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REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

THE DRIVE IS ON! It is a drive to herd the workers of the nation into line. One sees it in the public prints, hears it on the radio, reads it in the sermons of preachers and the speeches of civic leaders, political leaders, business leaders and trades union leaders. Everywhere the ballyhoo is in full blast. Hail to the NRA!

And the workers of America are "falling" for it. Of course, they don't know what it is all about, but it is pretty generally true that the mob is BELIEVING that, somehow, something big is being done for them.

I'VE SEEN it happen before. Back in the days of the World War the same stunt was worked—successfully. The masses (some spell it: Them asses) BELIEVED then as they are BELIEVING now. They BELIEVED that the great Woodrow Wilson would continue to "keep us out of war." They BELIEVED all the bunk about mutilated Belgian women and children. They BELIEVED that America entered the war to bring democracy to the world. They BELIEVED that it would be "the last war."

The ballyhoo seeped into their skulls and saved them the trouble of thinking. It was so easy to believe in those days, so easy and so pleasant, just as it is today.

PEOPLE ARE LAZY-MINDED. They want somebody to think for them. It is that trait, I believe, that readiness to permit a few to do all the thinking which condemns the masses to do all the working and reap none of the rewards.

Demagogues and Capitalism's glorified confidence men play upon this weakness of the workingclass. Indeed, they speak of the mental sluggishness of the workers as though it were a virtue. That's part of the game, the game to keep the workers in chains. A Southern slave owner would have cherished the same qualities in his "niggers."

THUS WE FIND the Reading Times insulting American Labor's intelligence by paying it a "compliment."

In a Labor Day editorial that journalistic pimp of Capitalism speaks of the suffering which the masters' system has brought to the producers of the nation's wealth. "But," comments the Times, "it (Labor) has kept the faith. . . . It has simply tightened its belt and waited for a break in the luck."

HOW DISGRACEFUL! Here are a hundred million people who made this nation great. They and their class cleared the forests, erected wonder cities, spanned the continent with railroads, built and operated industries, produced food in super abundance. For more than a century and a half Labor has toiled for the enrichment of a few. And now the exploiters' game no longer works, now that the collapse has become so severe that the masters no longer know how to enslave the workers, now that the unwanted wage slaves by the many millions are cast adrift to starve, now these toiling millions, surrounded by such opportunities for wealth and leisure as were beyond the dreams of their grandparents, do nothing. Now when the masters' (Continued on Page Four)

DISCRIMINATION AND LOW CODE MINIMUMS SHOW NEED FOR STRONG ORGANIZATION

Secondary Strike May be Outcome of Employers' Resistance to Real Union Recognition—Industrial Dictators Who Signed Code Are Determined to Keep Wages Down to Minimum Approved by NRA—Federated Trades Council to Report "Blue Eagle Chiselers" to Federal Authorities

"Now that we have a union what are we going to do with it?"

The question is agitating the minds of about 20,000 Reading workers, who have banded themselves together in an effort to hasten and secure some of the advantages which they were told would come to them under the operation of NIRA.

It is an important question, because it is being asked in a spirit of discontent. The workers are dissatisfied with the things they have gotten or failed to get under the "New Deal." They see the employers of Reading violating the spirit of agreements under which strike settlements were effected. They feel that the NRA officials are woefully reluctant to compel the employers to do the things which will bring the much-advertised business recovery. And they are wondering whether they will not have to strike again—and that soon.

In order to convince Reading's industrial masters that Labor is really determined to get better treatment.

See Need For Union. Of one point the unionists, veterans and novices alike, are certain: It is that they must develop their union to the highest point of efficiency in order to compel the respect of arrogant employers.

They have been taught the value of organization on the picket line. But even more than their actual strike experiences, the churlish treatment which their bosses have given them since the larger strikes ended has shown them that they must continue to stand together.

In the hosiery industries the mill (Continued on Page Four)

LOCAL UNION TO ORGANIZE ROPE WORKERS IN HANOVER

Reading's newly organized union of the Rope Walk employees is extending its influence into other sections of the state by conducting an organization campaign among the 300 employees of the Hanover Cordage Co., in Hanover, Pa.

Two preliminary meetings have already been held with the Hanover workers, and tomorrow a delegation composed of members of the local union and Charles F. Sands and Harry Alexander will journey to Hanover to formally launch an organization at a mass meeting in the Penny Co. hall there.

Wages and Conditions Bad. Officials of the Reading local of the United Rope and Cordage Workers' Union describe conditions at the Hanover plant as extremely bad. They tell of pay envelopes which contained as low as \$7.56 for men and \$4.02 for women for a full week's work of 55 hours. Hourly rates range from 8 to 22 cents, they report.

In addition the Hanover firm has been violating the state labor laws and one of its proprietors, John Greenaway, was fined \$100 last Saturday by a York alderman for this offense. The fine was paid, but the bad practices continue, the local rope workers report.

As a means of fooling the law, the local union officials say that the Hanover firm has been compelling its girl workers to punch out on the time clock at 3 p. m., and then work until 6 p. m.

The Hanover rope workers are keenly interested by the story of what organization has done for workers in Reading and are ready to form a union of their own. On the Reading committee in charge of extension work in Hanover are Anthony DeLuma, John Leonard, Raymond Hohl and Artemus Bulles.

ONLY ONE MORE CHANCE TO REGISTER!

Workers, you are going to lose out unless you REGISTER Saturday, Sept. 16. That date will be the last chance for those who did not register on either of the first two days. Every adult member of the family should remember this: September 16 is the last chance to register.

DON'T MISS IT!

LABOR TO FIGHT OPENSHP RULE OF MANY CODES

Labor Advisory Body Plans Resistance to Bosses' Joker Against Workers' Unions In Industry

FEAR MISREPRESENTATION. Board, Headed by Green, Warns of Widespread Unrest If Unions' Rights Are Undermined

By LAURENCE TODD.

WASHINGTON (FP).—Rebelling against the thinly disguised open-shop clause which was written into the automobile code and had then been copied into 29 pending codes, the Labor Advisory Board of the NRA issued a formal statement through Acting Chairman William Green, on the night of August 31, refusing to accept any such clause in any code henceforth.

This action was the first taken independently by the Board since it was organized. In the absence of Chairman Leo Wolman, some weeks ago, Green had told the press of the affront given him by the steel manufacturers during consideration of the steel code. Wolman had protested against this publicity. On the occasion of the revolt against the open-shop clause, Wolman—who had approved the language in the automobile code—was again absent from the capital.

