although most of the executives and members of these unions who generally fail to agree upon a program for organizing industries along more modern lines.

On the other hand, there is the fact that jurisdiction claims of such unions have, for the present, been waived in the campaign to organize industries of mass production like rubber, automobiles and steel. Where plants are organized they are given federal charters by the A. F. of L. Fourteen such charters were issued from July 1 to July 26.

The chartering of unions direct by the A. F. of L. and taking in members by mills and factories regardless of occupation and skill practically concedes that workers cannot be organized in the greater industries in any other way. We have heard of one large city where Socialists have organized a large plant union in a mass production industry and kept the central body fully informed of what they were doing. There was no opposition as the central body staff recognized that they could not effect organization by crafts.

On the other hand there are still some lesser industries, plumbing establishments, etc., where the old type of organization may still be adapted for organization purposes and where a union structure really fits into a given situation, whether it be the craft or intermediate type, comrades should cooperate in organizing them. Only those who are on the ground will be able to determine in each case which is the better course to pursue.

The big job, however, is organization of the industries of mass production where modern methods have largely, and in many cases wholly, wiped out of craft and trade lines. The organization should proceed by plants, taking all workers into the same union, because such plant and industrial organizations have more prospects of enduring than any other type. It should also be remembered that this is the course already de-

cided upon by the A. F. of L. itself in such industries.

To be sure, wherever such plant and industrial organizations are formed they will immediately present a problem of local affiliation and cooperation, to say nothing of their future when their status in relation to the national and international unions will have to be determined. Will the national and international organizations present claims to various members of these plant and industrial organizations, insisting on jurisdiction claims and eventually wiping them out?

No one can give an answer to this question but the trade union chiefs have the history of the attempt to organize the steel industry in 1919 as a warning against this course. The scramble to gather the workers under a dozen or more union jurisdictions resulted in failure. It is doubtful whether a single union obtained one new member by following this course.

Socialists, progressive unionists and Yipsels are doing splendid work of organization in quite a number of cities. If a large number of plant and industrial organizations are formed in the more modern industries, if several hundred thousand members are thus recruited, they will have a prestige and a potential future that are likely to restrain the more conservative heads of unions who might be inclined to follow the course that wrecked the attempt to organize the steel industry in 1919. They will also have spokesmen and defenders in many cities who helped to found these organizations.

Without pretending to say the final word on this problem presented by the Pennsylvania comrades, the writer can only say that it is his conviction that our comrades should help in every way possible to organize workers in general by plants, especially in the mass production industries. An accomplished fact on a large scale in many industrial centers will of itself be a compelling argument for more modern union organization and in the meantime the best generalship should be applied to the job of promoting solidarity of opinion and action among all organized workers in the transition period to a greater and more effective unionism.

SPECIAL STRIKE POLICE JUST FOR THE RECORD

Here are the names of the "good citizens" who enlisted for special police duty to protect the bosses' property and club and gas strikers, if need be, during the recent hosiery strike in Reading. Those with a star (*) evidently quit the job in disgust before their earnings enabled them to retire for life.

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Every worker should attend union meetings. It was a vast schoolroom in the conduct of union meetings, in arguments on resolutions there is valuable experience for those who take part. We learn by doing things.

Workers must understand the value of organization, they must understand the functions of a union. They must be able to combat the false and treacherous statements that the employers will circulate in attempting to disrupt and destroy the unions.

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T. P. L. ACTIVITIES

The Taxpayers' Protective League will hold a BIG PICNIC at Socialist Park on Saturday, September 23rd.

There will be transportation for everybody at the Labor Lyceum at Reed and Walnut streets. The committee is trying to charter trolley cars to take the members there; if they cannot get cars, there will be plenty of trucks for all.

Everybody is requested to bring lunch as it will be a basket picnic; if not, there will be plenty of "eats" being sold for everybody.

The entertainment will consist of speaking by Emil Rieve, president of American Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, and other prominent speakers.

The T. P. L. Minstrels will entertain a band and orchestra will furnish music. Miss Schamburg's "Dancing Dolls" will be a feature of the entertainment.

THE T. P. L. MINSTRELS WILL hold their final dress rehearsal on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the new city hall auditorium, and on Labor Day will hold their first show at Socialist Park, Sinking Spring.

All members are requested to come dressed on Saturday, the way they will be dressed for the show. The end-men need not be blackened.

WE WOULD LIKE every member of the show to be at the park at Sinking Spring sharply at 1 o'clock Labor Day, as the show will start at 1:30.

MR. I. DE FRANCESCO, instructor at the Reading Senior High School, will speak at the regular general assembly meeting at the new city hall on Friday afternoon. Meeting starts promptly at 2 o'clock.



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Next Tuesday the women's organization will meet at the residence of Mrs. Milton Bortz, 1307 Hampden Boulevard, and enjoy a corn roast in connection with their business session. All members are asked to be present.

SHILLINGTON BRANCH MEETS TONIGHT

All members of the Shillington Branch are urged to attend their meeting tonight in borough hall.

CAKE SALE AT READ'S DEPT. STORE SATURDAY

All readers of the Advocate who like good cake—and who doesn't?—should attend the cake sale which will be held by the Socialist Women's Chorus in Read's Department Store, 7th and Penn streets, on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Those who can contribute cakes are asked to send their contribu-

tions to the store at 9 o'clock a. m. The Chorus will sing at the Labor Day picnic in the park at 7 p. m. All members are urged to be present at that time. They will also take part in the T. P. L. minstrel show at the Labor Day picnic.

CENTRAL BRANCH MEETING POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK

As next Monday is Labor Day and the date for the big party picnic, the Central Branch will have no meeting on that day. All members are asked to be at the next meeting on Monday, Sept. 9.

KENHORST SOCIALISTS, ATTENTION!

The next meeting of Kenhorst Branch will be held at Gensemer's Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 5. There will be a special order of business, including an address by Stewart Tomlinson. All members are urged to attend.

SOCIALIST MALE CHORUS

The Male Chorus will sing at the Labor Day picnic at Socialist Park at 7 p. m. All singers are requested to be there with dark blue suits, white shirts and black bow ties. The ties are being bought this week.

MOHN'S GO UNION

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controversy follows a battle of several months during which an agreement with the union appeared imminent on several occasions, only to fail as a result of the firm's drawing back.

While Tuesday's vote assures the representatives of the United Hatters Mohn workers, it does not provide for closed shop conditions. However, the advocates of unionism at the plant foresee a swing to union principles and predict that full union conditions will prevail at the plant within a few months.

Taking Shoe Vote

Balloting this afternoon by the employees of the Pen & Glass shoe plant will decide the fate of the shoe industry in Reading according to Warren D. Mullin, organizer for the National Leather Workers Association.

The Curtis, Stephens & Embree workers voted Wednesday afternoon for representatives, but the result of the voting will not be made public until after the Pen & Glass ballots all have been cast.

Laundry Strike Revived

The strike of the Wilkinson Laundry workers was given a new impetus this week when, according to Earl White, organizer for the Federated Trades Council, 60 employees of that concern walked out to enforce demands for wage increases and union recognition.

White reports that operations at the Wilkinson plant have been crippled to such an extent that the firm has found it necessary to have its work done by an Allentown laundry. "An effort is being made to secure the co-operation of the Allentown workers to halt this practice and local customers of the laundry are being urged to have their work done by Reading workers in shops that are not considered "unfair" to organized labor.

Moulders Locked Out

It is reported that a strike of 32 moulders at the Reading Gray Iron Foundry on Monday has been fol-

lowed by a lockout. The firm is now taking the position that it wishes no further conferences with the moulders, who are asking for wage increases of 25%. All are members of the Moulders Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

LEBANON SOCIALIST NOTES

The Branch held a meeting at the home of Comrade John P. Kline, at Cleona, last Sunday. At this meeting it was decided to hold a meeting in Lebanon to test Mayor John K. Schropp's edict that all meetings and demonstrations will be prohibited. The mayor stated that in order to hold meetings, permits must be issued. The Socialists know that no permit will be granted to them, therefore they will hold a protest meeting. The Declaration of Rights prefixed to the Constitution of Pennsylvania says: Article XVI, That the people have a right to assemble together, to consult for their common good, to instruct their representatives, and to apply to the Legislature for redress of grievances, by address, petition, or remonstrance.