Members present and approving the statement were Green, John L. Lewis, Sidney Hillman, Rev. Francis Haas, Rose Schneiderman, Joseph Franklin and John P. Frey.

Courts Disaster For NRA. "Misrepresentation," the Board declared. (Continued on Page Six)

TRADES COUNCIL PROTESTS END OF COMPENSATION JOB

Protesting the closing of the Workers' Compensation Office in this district, the Federated Trades Council has sent a telegram to Governor Pinchot demanding that the service be resumed.

"We are not grinding the axe of any man in making this demand," George N. Rhodes declared yesterday. "On the contrary, we are acting to safeguard the interests of the many injured workers who need and deserve prompt adjustment of their claims. The action of dismissing Marcus B. Eaches and closing his office is the direct result of the false economy policy which the Democratic and Republican legislatures followed in the interest of the big taxpayers of the state. As usual, the workers will have to suffer in order that the wealthy owning class may be spared a few dollars of expense."

Name Bower Delegate. The council named Andrew P. Bower as its delegate to the American Federation of Labor Convention, which will be held in Washington October 2.

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SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL SEEKS WORLD LABOR UNITY TO COMBAT MENACE OF WAR AND FASCISM

American Delegates Seek to Open Way For Cooperation With Communist International Against World Capitalism—Whether Socialists Shall Accept Office Until They Gain Real Power Is a Problem Before Delegates

By EDWARD LEVINSON
American Delegate to the Paris Conference.

PARIS.—Four of the American delegates—Clarence Senior, Maynard Krueger, David H. Felix and the writer—to the International Socialist Conference are cooperating with the "left" group which has appeared as an active force for the first time at this session of the Labor and Socialist International Conference. A fifth member, Herman Kobbé, is in substantial agreement with the proposed "left" resolutions on war, the struggle against Fascism, and united action with the Communist International. The sixth delegate, Jacob Panken, is also swinging around to favor negotiations with the Comintern, though he cannot see his way to signing the resolution in the form proposed by the majority of the American delegation.

Negotiations with the Comintern were also favored yesterday by Leon Blum, leader of the French Socialists. This proposal is the only one favored by the "left" which seems to have an opportunity of passing, though some sections of other "left" proposals may find their way into the majority resolutions. There is, however, a distinction between the "united front" proposals thus far suggested. That signed by the four American delegates would have the L. S. I. reject the policy of bourgeois coalitions and would ask the Moscow International to renounce its attacks on the Socialist parties. By thus acknowledging our own mistakes, as well as indicating those of the Com-

Class collaboration between the powers of Capitalist local government and the exploiters of workers was displayed in Red Hill, Montgomery county, Wednesday morning when 18 pickets, including Robert Schoener, Reading, and Miss Francis Moore, New York, organizers for the Amalgamated Clothing Co., were arrested for picketing the Rosman kid-die clothes plant of that borough. After being held in jail for almost (Continued on Page Six)

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

REGISTER AND STRIKE AT THE POLLS

The small number of people who have registered on the first two dates allotted for that purpose is a problem for all political parties.

It would be silly to deny that many workers have thus far failed to register who will cast Socialist ballots if they vote at all. This failure is due in some measure at least to the fact that many workers can't—or think they can't—afford to pay the small amount of state and county tax which must be paid in order to register.

To those who find tax-paying difficult, we would say: "PAY THIS TAX EVEN IF IT HURTS."

No better investment can be made by any worker than the small sum necessary to secure the power to vote. Through this power the workers of Reading will be able to control their city and school governments. If the workers had voted "right" in 1931 they would not have had to face tear gas and policemen's clubs when they found it necessary to strike.

Voting can be made a real strike. Workers are always in the majority, and by their ballots they can drive the representatives of the employers out of office and keep them out.

Don't be foolish, workers. Pay that tax! Register! Then vote for the party of your class. When you have enough political power you can get everything your labor creates without the necessity of striking.

THE REAL MEANING OF THE FORNEY FUNERAL

Harry Forney is buried in a "decent" grave. Thanks to an excellent job of "chiseling" on the part of members of the Taxpayers' Protective League, Reading's unemployed organization, a worker who was discarded by the Capitalist system was saved from a pauper's grave.

The story was told by the daily papers, so there is no need to restate the incident here. Our job is to call attention to the fact that the fate of Forney is going to be the fate of an increasing number of workers as the Capitalist system sinks to its final doom.

Thousands of Reading families are without assurance of a conventional burial for their dead. During the past four years the relentless pressure of poverty has caused them to cash in their insurance policies, accepting the pittance which the companies allow in exchange for policies which have been in force for many years.

What the Taxpayers' Protective League did for Forney was good. But it is not good to reflect that the T. P. L. will have to keep right on doing the very thing for workers who spent their lives in useful service.

After all "chiseling" is a necessity and not a virtue. The good life requires a system under which security will be enjoyed by all workers and "chiseling"—whether for funerals or food—will no longer be tolerated.

A great teacher with a message once rebuked a follower who was about to neglect the big job to at-

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PAY ADVOCATE SUBS AT PICNIC ON SUNDAY

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

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T. P. L. ACTIVITIES

THE LAST DRESS rehearsal for the T. P. L. Minstrel will be held on Saturday afternoon at the new city hall at 2:30 o'clock.

The show scheduled for Labor Day at Socialist Park was postponed until this Sunday on account of rain.

All members in the minstrel not having transportation should be at Labor Lyceum at 12 o'clock Sunday to go to the park, as transportation will be furnished.

The show will start promptly at 1:30 o'clock.

The minstrel will show in the new city hall, September 20-21 free for the unemployed.

ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, the T. P. L. will hold a monster picnic at the Socialist Park where the minstrels will again put on their show.

The main feature will be the singing of the two choruses of the Socialist Party.

Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, Darlington Hoopes and Emil Rieve will speak.

There will be music by the T. P. L. band and dancing in the evening.

HYDE PARK BRANCH will hold a picnic and concert in the Bern Church Grove on Saturday, Sept. 9, afternoon and evening. On the program will be a concert by the famous Arcadia Band and remarks by Stewart Tomlinson and other speakers.

A CARD PARTY in West Reading Fire Hall will be held by West Reading Branch, Friday night, Sept. 8. Everybody invited.

The West Reading Branch will hold an outing in T. P. L. Park on Sunday, Sept. 17. Turn left at Six-Mile House. This is for members only.

THE REGULAR MEETINGS of the T. P. L. are Monday afternoon at Labor Lyceum and Friday afternoon in the new city hall auditorium. All members are urged to attend.