A meeting will be called tonight to consider organizing a Labor Lyceum Association of Lebanon, Pa., for the purpose of buying a home for the Lebanon comrades. By-laws will be drawn up and other business will be transacted.

The comrades are busy on the job getting through the county, getting places where they can hold their meetings for the Fall election. Every effort is being made to cover the entire county.

A Branch meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Harry Hower on Route 2 (North Eighth street). An invitation is extended to all Socialists to attend this meeting.

MY VIEW OF LABOR DAY

By ADAM EBERLY.

Labor Day is set aside for Labor. Do you men and women who labor take advantage of your day? If you do not you will go out and work not only on Labor Day but on every other day during the year. You must educate and organize all men and women who work. Only through education and organization of the working class can you accomplish real working class freedom. When you have accomplished that, then you can celebrate a real Labor Day.

The workers of Reading and Berks County have a small cigar factory at Reed and Walnut streets. If the workers would work together and work for their own benefit and practice what they preach they would not have a small factory, but instead they would have an immense big plant with thousands of workers earning good wages under good union conditions. Remember, workers, this world belongs to you whenever you make up your mind to take it. Why do you hesitate? Why not now? Tomorrow you may be no more! Workers, this factory I am telling you about is the factory that makes the Karl Marx Cigars. This is the

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tires, got the blue bird from the postmaster's office and proceeded to show its patriotism by the layoff.

Plan N. J. Mooney Confab

NEWARK, N. J. — Preparations are being made for a statewide Tom Mooney conference, to be held in Newark Sept. 10, under the auspices

of the New Jersey Tom Mooney Council of Action. The conference will consider steps to be taken in the state in the struggle for Mooney's freedom.

And apparently Uncle Sam; if he would learn to collect from the rich, must take a few lessons from the kidnapers.

Rubber Company Lays Off Workers Despite Blue Eagle

DENVER—The Gates Rubber Co., in spite of its proud ownership of the Blue Eagle, is cooperating with the NRA by laying off 250 workers, cutting the hours to 35 a week and increasing pay for a few workers by 2 cents an hour.

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WASHINGTON GOSSIP

By LAURENCE TODD
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON.—Belief that specialization of all industry is the only possible outcome of the process of codification of capitalist business in this country under the emblem of the Recovery Administration, "has made astonishing headway among normally conservative newspaper correspondents and government officials in the capital during the past month. Anyone returning from a vacation is struck at once by the readiness of writers for Republican and Democratic papers to say frankly, over coffee at the Press Club: "The old game is up. This thing cannot be reversed nor stopped. We are going straight into socialization of all these industries. There is no half-way place between the thing Hoover represented and the working out of complete economic planning on the basis of ownership of the industries that are to be reorganized."

With these conclusions drawn from study of the futile attempts of Administrator Johnson and his staff to bring the steel and coal and automobile kings into line by mere normal appeal, the correspondents go over to Johnson's press conference. He comes in, surrounded by a little bodyguard of subordinates and admirers, and questions start. He is asked about the legality of the so-called trial and conviction, down south, of gasoline dealers who violated the oil code. He replies that he knows nothing of it. He is asked about the taking of the blue eagle away from a grocer who put on extra clerks and kept his store open extra hours; he says this was unauthorized, but he knows nothing of it. He has threatened to punish cheaters under the blue eagle, but has not begun any such action, as yet.

Then come questions as to why the system of committees of administration, set up in the cotton textile industry in State and local units, is not extended to other industries, as

was promised. His reply is disconcerting; he denies that any such system was authorized in the cotton textile industry by any executive order. Half a dozen writers for papers in textile states answer that it surely was authorized and is being carried out. Johnson sticks to his denial.

No punishment, yet, of violators of codes, and no authorization of industrial systems of administrative committees! The newsmen turn to a more serious matter—financing of the higher payrolls that are to create the increased purchasing power. What about that? How is a manufacturer to meet his higher payroll while waiting for payment on the increased output of his plant, when the bank refuses to give him more loans?

Johnson says that he is working on that problem now. He does not believe the banks have overcome the timidity they learned during four years of depression. You cannot force them to have confidence. The object of the Recovery plan is to restore confidence and turn the course of bank credit from a downward to an upward spiral.

Here he has come to the heart of the problem—financing the bigger payrolls for bigger purchasing power. The NRA does not like to talk about the banking situation, but the fact is that the government is going to find itself compelled to provide credit for the manufacturers, just as it has provided credit for banks and other big financial institutions, unless it is willing to see all the weaker business establishments go to the wall and carry their workers back into the army of the unemployed.

President Roosevelt cannot suddenly stop in the course he has taken—the reorganization of the industrial system so that it will actually provide jobs for those who want to work. As a political leader he cannot afford to let millions of men and women return from their late-recovered jobs to the hunger-relief offices because of any failure on his part to mobilize credit or employers. He knows that Congress will not approve outright gifts to these employers; the loans must be secured by the plants. The government is going to take mortgages on the industrial equipment of this nation, because it must. And once it has made these loans it cannot escape taking over the plants whose profits fail to provide repayment. The road to government ownership and operation is straight. We are started upon it.

Whether it is inevitable, and whether it is a short road, are questions upon which disagreement is still keen. Johnson seemingly does not recognize it at all.

NEW YORK — Samuel Untermyer, noted attorney, has announced that he is formulating an appeal to the League of Nations in connection with the persecutions and economic discriminations practiced by the Hitler government against the Jews in Germany.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

Prosperity by Destruction
The New Deal has swept away the ridiculous talk about rugged individualism, and finally admitted that a considerable degree of social control must be exercised over industry. Nevertheless it retains much of the stupidity of an individualist economy, for the fundamentals of the capitalist system have for the most part not been changed.

This stupidity is most strikingly apparent in the administration's effort to cope with the surplus of agricultural products. The central idea of the President and his farm advisors is that we can restore prosperity for the farmers by destroying part of their produce, and so help to lift the nation out of the depression. In pursuit of that idea four million pigs are being slaughtered before they have a chance to grow, and a million sows due to farrow soon are being killed. In this manner eleven million potential hogs are being removed from the market. In a similar fashion wheat and cotton sufficient to feed and clothe a small nation are being deliberately destroyed.

It is characteristic of the capitalist system to seek, not to feed and clothe people, but to pile up profit for a few producers. The ethics remain as bad and the social injury as great when the government does the same thing in the name of farm relief. At a time when millions of unemployed and under-employed have been living near the starvation level it is heartless stupidity and criminal folly to destroy actual and potential quantities of food.

Under the economic system now prevailing it is, of course, very true that larger profits can be made from a small quantity selling at a high price than from a large quantity selling at a lower level; and since profit has been enthroned and human rights ignored it is legitimate and even praiseworthy for crops to be curtailed, food destroyed and factories shut down to avoid glutting the market. It is even highly clever to "dump" surplus commodities abroad to keep up prices at home—as if, even in this crazy world, we could possibly better our condition by disposing of good articles at a fraction of their cost. But such are capitalist economics and ethics, and these the New Deal has not changed.

Neither has it changed the practice of capitalist governments the world over to lay taxes upon the poor instead of upon the rich. To raise the money with which farmers who destroy their crops are to be compensated, processing taxes are resorted to. These taxes are added to the price of the articles, so that the consumer pays the bill, and what we have are a series of sales taxes on food, the worst possible kind of tax, at the very suggestion of which President Roosevelt was "horrified" early last winter.

The NRA has unquestionably brought to the working people wages, and increased employment; and at the same time provided an impetus to the growth of unions. But we still have capitalism with most of its evils, and the need for a socialized regime is as great as ever. We want planning, to be sure, but it should be the planned plenty of socialism instead of the planned scarcity of capitalism and the New Deal.

The Tennessee Valley Authority
Among the most pleasant news to come out of Washington in recent months is the announcement by officials of the Tennessee Valley Authority that power companies who fail to charge reasonable rates in the region surrounding the Tennessee Valley will find the government power agency in competition with them.

them. If this policy is properly carried out the rates charged by the private power companies will shortly take a considerable drop.