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MINERS SUSPECT NO-STRIKE CODE

Coal Diggers Fear the Loss of Their Best Weapon Under Code Approved by NRA

PITTSBURGH.—Not many miners in western Pennsylvania threw their sweaty, lanterned caps into the air in jubilation when they heard that NRA has promulgated a coal code which forbids strikes and opens the way for compulsory arbitration of disputes.

The new code, a bargain with the bitterly anti-union Mellon, Rockefeller and Schwab companies, aims to tear away from the miners their mightiest weapon of defense—the strike. In return for this the operators are asked to accept John L. Lewis and recognize the United Mine Workers of America.

Canny operators in the Pittsburgh district know, however, that even if Lewis can be depended upon to give conservative leadership, the miners have a habit of disregarding orders from Indianapolis, Lewis' headquarters. Recently the 15,000 Frick Coke Co. miners refused, by a delegate vote of 123 to 4, to return to work when Lewis ordered them to.

Militant Spirit Growing

Anti-union operators may find themselves forced to recognize Lewis to stem the growth of the left-wing National Miners' Union. General Johnson, NRA dictator, is understood to have laid before them reports on the recent growth of the N. M. U. in the coal fields, particularly in western Pennsylvania during the Frick strike. Forced settlement of the strike and sabotage of the truce agreement by the operators since has provided telling points for the radical union, according to reports made by U. S. Department of Labor and secret service agents.

The operators find themselves on the horns of a dilemma. Recognition of the U. M. W. A. means an end to the industrial feudalism they have cherished in recent years. On the other hand, if they do not accept a union with the Lewis brand of leadership, they may be faced with something much worse to them, a left-wing union. Leo R. Sack, United Press correspondent in Washington, sums it up in these words: "Coal operators may agree to recognize the conservative A. F. of L. They would at the same time secure themselves against the inroads of more radical labor groups."

Operators At Odds

Another angle in this momentous struggle of the miners for recognition is the division in operators' ranks. A minority of operators in western Pennsylvania, led by the Hillmans, whose banking chain is the only rival to the Mellons in Pittsburgh, has formed the Coal Produc-

ers' Association of Western Pennsylvania. They have made peace with John L. Lewis.

These independents, who have no southern mines, are fighting the Mellon-Rockefeller-Schwab proposal that southern miners get 5 to 10 cents an hour less than the northern. The Mellons' Koppers mines in West Virginia and Kentucky, for example, would profit by the north-south differential.

In the meantime the truce which forced Pittsburgh district miners unwillingly back to work without union recognition continues to be sabotaged. NRA emissaries are in the field now checking up on miners' charges that the Frick Coke Co., U. S. Steel subsidiary, has refused to accept checkweighmen elected by the miners and has been firing active unionists. They then proceeded to Library, Pa., where 1,100 of Mellon's Pittsburgh Coal Co. miners are on strike because of the discharge of checkweighmen elected by the miners.

Bethlehem Mines Corp., subsidiary of the Schwab-Mellon Bethlehem Steel Corp., has joined the Frick firm in a savage thrust at its miners' livelihood by closing down mine operations. Bethlehem pits employing 3,000 miners have closed down altogether after operating only four days since the truce. They will reopen with a 3-day week schedule because Bethlehem placed big orders in West Virginia during the recent strike. The Frick Coke Co. has done likewise. Miners charge that the shutdowns are purely punitive in motive.

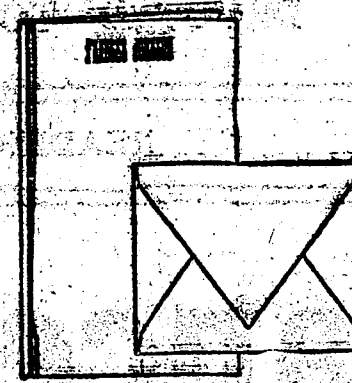
LEBANON SOCIALIST NOTES

A branch meeting was held on Sunday, Sept. 3, at Comrade Hower's home and regular business was conducted. At this meeting Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Horst, of Newmans-town, were present and from these comrades it was learned that some of the Socialists of Newmans-town are changing their registration as a Republican candidate is spending quite a bit of money in this section to get votes at the primaries. Do not be fooled, workers! Do not gamble your vote for a few cents. Vote Socialist and you will be voting for yourselves.

A Labor Lyceum Association meeting has been held and a building secured, which will be remodeled to be used and known as the Labor Lyceum of Lebanon. A drive will be made this week by the committee for finances for the building fund, and we ask all workers to support it, as it will be their home.

A short speech was delivered by Comrade James Bender, candidate for City School Director, on Tuesday evening at the home of Comrade Allen Brown, West Jonestown, on "Why You Should Register and Vote Socialist." In part Comrade Bender stated: "In the past the workers led the registration days pass and did not bother to vote. This is a great mistake. You have one more registra-

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To Unite All Postal Unions

NEW YORK.—A committee representing the rank and file of the various postal organizations has been formed in New York City to help coordinate all the existing postal unions. Similar committees have been formed in other cities. Delegations are being sent to the national conventions of existing unions to place before them demands of the postal employees that all unions be combined into "one postal organization for all postal employees."

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SOCIALISTS LEAVE INDEPENDENTS

Drop League For Independent Political Action as Result of New Party Move

CHICAGO—Six prominent Socialists have either resigned or announced their intention of resigning from the League for Independent Political Action, because of its decision to attempt to form a "United People's Party" at a conference in Chicago Sept. 2 and 3. They are B. C. Vladek, managing editor of the Jewish Daily Forward in New York; Devere Allen, associate editor of the World Tomorrow; Dr. Jesse Holmes, professor of philosophy at Swarthmore College; Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor of philosophy at Union Theological Seminary, and Royal France of Rollins College, Florida.

All six of these Socialists protested that their names were signed to the call for the conference without their authorization. Julius Hochman, official of the Dress and Waist Makers' Union of New York, affiliated with the I. L. G. W. U., made the same statement.

Socialism the One Hope

In resigning from the L. I. P. A. executive committee and from the organization itself, Devere Allen writes as follows: "The campaign last fall and the election of Roosevelt, plus the rise to power of the large body of time-tried liberals in the administration at Washington, have convinced me beyond all doubt that today there is no room for a party between this Rooseveltian liberalism and the distinctive program of the Socialist party. Furthermore, many happy events within the structure of the Socialist party itself convince me that little is to be gained within the party through the once useful pressure of an outside, friendly but sometimes critical group with somewhat similar aims. But most of all, I think, have I been moved by the indisputable rise of influence over the working masses, the trade unions, and other significant groups, by the Socialist party itself. Notwithstanding many difficult hurdles, the Socialist party has the only chance of doing what needs to be done—and that is nothing short of thorough-going radical socialism—among the left parties of the country."