This is far from the immediate socialization of the entire power industry that every Socialist has long urged, but it does provide a means of measuring the superiority of public over private ownership. On the basis of the date to be accumulated by the Authority we will be able to convincingly demonstrate to the people the waste and inefficiency of the private power industry, and more immediately the people in the area will benefit by lower rates.

Soviet Mistakes
The case for a socialized economy has not been helped by Russia's efforts to hide the famine conditions in the Ukraine and the Caucasus. Foreign correspondents all know that the price of bread has been doubled, and to forbid the press to visit the stricken area merely serves to spread wild rumors that doubtless exaggerate the truth. It is no reflection on collectivism that adverse weather conditions have caused a crop failure, and it does not help the cause to allow people to starve when the agricultural surplus here could be drawn upon for assistance.

Nor is it pleasant to read that the Soviet is encouraging trade relations with Germany, and thus helping to maintain the Hitler regime. We have a right to expect something more than this from a working class government.

STUDENT SOCIALISTS TO TOUR PENNA., MARYLAND

A group of college boys and girls and recent graduates will leave Baltimore on Labor Day for a week's tour of Pennsylvania and Maryland in the interests of the Socialist movement. Several members of the group are veterans of a similar tour made last year during the presidential campaign. The trip will be made in a truck, from which the student orators will speak.

Socialists and sympathizers will attend a send-off meeting at the city hall plaza, Baltimore, at noon on Monday, Sept. 4. A meeting will be held in Philadelphia that evening, in Bethlehem Tuesday afternoon, and in Allentown Tuesday evening. Wednesday afternoon will find the students in Lebanon, and Wednesday evening in Harrisburg.

The young Socialists will then cross over into Maryland for a meeting in Cumberland Thursday evening. Friday afternoon they will speak in Frostburg, and Friday evening in South Cumberland. On Saturday, the final day of the tour, they will speak in Brunswick in the afternoon and in Hagerstown at night.

Three of the crew of seven will be girls, one of them, Miriam Seidman, of the Peabody Institute, having taken part in last year's expedition. Louise Altheimer, a graduate of Vanderbilt in 1931, will also make the trip, and the third girl will be a Goucher College student. The male students will include Richard Feise and Rudolph Kanne of Johns Hopkins University, and Lee Alpert of the Yale Law School. The tour is being organized by Dr. Joel Seidman, a graduate of Hopkins in 1932, who headed last year's campaigners.

What About Next Winter?

DALLAS, Tex.—"What are you going to do next winter when 50,000 people march on the courthouse demanding food?" asked County Judge Robert Ogden, predicting the dire results which would follow the failure of the voters to pass a \$20,000,000 state bond issue for unemployment relief. There is considerable opposition to the measure on the ground that it will be used by the reactionary Ferguson hierarchy to put over a sales tax at the coming special session of the legislature.

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LABOR DAY

THE HISTORY OF AMERICA'S LABOR DAY

Labor Day, 1933, is the fortieth annual celebration of Labor Day as a legal national holiday, and the fifty-second anniversary of the first local Labor Day celebration.

P. J. McGuire, the founder of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and for many years a member of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, originated the Labor Day idea.

At a meeting of the New York City Central Labor Union held on May 8, 1882, McGuire stressed the propriety of setting aside one day in the year as a general holiday for the working people. He suggested that it be called Labor Day.

The Central Labor Union adopted the idea and organized a Labor Day parade and festival on the first Monday in September, 1882.

The 1884 convention of the American Federation of Labor endorsed the proposal for a national Labor Day holiday by unanimously adopting the following resolution introduced by A. C. Cameron, a delegate from the Chicago Trades and Labor Alliance:

"Resolved, That the first Monday in September of each year be set apart as a laborers' national holiday, and that we recommend its observance by all wage workers, irrespective of sex, calling, or nationality."

Organized labor carried on its demand for Labor Day so effectively that soon many municipal councils and State legislatures made it a legal holiday.

Oregon was the first State to make Labor Day a State holiday; the Oregon Labor Day law was signed by the Governor on February 21, 1887. During 1887 the Legislatures of Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York also made Labor Day a State holiday. In 1889, Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania enacted Labor Day laws; in 1890, Iowa and Ohio; in 1891, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington; in 1892, Alabama, Louisiana, Utah and Virginia; in 1893, California, Delaware, Florida, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Texas and Wisconsin.

In the meantime the officials of the American Federation of Labor endeavored to have the Congress of the United States make Labor Day a national holiday.

Shortly after the Fifty-third Congress convened in 1893, Senator James H. Kyle, of South Dakota, Representative Amos J. Cummings of New York, and Representative Robert E. De Forest of Connecticut introduced bills making Labor Day a legal holiday.

The Cummings bill was reported favorably by the House Committee on Labor of which Lawrence E. McGann of Illinois was a member.

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REAL UNIONISM VS. COMPANY UNIONISM

Manufacturers, faced with the rising tide of revolt of the workers and their demands for organization, are attempting to turn this uprising into harmless channels. They are trying to set up company unions. Company unions have been used for many years to break the spirit of real unionism, but have proven miserable failures. Company unions are well named, they represent no one but the company and the workers' interests receive no consideration. They have been used to cut wages, lengthen the hours and act as spy systems. They set up stool-pigeon committees, which are ever ready to do everything the boss wishes.

The manufacturers, who for years have been tearing down the standards in industry by wage reductions, long hours and bad working conditions and insuring themselves of the right to do these things by bitter opposition to organization of their workers, are now attempting to deceive their employees into forming company unions.

Your answer should be to **SMASH COMPANY UNIONS WITH REAL UNIONISM**

The best proof that company unions are no good for labor, is the fact that the bosses are trying to impose them upon the workers.

The purpose of the NIRA is to promote collective bargaining between employers and the workers through representatives of their own choosing. This is impossible with a company union which is nothing more than a tool of the bosses.

Spokesmen for company unions are always either bosses or stool-pigeons. Never do these henchmen of the employers dare to debate the question at an open meeting with a representative of a Real union.

A company union is a fake union that is worse for the workers than no union at all. A company union cannot affiliate with other unions in their trade, nor can they affiliate with workers in other industries through a Federated Trades Council, which is a union of unions that give the workers power in fighting their battles.

Intelligent workers want a real union; that offers a way to bargain collectively for better wages and living standards. They don't want to sink to worse than slavery by being fooled into a company union that imposes a tyranny upon them that will make them more helpless than if we had no union at all?

Are workers to be free men or slaves? Are they going to show the spirit of their forefathers or will they submit to a tyranny that not only shall enslave them, but shame them as cowards unworthy of the name of free Americans?

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while his masters press on his brow the crown of thorns?

LABOR, whose marvelous muscles twist the iron and hew the granite, transmuting it into towering buildings and palaces of pleasure—shall he now shed his precious blood to slake the thirst of Mars?

LABOR, inherently gentle, and kind, devoted companion of woman, playmate and teacher of children, always sacrificing for their needs with his unrelenting, scarce rewarded toil—shall he now kiss his dear ones good-bye, while the tears roll down the furrows of his face, leaving aching hearts and a hollow home behind him?

LABOR, to whose power and daring poets and thinkers have dedicated the gems of their genius, and made him the subject of immortal song—shall he now bare his breast to receive the bayonet?

TO LABOR, final arbiter of all great questions, unconscious creator of thrones and parliaments, this bleeding world turns now its ashen face for deliverance.

ARISE, LABOR, and with your sinewy arms break down the barriers of dogma and superstition and false hatreds. The flowers bloom in all countries, and the night and the moon and the train of the Milky Way are yours.

AND THE BEAUTIFUL and useful things that you create are yours, and love and happiness are yours, and the eternal seasons are yours in which to work and to play, and the days and nights are yours in which to dream.

DOWN through the long corridor of time you stand alone as the priest of democracy. There are no other gods before you or after you. You are invincible.

BEFORE your majestic presence creeds and philosophies stand back and ask to be examined. The names of those who have neglected to take you into (Continued on Page Eight)

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There can be no quarrel with General Johnson's pronouncement that "It is not the duty of the administration to act as the agent to unionize labor." That is the job which labor must do itself.

The Recovery Act does, however, obligate the administration to support any unionization movement which labor itself may initiate.

It provides specifically that workers "shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and shall be free from interference, restraint or coercion of employers of labor or their agents in the designation of such representatives, or in self-organization, or in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual-aid or protection."

In these words the act definitely outlaws the usual tactics of anti-union employers—forcible ejection of labor organizers, denial of freedom of assemblage, the "yellow dog" contract, the blacklist, discharge for union membership.

Under these provisions the employer who attempts to "fire" a union member or to run a union organizer out of town may have his license revoked; he denied the right to sell his products in interstate commerce.

It is this guarantee of public protection in organizing activities that the President has called "a new charter of rights long sought and hitherto denied."

Here we have the first statute in history to assure to labor legal support and the right of organization. It remains to be seen whether labor possesses the wisdom and the strength to make the most of this opportunity.

It is scarcely to be expected that employers will readily relinquish their past and present freedom from labor participation in the determination of wages, hours and working conditions. Closed company towns will not suddenly be thrown open. Independent organizers will not be welcomed with open arms.

Already we hear reports that numerous attorneys are carefully studying the law to see whether it may be interpreted to permit the exclusion of outside organizers; that coal and steel operators are rushing the formation of company unions in an attempt to forestall autonomous labor organizations; that a notorious strike-breaking detective agency has organized a corporation to advise employers concerning their rights within the act.

No man can truly represent the interests of labor before an employer if he himself is dependent on that employer for his livelihood. No union can exert the economic pressure which is prerequisite to the attainment of a real collective bargain when its organization is confined to a single plant. Employer representation schemes cannot be accepted as a substitute for independent labor action. Nor do we believe that Secretary Perkins or Dr. Walman or the other members of NIRA's labor advisory committee can be persuaded to accept them as such.

It would, however, be fatal for labor to rely solely upon the character of the advisory committee for its protection. The Recovery Act has been adopted for but two years. At best, its future is uncertain. A new administration, when it comes, may be far less friendly to the aims of labor, than is the present one.

Labor's only real guarantee of hours, wages, living standards, in the long run, is a strong, inclusive, aggressive union movement. This guarantee the law now places within labor's grasp.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THE HISTORY

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nois was chairman. The committee did not report the De Forest bill.

The Kyle bill was reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, of which Senator Kyle was chairman. Following is the text of the Kyle bill:

"A Bill Making Labor Day a Legal Holiday.—Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That the first Monday in September in each year, being the day celebrated and known as Labor's holiday, is hereby made a legal public holiday, in the same manner as Christmas, the 1st day of January, the 22d day of February, the 30th day of May, and the 4th day of July are now by law public holidays."

The Senate passed the Kyle bill on June 24, 1894, the House passed it on June 26, in place of the Cummings bill, and President Cleveland signed it on June 28.

In his annual report to the 1894

convention of the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation, announced Labor's victory with the following brief statement:

"National Labor Day.—It affords me pleasure to be able to report that the demand made by the American Federation of Labor for making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday passed Congress and was made a law on June 28, 1894."

All hail to Labor Day, 1933!

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By Upton Sinclair

Now Capitalism is a system so peculiar, so incredible, that if a man were to come from another planet, and be told that in our cities the little children are hungry because out on the plains of North Dakota the farmers have raised too much grain; if he were told that the children of shoemakers have to go barefooted in winter time, can't go to school because their fathers have made too many shoes, the visitor from another planet would say, "That is impossible; that is an insane idea." But that is the idea upon which our whole civilization stands at the present hour, and it is the condition upon which it is going to fall; because it is impossible that working men all over the world should consent to stay out of work and see their children starve, because they have invented and manufactured machines which can turn out too large a product.

Why must we go to foreign countries and sell them our goods which are needed at home? Why should

we not use them at home? Why should we not operate the machines, and use them to make goods for ourselves instead of for idlers? The reason is because we don't own the machines; because our property system is different, and if you are talking about trying to change that system, then you are a disturber of the peace, and you are a dangerous character.

Now get this clearly in your minds. We have today in America every means and opportunity for the production of plenty, and comfort for every person in the country who is willing to work. There may be a few idlers, a few detectives who are not willing to work; I am not talking about those. I am talking about involuntary poverty, and I say that we have the means of producing plenty for everybody who wants work. We have enormous tracts of valuable land and we have great agricultural machines and we can produce every kind of food in abundance. We have proven that, but we can't get it to the hungry people. Hungry people are not consumers, they are bums. They haven't got the purchase price, and so they don't count in our society. And that same thing applies to clothing; it applies to shelter, it applies to every means of comfort and even of luxury, of plenty for all. Only one thing is needed, and that is that we should change our system of production for the benefit of private individuals into a system of production for use and for the common welfare of all.

LABOR TRIUMPHANT

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account in their final estimate of the races now fill the roster of the dead. YOU WHO HAVE BUILT EDIFICES for the deities and the gods of gold, have been denied even a place to lay your head.

YOU, who have reared the temples of learning, have yourself come through the world untutored, unheralded and unafraid.

BUFFETED ABOUT on the restless waves of humanity when your work was done; cast aside by your masters when your back was bent with age and toil, you Labor, may even now guide the feet of your offspring toward the Temple of Truth on which Love's healing sun never sets.

LABOR, you have lived through the travail to witness the royal robbers grovel at your feet. You see them locked in death grapple, rocking on the brink of the abyss.

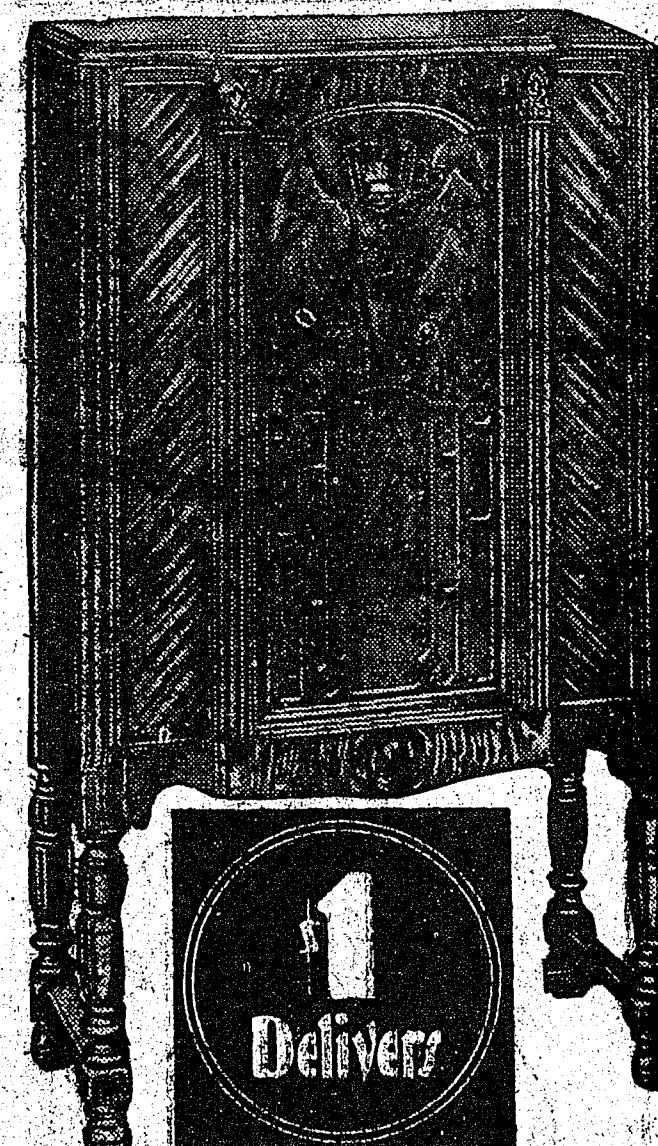
LABOR, you stand by, serene, watching the lifeblood trickle from the veins of the dying gods, knowing you are guiltless of the havoc they have wrought.