Sees "Liberals" Behind Roosevelt

Dr. Jesse Holmes, in his letter of resignation, says: "I believe the L. I. P. A. has been of real service and I have the greatest respect and regard for its leaders. But as matters have developed, I do not see that it has any further part to play. It has no backing of importance from the labor unions or from labor generally. It is not accepted by any considerable group as a guide to political thinking or action. The political development of the present year has given Mr. Roosevelt the leadership of the moderate liberals, while the Socialist party already occupies the radical position. Opposition to the use of a name does not seem to me a sufficient basis for a separate political party, however much one may disapprove of the name—and it seems to me that is about all that's left for the L. I. P. A. in opposition to the Socialist party."

It was decided at the Reading meeting of the NEC of the Socialist party early in July to send no delegates to the L. I. P. A. conference, but to send an official observer.

If stock market rules were changed once more the making of a "gentleman" might take three generations instead of three good guesses.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

NIRA ACHIEVEMENTS

The Industrial Recovery program has already demonstrated its inability, on the basis of present wage and hour schedules, to put the millions of unemployed back to work. The number of unemployed today is only three millions less than the peak figure reached in March. Two of the three millions returned to work before the codes went into effect, leaving the number of jobs created under the act not more than a million at best. This should be contrasted with the six millions that the government had hoped to put back by Labor Day.

Nevertheless the Recovery Act has certain achievements to its credit that rank it with the most important legislation ever passed in this country. It involves a frank recognition by the government that the day of individualism in this country's business is over, and that some measure of social control must be exercised to protect and promote the welfare of the public. Once this is admitted, the only questions remaining are, as to the amount and the direction of this social control.

The Act has also demonstrated to an increasing skeptical world the capacity of a democratic government for prompt and vigorous action. At a time when dictatorships are increasingly popular, the legislation serves as a vindication of democracy, and proves the contention of Socialists that industry can be transformed by peaceful and legal means, given only the determination to accomplish the task.

Moreover, a tremendous impetus has been given the trade union movement at a time when its membership was small and its vitality at a low ebb. By removing the power of employers to dismiss union members, the Act has made it possible to rebuild our union movement; and this will in turn bring about the higher wages and shorter hours that the codes have failed to establish. And it should not be forgotten that child labor has been considerably decreased, and a way found to surmount the constitutional obstacles that prevented its abolition.

These are real achievements for which the administration deserves full credit, though at the same time we should properly point out the deficiencies and inadequacies of the Act.

NAZI ARROGANCE

The Hitler government and the Nazis throughout Germany are seemingly trying their best to provoke war with Germany's neighbors. In the early months of the Hitler regime the hooliganism was saved for Jews and radicals within the country, while a cautious external policy was adopted, in view of Germany's limited military strength. But now caution is thrown to the winds, with the result that Germany is isolated in world affairs, and war talk is heard on every side.

France, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Switzerland have all been the objects of the arrogance of Nazi heads or the irresponsibility of the rank and file. It looks dangerously as though the Hitler regime will stake all upon the successful conclusion of a foreign war, this despite the overwhelming odds against it. If it fails to declare such a war, its own stability may be endangered, for passions have been stirred in Germany that can no longer be easily curbed, and that will seek an outlet somewhere.

The present sad state of affairs, however, is but the logical result of the degradation visited upon Germany after the war, which created a fertile field in which the ugly weed of Hitlerism could grow. Had Germany then been admitted into the family of nations upon a basis of equality, and fairly treated throughout, the psychology of hate and despair that gave rise to Hitlerism would never have been created.

FARM RELIEF

Among the prize stupidities of our time is the effort now being made to reduce the supply of ham and bacon in the sacred name of farm relief. The plan was to have the government purchase and slaughter four million pigs and one million sows due to farrow soon, and thus eliminate thirteen million potential hogs from the market.

It turns out, however, that the pigs will not be consumed by people, but instead converted into hog feed to fatten the pigs not slaughtered. The farmers, moreover, are not bringing in the sows as expected, but are instead raising up a new generation of pigs to dispose of to the government at "fancy prices." And then these pigs, of course, can be in their turn converted into hog

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Russell Kemp of Kenhorst. The Kenhorst Kemp is a member of Local 42, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, and wants to have it known that he would not take a job of that nature.

What we would like to ask General Johnson is this: If the capitalist system could recover without raising wages and shortening hours, would it not do so? And where would the workers be then?

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tend a funeral. "Let the dead bury the dead," he ordered, "follow me." And now, that the kindly task of burying Harry Forney is over and the journalistic sob sisters of Capitalism have had their inning, we say: "Let Capitalism bury its dead; follow Socialism and end pauperism."

**SHOE WORKERS
"GO UNION"**

Encouraging was the spirit of the Reading shoe workers, who resisted their bosses' intimidation campaign and voted for union representatives by the decisive totals of 256 to 7 at Fein & Glass and 180 to 101 at Curtis, Stephens & Embury.

But shoe workers—and all other workers for that matter—had better not make the mistake of thinking that their job is now completed. Recent events should convince them that their greatest task lies just ahead.

Organized workers must be ready to fight for better conditions. They must realize that their union is not a plaything, but a real tool to be used for their own benefit. And they must be prepared to use it even though government officials may frown upon them.

Senator Wagner, as head of the N. L. B., has warned the local hosiery workers against striking against Reading's warring employers. It may be good politics to head that warning long enough to see what the N. L. B. is going to do about conditions. But no union will long remain an instrument of the working class which permanently surrenders its right to strike.

Since the nation's workers insist upon voting the powers of government into the hands of big business parties, it may be necessary to strike against government orders. Workers should make their unions sufficiently strong to do even that if necessary.

**MR. PINCHOT, WHY
PICK ON US?**

The abolition of the office of Compensation Referee in this district is going to result in hardship and inconvenience to the injured workers of Reading.

While this was to have been expected as the logical consequence of an "economy" program which cut to the bone appropriations for important social services, there is no justice in the fact that Reading was selected as one of the places to suffer.

For the Reading representatives, Darlington Hoopes and Lillith Wilson, voted against cutting appropriations, while the corporation-controlled lawmakers from other districts voted for cuts.

It seems that those who voted for false economy should be the ones to feel the results of economy. If that were Gov. Pinchot's idea he would re-open the compensation office in this district and, if necessary, close one in some other anti-Pinchot Republican stronghold.