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FEDERATED TRADES AIDED IN ORGANIZATION WORK

The Federated Trades Council has played an important role in the successful organization campaign that was carried on in Reading during the past several months. In addition to giving its full support to the hosiery workers in their fight, the council gave its untiring efforts in organizing new industrial unions in the pretzel, candy, hardware, laundry, paint and rope industries. They helped organize window cleaners, ceramic workers and metal workers.

Any group of workers desiring organization received the help of the Trades Council. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers, who put on an intensive campaign, and the National operation of the local labor movement, despite the fact that those unions were not affiliated with the A. F. of L.

The council took the position that the workers should be organized, and while the time was ripe for unionization it was their duty to assist in the work. Petty squabbles about craft lines and affiliation could be discussed and ironed out after the new unions were established and able to function.

When the campaign for organization began, the Trades Council set up a general plan of action for all groups. Application cards were printed that could be used by any group of workers. In many of the industries a low initiation fee of 50 cents in each new union, while dues were to be 50 cents monthly.

The low rate for dues made it possible for all workers to join. There could be no excuse on the question of dues. After the union was formed, and officers were elected, the Trades Council gave their service in "nursing along" the new unions, as few of the workers had any union experience before.

Educational work was carried on in the new unions. Various speakers were assigned to address the meetings. Books were distributed on "How To Run a Union Meeting" which were of much assistance to the new unions.

Earl White, former organizer for the Hosiery Workers, was named organizer for the Trades Council, while Esther Auman was assigned as his secretary. Their work will be to assist the new unions in carrying on, to give them aid in any possible way.

A set of books for each organization is being put in shape by the organizer and his secretary in order to make it less difficult for the officers of the unions to become accustomed to their duties.

It is being planned to set up a strong central office that will not only be helpful to all unions that are organized, but that will be in a position to go out and unionize other workers who are still in the ranks of the unorganized.

As soon as the unions are able to function effectively and stand on their own feet, the question of A. F. of L. affiliation will be taken up.

Some of the new groups are the first in the country to form a union and in some cases they are planning new national unions which will affiliate with the A. F. of L.

North Dakota Voters To Decide On Sales Tax

BISMARCK, N. D.—North Dakota voters will decide Sept. 22 if the sales tax recently passed by the legislature is to remain a law. They will also vote on a workman compensation act, on beer and two other measures.

Wiley Post, in a recent statement, gave the exact mileage of his so-called around-the-world flight. Gosh, how the earth's circumference has shrunk since we used to study geography!

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AN ASSAULT UPON OUR SCHOOLS

Bankers and Real Estate Speculators Want Lower Taxes. And So the Schools Are Suffering—And Will Continue To Suffer

By Edward P. Gottlieb

Wage cuts, Unemployment, Sales Tax; Share-a-Job, Foreclosure, may be Starvation! Hardly a breathing spell between successive attacks on security and standards, with the end nowhere in sight. Even Socialists, who had braced themselves early in the depression against a long siege, have been stunned.

And now a new menace, growing daily and everywhere apparent. If there was one thing we thought we could take for granted it was the public school with its continuous progress in educational standards. The "American spirit means free education, else how hollow the boast of equal opportunity for all," we were told. There still is to be found the public man to challenge the statement that education is a basic necessity in a democracy.

And yet education is being rapidly undermined today.

I haven't seen a recent issue of a daily paper without some new attack upon educational standards. Today's list may be eclipsed by a new broadside tomorrow. First it was larger classes; then shrinkage of supplies; a swipe at salaries, and on to still larger classes; elimination of extra-curricular and extension activities; a complete halt in school construction, and on even to the very closing of schools themselves.

In Alabama 26 rural schools, one-half the state's contingent, have been abandoned. The casualties are piling up!

Larger classes mean more than increased teacher load and diminished efficiency. Ultimately they tend to produce a teacher disciplinary little better than a prison guard. Teaching will be subordinated to police duty.

Then there is the vicious propaganda which characterizes all progressive tendencies in education as "frills." Social science, vocational training and branches for the adjustment of normal as well as abnormal children would be thrown overboard by our noble tax-dodgers. They have further handicapped the schools by compelling decreased appropriations for ordinary supplies necessary for school routine. A recent circular of the New York City superintendent warns that he may be unable to replace textbooks. No branch of the system will be spared, and those will be hardest hit who power of resistance is least.

The evening schools especially will suffer gross curtailment or perhaps even abolition. The only hope of advancement for the poor boy who must leave school to supplement the family earnings will be gone, and the money saved on his education and on that of his friends in continuation schools or evening recreation centers will undoubtedly be spent in the next twenty-five years to reclaim him from delinquency. Public lectures long ago felt the axe.

We must include in this meager indication of the move to scuttle the schools still another threat to a free educational situation, our public libraries. The library, like the school, has done a more flourishing business since the depression. Yet it faces the same mayhem as our schools.

In the Name of Economy
In the name of economy, patriotism and self-sacrifice a thousand and one attempts are made to hamstring our educational opportunities. Closing the three teacher-training colleges, restricting high-school students to three or four subjects, raising the bars against college entrants, a compulsory \$100 fee in all city colleges, closing of kindergartens, playgrounds, and summer schools, and a long line of other impairments follow each other in rapid succession.

Most of the teachers are grumbling, but only a few organizations such as Teachers' Union, the K.G.B. Association, and the Teachers' Welfare League are fighting. The hundred other dollar-a-year "company union" organizations don't know how and wouldn't dare make a fighting campaign in defense of the institutions in their trust.

We who are the vanguard of class-conscious workers must recognize our fight. We must remember that it was not politically packed Boards of Education or Defenders of America or any crowd of politicians the free and compulsory school system. They who have always been able to send their children to private

TAXI AND TRUCK DRIVERS ASK FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT

Chauffeurs, taxi and truck drivers, to many on the highway driving cars, may seem hard boiled, insignificant, individuals. But, these persons too are human, have a soul, and a living to make for a wife and kiddies. In addition to that they usually have exceptionally long hours to work at miserably low wages, which is not commonly known.

These workers, like most suppressed industrial workers of the community, are seeking a better life and economic independence through a union. They have organized the Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local Union No. 429 with Sherman Guth, Chairman, S. Hamsey, Vice Chairman and B. A. H. Weyman, Secretary-Treasurer, and C. Pfum, Recording Secretary.

Peerless Taxi Co., William Sheeler, proprietor, had all of his men sign up in the Union and is now conducting a 100% closed union shop taxi business. Peerless Taxi Service is deserving of the patronage of the taxi riding public who consider safety and courtesy in their travels. The strike is still in existence against Yellow, City and Checker, whose 17 striking drivers are members of the Chauffeurs Union. Strikebreakers of the Yellow Cab are compelled to work long hours, jeopardizing the safety of the traveling public. All stories told by the now employed drivers and their scab herding employer that the strike is settled are falsehoods.

Milk, bakery and laundry drivers are also eligible to membership. Many already belong. When paying bills for having milk, bread or laundry delivered, customers should inquire whether the collector is a member of his respective Union and if not urge him to get into it for his own economic welfare and let his employing company know your desires also. These workers are counting on organized labor and its sympathizers to support them in their up-hill struggle for a decent wage and living standard. WILL YOU HELP?

Indorse NRA But Not All Firms Displaying Eagle

TACOMA, Wash.—While indorsing President Roosevelt's recovery program the Tacoma Central Labor Council of the American Federation of Labor is not prepared to give its approval to all firms displaying the NRA blue eagle.

"Many confirmed rate firms were the first to display the emblem," Delegate Smith declared in protest against indorsing anti-union houses. His protest was headed by the council.

A young man thinks everybody's crazy except himself. An old man knows that everybody's crazy including himself.

schools branded the first free public school with the stigma of pauperism; in much the same way as they have tried to label unemployment insurance, "a dole." As James O'neal writes in "The Workers in American History," the "educated" of those days ridiculed the public school "as an impractical dream and as class legislation incompatible with the very organization and being of civil society."

For the real campaigns in behalf of the free school we must turn to the Chartists in England, the Workingmen's Party of 1829 in New York City or the General Association of German Workingmen. Very early the class lines were drawn on the question of free education, and the same economic reasons for this clash exist today. To understand the vital significance of present-day attacks upon the school we must first ask why the slaveholder of the South forbade the Negro to learn to read and write, and why the old Russian revolutionists were compelled to teach the Czar's peasants in secret.

Knowledge is a stimulus. It's a weapon; it's power. Equally well it will serve the slave struggling for civil and political freedom and the class-conscious worker striving for social and economic justice.

In our own country the very life of the democracy depends upon the school, and whether we live under capitalism or Socialism, the rule of the people is a mockery without continually progressive standards of education.

It is not without reason that the Socialist Party draws most of its vote and still more of its membership from the ranks of the comparatively better educated workers.

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ELYRIA, O. — More than 150 workers of the Fox Furnace Co. have gone on strike because the company would not pay higher wages under

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GIANT LABOR BREAKS HIS BONDS FACING THE DAWN OF SOCIALISM



Bound by the pygmies of prejudice, tradition, habits and misinformation, the giant Labor is awakening. The giant has been sleeping and while slumbering he has been bound. Labor sees a red glow on the horizon and the pygmies are beginning to flee. The trail cords with which the giant is bound begin to snap as he slowly rises. The red dawn of Socialism sends its piercing rays over the world. Night is passing and the giant Labor begins to understand his power. With understanding he will begin to transform power into action.

This is what is happening in this crashing world of American capitalism. For generations the toilers of the nation have been the victims of all the powers of mental coercion in the hands of their exploiters. Millions have been taught to venerate the party of Lincoln although that party was interred with the body of the Emancipator at Springfield in 1865. Other millions have inherited their party views with their father's debts and the dead past has cast their ballots, not the living present.

Binding the Giant in Servitude

School and press, putty in the hands of our reigning monarchs of industry and finance, have played an important role in binding Labor to economic serfdom and political independence. The school has too often given him pompous military men and empty statesmen as "heroes." The press has interpreted the ideas of those who live on his labor as the ideas that will serve him. Both school and press have cultivated the prejudices and traditions, the habits and misinformation, that have made him a sleep-walker and now an out-

cast in the world which he and his fellows have built.

Yea, even minister, priest and rabbi have interpreted the mysteries of his universe in terms of humility and resignation to the fate that has overtaken him. They have urged him to be submissive to plunder, pleaded for this submission from artars paid for by his despoilers. They have frightened him with penalties if he asserted his claims to power and freedom, dread penalties to be imposed when, after a weary life of toil, he has passed into the shadows.

Myths That Cloud His Mind

Out of the past have also come myths and legends that have clouded his mind. "This is the freest government in the world," reads one. "Every human being living under our glorious flag has a chance to become a millionaire," reads another one. "Our institutions are based upon rugged individualism and there is a prize for every person who is thrifty and willing to work," is a myth that comes to us over a century. There are no classes, we are all equals," has also been a powerful narcotic.

So the giant Labor was tied to his tasks with myriad hopes and fears, prejudices and lies, myths and misinformation. The advance couriers of Socialism called to him but he did not hear. Into his brain again and again was poured many versions of the old ideas which had kept his fathers' fathers also bound to their tasks.

His Despoilers Wax Fat

Meantime in every generation those who had taught him self-denial and resignation grew fat upon the fruits of his labor. He became more productive with the passing years and a richer source of plunder as machines joined him in the plants of industry. The industries develop to vast proportions and the giant with his machine ally piled up huge quantities of goods.

Then his world of myths and hopes and fears and prejudices was shattered to bits when its material structure crashed to the earth. The "chance to become a millionaire" vanished. The "freest government" became a mockery. "Rugged individualism" became a yawning abyss. The equality of equals became a hideous fraud.

Again the advance couriers of Socialism call to him and this time he hears. He is rising to his feet, and the cords that bind him are parting as he turns to the rising sun. The clouded mind is clearing and he is beginning to understand.

The dawn beckons and the giant Labor is responding. Forward, toilers of the nation, forward to a great Socialist vote on November 8!

A. F. of L. City Central Body For Russian Recognition

EVERETT, Wash. — Recognition by the U. S. of the Soviet Union was demanded in a resolution unanimously passed by the Central Labor Council, the American Federation of Labor, central body in Everett.

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"Pioneers" seems to be the appropriate and well-deserving word applicable to many of the newly organized Labor Unions formed in Reading during the past two months. Among the most prominently outstanding as unique in the local labor movement, that is indeed a pioneer union of this nation is the Confectionery Workers Local Union formulated and functioning at Luden's Inc. Organization of this union was accomplished without necessitating a strike situation to secure recognition.

Word received from the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union a few days ago informed the local candy makers that no such organization exists anywhere else in the country.

It remains for these Upited Candy Workers to set up a standard of wages, hours and conditions, to blaze a trail through the jungle of the unorganized confectionery workers of the nation. Carrying the banner of the Union into the large New York, Boston, Chicago and other candy making centers who are competitors of the Luden Co., is a huge responsibility and undertaking which the local Union only is equal to undertaking.

The momentum of the waves from this huge sea of organizing intelligence, competence and leadership. Out of this shuffle of humans came John Schnarrenberger, President; George Gery, Vice President, and Steve Vargo, Recording and Financial Secretary of the Union.

So that the voice of the long exploited candy makers and their kindred trades should not go unheard at the Confectionery Code hearing, the organized Luden workers sent a committee composed of the President and Clarence Dautrich to Washington to voice labor's protest against the low standards that confectionery manufacturers were attempting to set up in their pacts of fair competition.

The Union has nearly 300 members, practically unionizing the shop. Outside representation is established and recognized in the person of Earl White, Federated Trades Organizer, to take up with the management major grievances and problems of the workers.

The amicable attitude in which management and union representatives were able to arrive at an understanding and the remarkable fashion in which the workers completed a functioning union, should make the confectionery products of the Luden Co., Inc., a favorite and preferable product to organized labor and its sympathizers over the competitive products of the unorganized workers of other companies.

Intelligently directed organized purchasing power can and will do more to keep plants organized than any other thing aside from the workers' own interest in their own union problems and industrial welfare.

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Harry fell in this war. He was found dead in the bare room. A few diaries and some clippings, mostly war stories, were all that linked him to his heroic past. He returned to the obscurity out of which he had emerged in 1917, a cloud of wayward mail used by capitalism and then cast aside to die, neglected and unsung.

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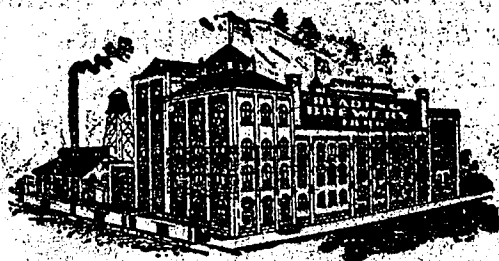
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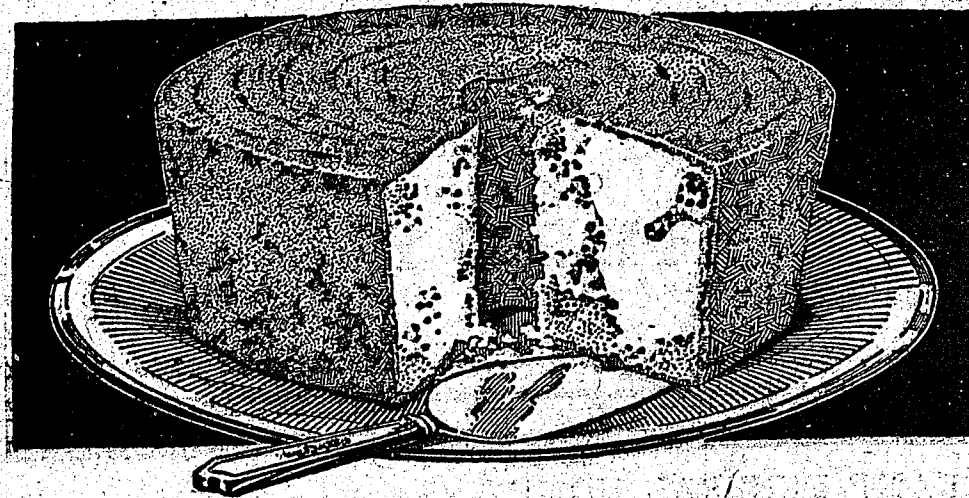
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LABOR SONGS HELPED TO INSPIRE LOCAL STRIKERS

The strike wave that swept Reading gave the workers a splendid lesson in economics. It gave them the opportunity to hear something different than they have been accustomed to hearing for so long a time. The most striking and inspiring scenes were the picket lines where boys and girls joined in the singing of working class songs.