The votes of Hoopes and Wilson for real service to injured workers, coupled with the fact that Reading and Pottsville are in the heart of distinctly industrial districts, should make Pinchot think again and reverse his action.

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owners are hedging on their agreement to abide by the wishes of their employees on the question of union recognition. The hosiery workers in all but a few unimportant mills voted for union representatives, but now the bosses are refusing point-blank to enter into formal agreements with the union.

Worse than that, in the minds of the former strikers, it is a fact that in practically all industries the bosses are taking a mean revenge by discriminating against strikers who have been active in organization work and on the picket lines. Foremen and foreladies are described as "snippy." Discharge lurks "just around the corner" for union men and women at all times. Workers who distinguished themselves on the picket lines have not been put back to work. The spirit of it all was voiced this week by a Meining forelady who contemptuously declared that "some of them won't come back to work at all and the rest will come back when WE say so."

The unionists feel that they can not afford to stand for this treatment indefinitely. What the bosses do to their leaders is a menace to every individual worker. Sooner or later there must be a showdown. Meanwhile, the task is to build the union into a real weapon which will be capable of serving the interests of the workers.

Code Minimums Disgraceful

But the greatest menace to continued industrial peace, as well as the chief reason why the strength of the unions must be developed, is found in the codes which NRA has approved.

In all cases the minimum wages under the code are viewed as disgracefully low. Nevertheless, there is a marked tendency on the part of the employers of all industries to keep the highest wages as near to the code minimums as possible.

If the employers are permitted to get away with mere code minimums, the workers will be condemned to everlasting poverty. The workers want more than that, however, and are looking ahead to the time when they will have to fight for wage rates which will enable them to share in the prosperity which modern industrial science has made possible for everybody.

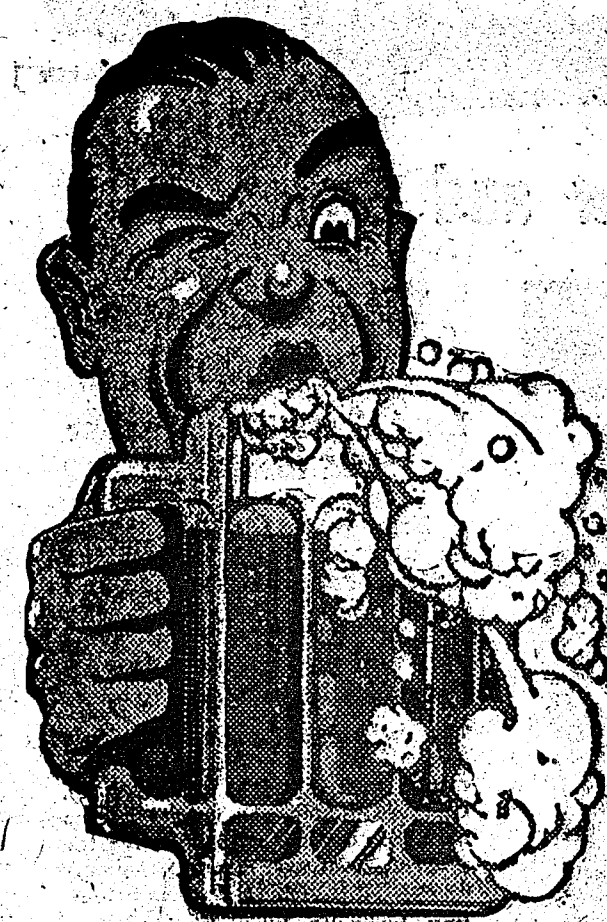
That, then, is the answer which the workers of Reading have for the question: "Now that we have a union, what are we going to do with it?" They are going to win real union recognition. They are going to put an end to discrimination. And they are going after wage rates far enough above the government's minimums to enable them to enjoy the good things of life.

Where NRA Won't Help
The government itself may help to drive the bosses into line in matters affecting union recognition and discrimination. That is a possibility, but a doubtful one. But there is scarcely a chance that the government will step in to make the employers pay higher wage rates than are written in the NRA codes. Experience has shown that the task of winning wages above those of the lowest paid worker is the task of the workers themselves. The winning of respectable living standards will be the union's job.Federated Trades Watch Chiselers
Will there be a secondary strike in Reading? Probably, unless union strength is developed to a point where concessions can be won without resorting to strike action. How soon will the workers take decisive action to gain respectable wage rates? Nobody can answer that question now.

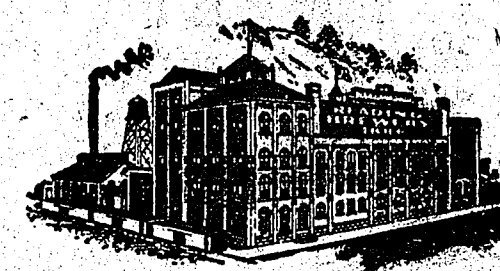
The present task of organized labor is to hold local employers to the terms of the NRA code. Federated Trades Council inaugurated the machinery this week for keeping a check upon local industries who attempt to flout the Blue Eagle without meeting the conditions of their agreement. Reports of violations will be sent to local NRA headquarters and also to the Federal authorities in Washington.

Organization Work Continues
While the larger strikes have been settled, temporarily at least, the work of forming unions is going ahead in many of the smaller industries. The truck drivers are almost ready to announce a 100 per cent organization. The window cleaners have agreements with all the bosses. In the hardware industry the strike of the Chantrel Tool Co. employees continues, while other hardware workers are building their unions.

The most stubborn resistance is being given to the striking employees of the Seasholtz enamelling plant, John M. Seasholtz, Fusion city purchasing agent, is persisting in his refusal to recognize the newly formed Ceramic Workers' Union, and is making every possible effort to break the

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strike and continue operations under "scab" conditions.

All in all, the labor situation in Reading is far from peaceful. In spite of what settlements have been made, there is a smouldering discontent which is likely to break out in the flames of a revolt which may assume the proportions of a general strike.

REFLECTIONS

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work is done—now "Labor simply tightens its belt and waits for a break in the luck!" Could imbecile children behave more helplessly!

I AM NOT deceived by the NRA ballyhoo. My memory is long and all the bunkful babble that I hear today takes me back to the lie-infested era of the "war to make the world a better place in which to live." I remember that Wilson did not keep us out of war. I remember that all the stories of German atrocities against civilization have been admitted to be deliberate and purposeful lies. I know that the "war for democracy" destroyed democracies and brought dictatorships into being. I see that the ending of "the last war" was the signal for greater preparations for the next one.