Along the line of march in the great parade and at the tremendous demonstration that followed at the baseball park, thousands of voices filled the air with labor songs that added spirit and courage to the hosts of Labor.

Following are sections of several popular working-class songs that were heard along labor's battle front during the weeks of intense strife:

Solidarity Forever
(Tune: John Brown's Body)

When the Union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run,
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun.
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one?
But the Union makes us strong.

Solidarity Forever
(Tune: John Brown's Body)
Sol-i-dar-i-ty forever!
Sol-i-dar-i-ty forever!
Sol-i-dar-i-ty forever!
For the Union makes us strong.

Loud Laughter
(Tune: Little Brown Jug)

Who does not know the world goes round,
Is there a man that can be found
By Labor working might and main
And getting little for its pain?

Chorus
Ha ha ha! he! he! he!
It's very funny, don't you see?
The workers live in poverty,
While owners laugh ha! ha! he! he!

Hold the Fort
(English Transport Workers' Strike Song)

We meet today in freedom's cause
And raise our voices high;
We'll join our hands in union strong,
To battle or to die.

Chorus
Hold the fort for we are coming—
Union men, be strong
Side by side we battle onward,
Victory will come.

Look my Comrades, see the union
Banners waving high.
Reinforcements now appearing,
Victory is nigh.

See our numbers still increasing;
Hear the bugles blow.
By our union we shall triumph
Over every foe.

Fierce and long the battle rages,
But we will not fear,
Help will come whenever it's needed.
Cheer, our Comrades, cheer.

We'll Not Be Fooled Any More
(Tune: When Johnny Comes Marching Home)

The battle is on that none can shrink
In field or street;
The lines are drawn 'twixt those who work
and those who eat.

Oh, we are many and they are few,
Yet we've always done what they told us to.
But the time has come when
We'll not be fooled any more!

Yes, the time has come when
We'll not be fooled any more;
Oh, how do they hold the upper hand?
The answer runs:

They got the gold and they got the guns.
"Divide and conquer us" was the trick
By the gift of gab and the hired dick.

But the time has come when
We'll not be fooled any more;
Yes, the time has come when
We'll not be fooled any more!

To feed and shelter and clothe the earth, is a simple job,
If once the spirit of man takes birth,
From formless mob,
From the mills and mines and huts
We organize, and use our wits,
Then the time has come when
We'll not be fooled any more;
Yes, the time has come when
We'll not be fooled any more!

Lift Up the People's Banner
By Joseph Whittaker
(Tune: Ye Soldiers of the Cross)

Lift up the People's banner,
Now rising from the dust;
A million hands are ready
To guard the sacred trust;
With steps that never falter,
And hearts that grow more strong,
Till victory ends our warfare
We sternly march along.

Through ages of oppression,
We bore a heavy load,
While others reaped the harvest
From the seeds the people sowed;
Down in the earth we burrowed,
Or fed the furnace heats;
We felled the mighty forests,
We built the mighty fleets.

But after bitter ages
Of hunger and despair,
The slave has snapped his fetters,
And bids his foes beware;
We will be slaves no longer,
The nation soon shall know
That all who live must labor,
And all who reap must sow.

Soup Song

I'm spending my nights in the soup-house
I'm spending my days on the street,
I'm looking for work and I find none,
I wish I had something to eat.

Chorus
Soo-up, Soo-up,
They give me a bowl of soup-oo-up,
Soo-up, Soo-up,
They give me a bowl of soup.

I spent twenty years in the factory,
I did everything I was told,
They said I was loyal and faithful,
Now even before I get old,
I fought in the war for my country,
I went out to bleed and to die,
I thought that my country would help me,
But this was my country's reply:

The Picket Line
The Union is the place for me,
The place for working men,
Who want some time to sing and play
And money we can spend.

Chorus
On the line, on the line, on the
picket, picket line,
We'll win our fight, our fight for the
right,
On the picket, picket line.

**PRETZEL WORKERS' UNION
HAS PICTURESQUE GROWTH**

In the struggle of the workers for organization during the past few months, the pretzel workers stand out as one of the most militant and picturesque groups.

The newly organized Pretzel Workers' Union has already signed up with ten manufacturers who have recognized the industrial union of their workers, several agreements being closed shop contracts.

Only one large pretzel bakery in Reading has not made peace with the union. That firm, the Bachman Pretzel Co., is a link in a chain of bakeries known as the American Cone & Pretzel Co.

As a result of the firm's defiant attitude to the demand of their workers for organization, it is difficult to find a store in the city that sells Bachman's pretzels.

A publicity campaign, extending from coast to coast has been planned for the purpose of boosting the union and advertising the products of the American Cone & Pretzel Co. as "unfair to labor."

The union, which is the first pretzel workers union in the country, was born in the month of May, a short time before the passage of NIRA.

A wage cut at the Bachman plant caused the right shift to strike. After three weeks on strike the workers went back victorious and with a union.

The union idea began to spread to other plants and to other shifts of the Bachman plant. As a result some of the plants gave voluntary wage increases to their workers in order to stem the tide on unionism.

And then came the fireworks. The Bachman Co. laid off their workers. Lack of orders was the excuse, but the workers knew the real reason.

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Wherever oppression raises his hydra heads, there am I also. Where the millions of unemployed curse and moan and groan and sob and die, there you may find me!

Wherever you go in this wide, wide world if there is one soul going to bed supperless, one soul with hope gone from his breast, one soul going mad because of unjust, unholy inhuman conditions—there you may feel my unconquerable presence.

I am the beginning—I am the end of things! 'Twas I moved by the power of God that opened the waters

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1933

THE VICTORY AND THE TASK AHEAD

Unionism has won a signal victory in Reading! The results of the secret ballot in the hosiery trade has nationwide significance and should create widespread confidence in the ability of workers to make an intelligent decision for themselves on the question of organization.

A poll of over 14,000 workers is a remarkable achievement and is the most convincing sort of evidence as to what the majority of wage-earners really want from the NRA and their employers. The vote in Reading should be heralded throughout the country and after several more such sample tests of the workers' wishes on the question of unionism are made in different parts of the country, we should find not only the Administration but Congress and the Courts finally ceasing to pussyfoot on this issue. Laborites, liberals and Socialists have for years asserted that Labor would organize if permitted to do so. Here at last is the kind of evidence proving that assertions such as that, even the most obdurate anti-unionist cannot decently or honestly dispute.

The fact that we now have this evidence should oblige NRA and the lawmaking bodies in this country to wave the big stick at all the anti-union industrialists who continue to hold out against Union recognition and collective bargaining. It should not be necessary to have to take secret ballots indefinitely! After several typical situations such as that in Reading have been tested, the Administration should assume thenceforward that workers want to be unionized and employers who refuse to deal with unions honestly should be dealt with summarily by the Government.

The Reading victory was not as absolutely overwhelming as some enthusiasts had hoped for. But it is too much to expect that in communities where for generations a fear of the boss has been beat into the workers that this condition can be completely eliminated overnight. The fact that 80% of the employees in the fashioned hosiery mills in Reading voted union is really amazing and tremendously hopeful. The non-union vote was unfairly strengthened by tactics of management in including several seamless hosiery mills in which there had been no real strike situation and where, as the employers knew well enough beforehand, there had been no prior contact between the Union and the workers.

Despite the fact that the National Labor Board was nominally conducting the entire election, employers persisted in their tactics of intimidation and in at least two of the mills that were lost to the Union the manufacturers deliberately created the impression that the plants would close down if the Union won. In a third instance, the defeat was due not merely to ignorance and fear but to discord between the workers which had been deliberately fostered by the bosses according to the ancient precept "divide and rule."

Labor must learn to overcome these obstacles and will no doubt be able to do so when once the masses are able to feel that they do actually possess the right to organize. In many mills in Reading before the vote was taken the workers were given to understand that no matter what the result would be, actual Union recognition would not be the result. This sort of propaganda had its effect on workers who have a more or less fixed attitude of helplessness and hopelessness on all matters relating to dealings with employers. Workers who do not really believe they have civil rights can be made to believe the employers' lies no matter how much the National Labor Board may say to the contrary. But when these same workers do at last find a government that will give them a fifty-fifty break a totally new outlook is developed. An actual change of character can take place when workers really live as free men for awhile.

The victory for unionism in Reading can be the forerunner of important changes in workingclass psychology. If the Union now actually establishes itself strongly and can accomplish things for its members, there is new hope for the masses not only in the hosiery industry but in all industries.

TO THE UNION HOSIERY WORKERS OF READING!

You have done a wonderful job in bringing about a victory for unionism in the secret ballot! Each and every man or woman who contributed to this splendid achievement deserves the heartiest congratulation and praise for his or her part in this effort.

Workers throughout the country will be encouraged and gladdened at the results of the vote in Reading. The rank and file of the hosiery workers' union are particularly proud of what the newly joined membership has accomplished. From now on, the Union in Reading should take root and become a

permanent part of the community life and of the hosiery industry in general.

It should be remembered however, that casting a ballot in favor of the Union is the least part of the task that lies before the hosiery workers here. The real fight begins from this point. To many, the struggle to build up a union is not as thrilling as having parades, demonstrations and great mass meetings. But to those who have imagination and power estimating real values the thrill is just as great in one sort of a scrap as in the other.

The workers have won the right to have a Union in Reading—will they use that right and protect it? The manufacturers are predicting that within six months the workers in Reading hosiery mills will have forgotten all about the strike and the Union will have simply disappeared from the picture. Propaganda is being distributed by the employers discouraging workers from paying dues and initiation fees into the Union. The labor spies are busy at their work of spreading discord, suspicion and distrust within the ranks of the Union. Only last Sunday, two Union girls were offered fat bribes to act as stool-pigeons and trouble-makers inside the organization.

Lots of the employees in the hosiery mills fell for the miserable propaganda of the employers urging workers to vote against the Union for fear that at some time in the future, an assessment might be levied by the membership upon itself.

A tremendous task of education is still to be done in Berks County. Committees have to be trained in every shop to deal with the employers. The responsibility for fighting discrimination cases is now directly up to the men who were elected as representatives of the majority of the workers. But no representatives can succeed, whether educated or otherwise, unless he is quite certain that those he represents have the brains and the character to back up what is done in their name. Girls and fellows who have been treated unfairly or not put back to work must have their grievances adjusted as rapidly as possible. Those who are at work and who have no immediate grievance must let it be known everywhere that they intend to stand by those who were victimized. That is the only way to develop union spirit and union strength.

The rank and file must learn to exercise discipline and patience. These virtues can only be adhered to by unionists when they know that those who are honest and vigorous fight to get what the rank and file want.

Leaders must be developed and those who are entrusted with responsibility must be given the chance to see what they can do. Committees must take their assignments seriously and report back promptly what they are given to do.

Every member must get into the habit of attending union meetings and of listening attentively to what takes place at these sessions. Those that have doubts, criticism, questions or suggestions must develop the gumption to come to union meetings and say what is on their minds.

Workers in each mill must learn to know each other and find out how to work together so that the very best can be obtained for the individual and the group as a whole.

There can be no slackening in interest or morale at this stage of the game or everything that has been won will amount to nothing. The victory at the ballot boxes will turn into a defeat unless the fight for unionism and a fair deal for all hosiery workers goes right on with the same intensity as has been displayed for the past eight weeks.

It is up to you boys and girls! Your leaders will do their part if given the necessary encouragement and support. The masses must do their part too.

A strong hosiery workers' union in Reading can do wonders. It will be lots of fun as well as lots of work to build that union. We said we wanted a Union. Now let's all pull together and see to it that our dreams and aspirations are realized!

DOUBLE VOUCHERS OF JOBLESS
TO MEET INCREASES OF NEW DEAL

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Unemployed and part-time workers and their dependents will recall a short six weeks or two months ago how the public press amplified the ballyhoo coming from the Treasury building at Washington, how, going off the gold standard resulting in inflation of money was going to put thousands of idle workers back to work by raising the value of things, this in turn to create employment so as to afford workers the opportunity to earn three square meals for themselves again. You will recall how your stock of courage, confidence and hope was raised too, possibly if you had imagination and enthusiasm enough for such bunk, it soared to within an inch of bursting out in riotous hilarity, only to be later again disillusioned into sad disappointment by the Washington Messiah's prediction not coming to fruition.

Political opportunists, mercenary profiteers and financial wizards realizing that their efforts at manipulating the money system and its values alone would not and could not achieve the desired and hoped for prosperity results, at one and the same time attempted, and present price tags on the necessary commodities of life are indicative that they have succeeded, and all events now are moving in the direction that the industrial jingoes will succeed in forcing prices still further heavenward on the excuse of National Industrial Recovery Act.

Few people, but, those very observing, such as economists, men in labor circles and others who are daily in close contact with the actual picture of the happenings of things can

realize what is actually taking place. Employers are no more sincere to-day in their obligation to public duty under Federal law than they were at any time without a law to invoke over them. At its best the law cannot be very severe upon violators. In numerous instances employers have worked on stock with cheap material and low labor costs and will sell at fabulously fancy inflation prices, meaning extra profits and dividends to them. Constantly they are cheating and chiseling workers' wages behind the display of the NRA blue eagle and minimum wages, hours and conditions, with provisions for union membership and recognition for workers meaning nothing to the bosses. Violation of the spirit of codes are daily reported, with Washington officials too busy to give same any attention and with no provisional enforcement bureau set up, they go unnoticed and unchallenged. What will be the result of all this super effort at inflation and the ultimate consequence to the unfortunate unemployed.

Few if any more unemployed workers will be usefully re-engaged in industry because of the industrial barons insisting upon forty to forty-eight hours per week when hours should be thirty and not over thirty-six and the Industrial Board is agreeing and putting their approval on these conditions. What then must the unemployed and their dependents look forward to with no hope of re-employment. Their bean and rice diet food voucher is made still further inadequate by the enormously successfully inflated costs of the necessities to sustain life, With

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purchasing power of food vouchers already reduced to between twenty and thirty per cent. Conservative estimates are that if present food voucher allowances are not increased immediately, rapid inflation will reduce allowances of unemployed by fifty to seventy-five per cent, signing for certain the death warrant for millions to rapid starvation rather than the slow process through which they are now going.

The United Workers' Federation urges all unemployed organizations and their sympathetic cohorts to immediately and simultaneously make a request and demand upon their local, state and federal relief boards for a one hundred per cent increase in food voucher allowance, because of inflation limitation of food purchases.

This is no more than a humane and just demand that must be met immediately, and unless attended to in the very near future will result in malnutrition and a very much underdeveloped and anemic future generation.

(Signed) J. H. MAURER,
President.NRA COMPELS SPEEDUP,
DRESS BOSS PLEADS

CHICAGO (FP)—"My God, we gotta get after the slow workers, the NRA code compels it," declares B. Sopkin, whose five dress shops were recently blackjacked by a strike into paying higher wages and recognizing the shop committee organized by the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union.

Sopkin, who employs 1,500 workers, including many Negro girls, had been paying around \$3.50 a week before the strike. Coming under the blanket code he paid all workers the required minimum weekly wage but fired many who had not made a profit for him. Asked about the discharges, Sopkin explained that he could not make money under the code unless he speeded up production.

"Materials have gone up 100% and every rich person is trying to grab his share under the new deal. I may be talking like a Socialist but it's true," Sopkin charged.

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