SO I LOOK with critical eye upon the flashes of the movie screen and preserve my mental equilibrium by holding fast to Socialist principles.

This I know: That the emancipation of the workingclass from poverty and slavery is the task of the workers themselves. It is neither the task nor the purpose of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

If the workers continue to be soothed and sustained by the promise of better things freely given, then

they are heading for the same sad disillusionment which followed the gaudy promises of World War days.

Labor must do something more than tighten its belt and wait for a break in luck. Unless labor does, Labor will get only what it pleases the master class to give. And in that case whatever material gains must be paid for in human liberty.

IF LABOR WOULD end the slavery in which it is now held, Labor must do its own thinking and its own acting. Labor has the power to take the world into its own strong hands and fashion an economic system in which Plenty and Security and Peace will be normal and permanent conditions. But Labor must do that itself; no other force can do it. And that is why I fear a Fascist future when I see that those who, for the past four years, have tightened their belts and waited are now placing

their trust in a "new deal" which aims to do nothing more than stabilize a slavery which the slave drivers can no longer control.

You can say this for those South American countries: When they start a war they don't hand out any hokey about making the world safe for this or that.

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Cooperage Workers

Protest Code

PARAGOULD, Ark.—One hundred workers of the heading mill of the Wrape Cooperage Co. struck against the NRA cooperage industry code. The workers, angered in not receiving raises in wages or changes

in hours as promised by President Roosevelt, walked out and refused to return to work.

The present pay at the Wrape mill is 15 to 17 1/2 cents per hour.

Doubtless wedding occur in June so they can't be discouraged by the family reunions in August.

Activities of the Reading Socialists

ATTENTION! SOUTHERN BRANCH LADIES!

An effort is being made to have an unusually large attendance, Friday night (tonight). There is a lot of important business to be attended to, and it is urgent that you are present.

SOUTHERN WOMEN TO HOLD SOCIAL

Saturday, Sept. 16, has been set aside for your entertainment in the Southern Branch. Many of the plans are still a secret that will be revealed later, but this much we know—admission will be only 10c and a chance to win a fine electric clock will be thrown in with the bargain. Keep the date open, and watch this column for further announcement.

NORTHWEST BRANCH

Charles Sands will be the speaker at the meeting of the Northwest Women next Tuesday night at Gordon and West Green streets. All women are urged to attend and bring their friends with them.

COUNTY COMMITTEE

All county committeemen are requested by Chairman Edward Yee to attend their next meeting, which will be held at the Labor Lyceum on Sept. 21, as plans must be made for our coming campaign.

BRANCHES

Now is the time for all branches to get their literature distributors organized. Select the most suitable places to hold meetings and appoint the comrades who are to have charge of the speakers' stands and other detail work so as to enable us to wage a successful campaign. Branches planning this job now will save time and labor that is needed for other work.

BOOTH No. 4

Members and friends can purchase books, pamphlets and get other party information at our literature booth at the park. Comrades, pay us a visit.

SPECIAL TO WOMEN OF NORTHEAST BRANCH

All members of the Northeast Women's group are urged to attend their meeting next Tuesday night. Among other interesting things will be an address by Stewart Tomlinson.

Make this meeting a success by your presence.

PACKAGE PARTY TUESDAY AT 18TH WARD BRANCH

Are you fond of a good time? If so, pay a visit to the headquarters of the 18th Ward Branch, 431 Summit avenue, next Tuesday night. The main event will be a package party. But, of course, there will be other interesting things there including lunch and refreshments. Don't miss it.

WOMEN'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE WILL MEET AT THE LYCEUM

With the approach of Autumn the Women's Socialist League resumes its regular meetings in Labor Lyceum next Thursday. All members are urged to attend this and future meetings and help plan the long list of Fall activities which have made the League famous.

GIFT OF AUTO AT PICNIC AROUSES WIDE INTEREST

Are you going to get the automobile? The question is being asked by many people, but none has been brave enough to attempt to answer.

The main question, however, is whether YOU are one of those who can win. Are you in the running? If not, get in before the picnic is very old. Make your entry at Booth No. 4 on Sunday or with any member of the Picnic Committee before then.

CHORUSES WILL NOT SING SUNDAY NIGHT

The Socialist ladies' and men's choruses will not sing on Sunday night at the picnic individually, because the two organizations are combined in the minstrel show in the afternoon and the directors feel that by singing at night it would be too much of a strain on the singers. All members take note.

WORKERS' GYMNASIUM CLUB

Both divisions will meet on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 8 p.m. at 820 North Fourth street ("Muenchner Kindl"). The report from the National Convention will be given. Be sure to be there.

Soccer players, are you interested in playing in our team? Be at the Socialist Park, Saturday morning, 8:30 to 11:30.

Gymnastic classes and training for track and field also every Saturday morning and Wednesday night.

YIPSEL NOTES

Circle 2, book report; Circle 4, current events; Circle 6, history of Socialism; Circle 8, discussion of "Why I Am a Socialist"; Circle 12, ABC of Socialism.

We have secured a good flight of Red Falcons, Socialist Boy Scouts of America, who take in members from the ages of 10 to 14. All Socialist Party members who have children between those ages are invited to send them to the Labor Lyceum on Saturday afternoon. Let's raise our children from the cradle in a Socialist atmosphere. Get your children in the Red Falcons.

All circle chairmen and educational directors are to hand in complete September programs to the organizer assigned to their circles as soon as possible. Failure to do this will mean that circles will not get their program in the Labor Advocate.

All students of Southern Junior High School who are members of the YPSL, are requested to report to the Labor Lyceum on Friday evening at 7:15, September 15, 1933. IMPORTANT!

All members of Circle 11 are requested to report to the Socialist Park (near the Log Cabin) on Friday, Sept. 8, 1933. All members should be there as elections for circle officers will be held.

Circle 13 (Leesport) has not dis-

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banded! Due to the convention and holidays the regular circle meetings were interrupted. There will be a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 11. All members and visitors are expected.

GRAY IRON MOULDERS BACK TO WORK; DENY STRIKE

More than 30 moulders who took a week off on Monday, Aug. 28, to make better terms with the Reading Gray Iron Co. went back to work on Tuesday, Sept. 5. After a conference with A. Lincoln Frame last Thursday, grievances were satisfactorily adjusted by the firm.

The moulders deny that there was a lockout at the plant, but state that they took a week off to hasten action.

There are two kinds of big guns in Washington: Those whose talk doesn't mean anything, and those who quote the president.



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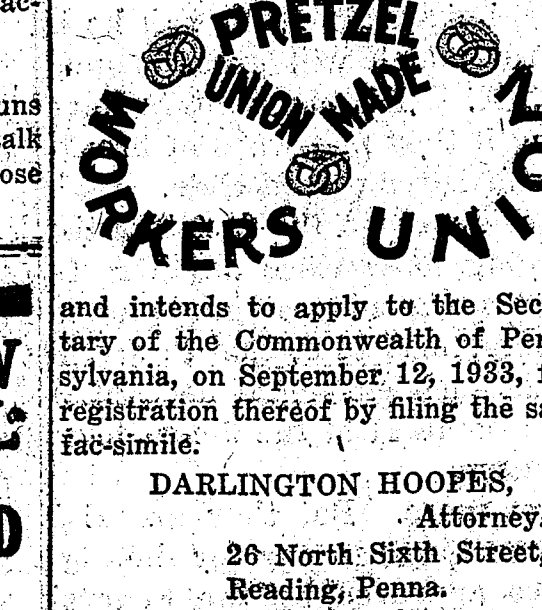
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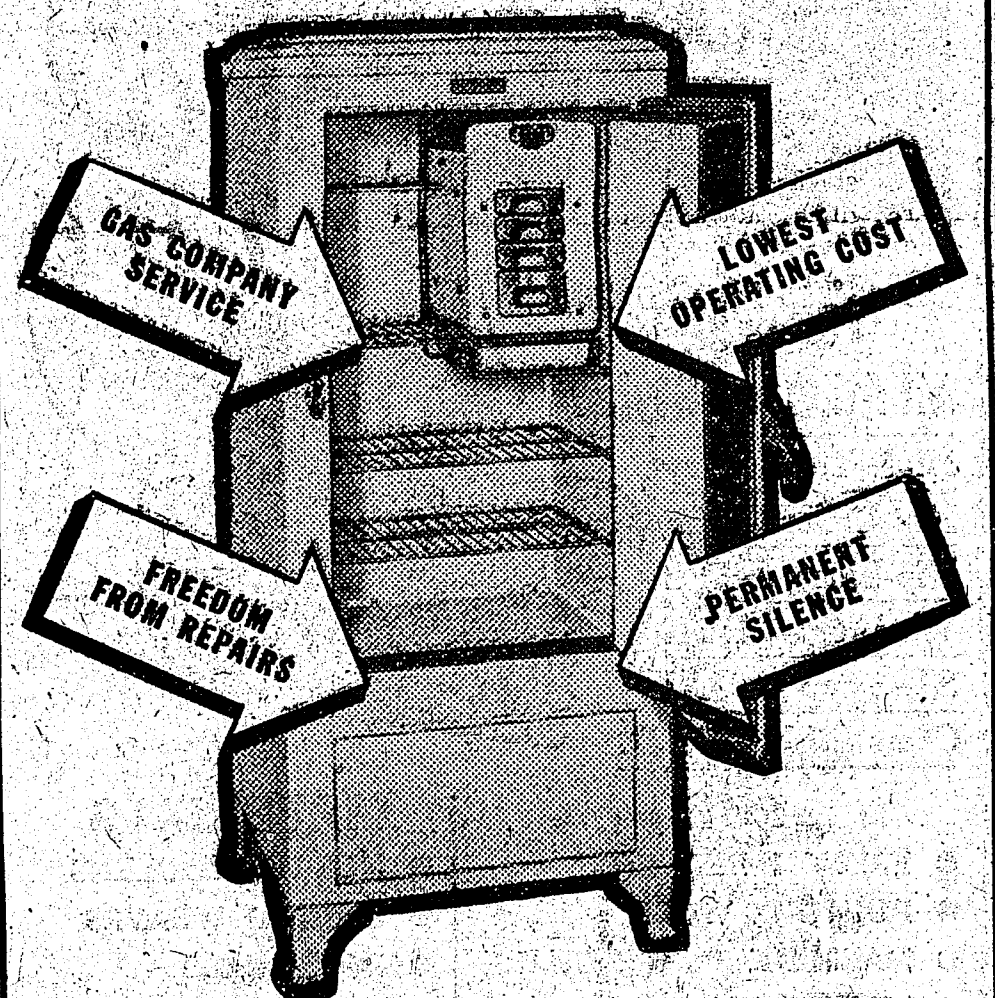
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NRA REVIVAL LAGS

Despite all the promises of better times which have accompanied the birth of the NRA, the fact remains that the workers of this nation must look for the "New Deal" with eyes of hope rather than with the clear-sighted vision of understanding.

The codes themselves are little more than insults to that great section of the American people which measures its prosperity by the number of dollars in pay envelopes. With \$14 set as the minimum under the Blue Eagle blanket code, the incomes which workers can hope to get range downward to barely more than \$6 for laundry workers of the South. If that is all that the "New Deal" is going to mean to the producers of wealth, then there is good cause to withhold enthusiasm.

However, let us be hard boiled. Let us assume that we care nothing about the welfare of the millions who are hoping for better and richer lives. Let them be damned, if you please. But then what? What is there in such an attitude for the monster corporations which depend upon a wide field of purchasers for their prosperity?

It goes without saying that a \$14 man can not support a family and an automobile. Nor can he scarcely be expected to become a profitable customer for the big industrialists who have pooled their millions in industries which manufacture electric refrigerators, vacuum sweepers and other refinements of civilization.

The point that all this makes is that, while the codes do not promise prosperity for slaves, neither do they promise customers for the masters. Therefore the vicious cycle of depression has not been reversed and depression is not on its way out as enthusiasts, sycophants and charlatans like to tell us.

When the NRA first blared its blatant boast of 5,000,000 more workers employed by Labor Day it laid the groundwork for its failure. More failures are certain to follow. Already the composite business index, which had been on the up-grade since the national administration shot a load of confidence and inflation dope into the arm of the American business interests is taking a downward course. There are real reasons why a secondary collapse, even more terrible than anything that has thus far occurred, should come to pass. In fact, some of us feel that such a collapse is inevitable unless the administration does what it has thus far failed to do; namely, take profit from the owners and give wages to the workers in sufficient quantities to enable the many to have those things which have hitherto been available only to the few.

Will the NRA do that? We don't think so. Such a step would take all the sweets out of industrial recovery—from the viewpoint of the class to which Roosevelt belongs. For, whether they admit it or not, the rulers of this nation are still looking for a way of making business profitable for the owning class. As for toiling masses, all they hope to do for them is to find some way of putting them back to work.

FORD, CODES AND WASH CLOTHS

We have no desire to pose as defenders of Henry Ford, as an exploiter of Labor he stands on the opposite side of the social and economic fence and must remain there.

Nevertheless, we can not help suspecting that his stubborn resistance to the NRA automobile code is merely an evidence that Ford is more conscientious than his fellow parasites in the auto racket.

Ford refuses to sign the code, but speaks as though he is about to introduce Labor standards which will excel in generosity those approved by the NRA. His competitors have signed, but it will not be surprising if they find ways of breaking or avoiding the spirit if not the letter of the code.

Already there are numerous evidences of the fact that the owners and employers are not going to sacrifice anything in order that the workers and producers may consume more abundantly. Only this week a lady complained to us that in a visit to a 5 and 10-cent store she found such elemental necessities as wash cloths priced at 10 cents instead of at the 5-cent level which they had maintained for years.

The workers are going to get more. But they are also going to pay more—much more than they can pay for the niggardly wage increases which codes approved by the Federal Government are giving them. As a result they will not be able to purchase any more—if as much—than they did before. The industries will continue to produce huge surpluses and the channels of trade will continue to be clogged.

There is only one way to revive prosperity, and that is to produce wealth for the consumption of producers instead of for the profit of owners. But that would be Socialism and, while it would most certainly end poverty, would be regarded as total failure by the class that rules the two big political parties and lives by exploiting workers.

Perhaps Ford is too honest to say that he will give more to workers when he knows in advance that he will follow up with whatever may be necessary to keep millions of unearned wealth flowing into his private coffers.

SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL

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minists, we believe we would be creating a good atmosphere in which unity might be achieved.

The majority of the American delegation proposes:

1. On War: That all parties recognize the imminence of war and prepare accordingly; that no capitalist war deserves workers' support; that the term "defensive" war in a capitalist nation is a myth; for individual war resistance, i. e., refusal of voluntary or conscript service; against voting war credits and peace-time military budgets; for economic action—the general strike—against war; if war, nevertheless, breaks out, a continuous fight under the slogan, "end war by overthrowing capitalism;" the L. S. I. is to serve as a center to help fan the flames of revolt in warring nations and collect from workers non-combatant nations' funds with which to finance anti-war activity.

2. On Fascism and the struggle for power: Condemnation of the reformist policies of coalition and "toleration" on the one hand, and against the Communist splitting policies on the other; no Socialist attempts to stabilize capitalism where revolutionary efforts may be possible; linking of the peasant and middle classes with labor in the fight on Fascism; on the basis of Socialism holding the only solution of their problems; no taking of office by Socialists without power; dictatorship of the proletariat, in its real sense, during transition periods; since capitalism does not hesitate to attack democracy, the workers shall utilize all available means to win power for itself; no dependence on capitalist governments, the League of Nations, the World Court, etc., as the instruments for labor's emancipation.

The "united front" resolution is outlined above, with the inclusion of direct instructions to the executive of the L. S. I. to attempt negotiations with the Communists.

The problems and positions enumerated above may seem far withdrawn from concrete American problems. Some may think it presumptuous for the American delegates to take stands on such problems or even offer advice to the larger Socialist parties and the International. I, of course, do not hold this view. In the first place, what the American party earns in its youth, it will practice in maturity. Now is the time to set the Socialism of the United States on roads which will avoid the bogs and swamps that have impeded progress in other nations. In the second place, these are the uppermost problems in the International. We must take a stand. Finally, no one can say any longer with certainty that Fascism is a local problem, confined to Italy alone. It has its materials in the United States ready to hand. Nor can American Socialists play the ostrich on the war danger. If we do not think about war now, it will be too late to think of policies and tactics once war breaks out.

The American proposals will of course be worked out with delegates from other parties who accept our general lines of policy. That may mean some changes in the program indicated above.

Two American delegates have spoken thus far—Krueger and Panken. The latter devoted most of the time to his view of the N. R. A. Krueger made a passing reference to it, indicating the Party stand as stated by the N. E. C. Here are brief summaries of the two talks:

PANKEN: In America the capitalists are submitting to regulation. We are at the end of individualist capitalism. We are facing a centralization of government which allows greater possibilities for the control of capital and also increased possibilities for social reform. Roosevelt declares his first goal the extension of employment, the second the increase in purchasing power and control of prices. The attempt to increase employment has some chances of success. The increase in purchasing power will hardly succeed to the extent which has been planned and may not succeed at all. Nevertheless American Labor can draw considerable advantages from all this. The Labor codes, the agreement on the prohibition of child labor, the compulsory transformation of craft federations into trades federations, will have the effect that capitalism and labor movement become clearly distinguished and in consequence the necessity for political action in the class struggle on the part of the working class becomes clear. On working-class unity I desire an agreement between the Communist and our International.

But there are many things which one may desire but which are difficult or impossible. The only thing which I might hope

for is action for specific objectives. But before this can be possible the Communist International must stop its fratricidal struggle against us, which is inconceivable to me at the present moment. . . . The problem of war: The American Socialists are against war and will remain so. But what will the situation be if the Germany of Hitler attacks Austria or France? The reply is to a large extent to be found in the proposals recommended by our British friends. In my opinion every conceivable means, the League of Nations, the Court of International Justice, the Kellogg Pact must be utilized in order to bring Germany if not to reason at least to a realization of its limitations and in order to let the whole world know what the situation is in Germany now.

KRUEGER: I hope the Conference will recognize in a realistic spirit the present weakness of the International.

Now is the proper time to send a direct invitation to the Communist International, putting before it a proposal from this Conference—not merely in the form of a manifesto to the press, only to be countered by other manifestoes—but as a direct communication to urge that unity be realized. For this essential condition is that both sides should mutually acknowledge that not Socialism, not Communism is the enemy, but that capitalism is the common enemy of both. . . . We, in America, have no direct experience of Fascism. None the less, when we now find that under the new economic reforms in America a complete prohibition of strikes is possible, it would ill become us to claim that there is any country in the world where democracy is so securely based that it might not break down at a given moment if the capitalist interests demand a form of government to ensure by non-democratic methods the world domination of capital and to preserve it from the advancing power of the working class. . . . The American Socialists are proud that after the war our Party participated in that Vienna Union conducted by Comrade Adler and Grimm, and we must remark that today the ideas of the Vienna Union seem to us to be badly lacking in the L. S. I. All the more then we ask with the utmost emphasis for a revision of the tactics, strategy and ideology of the International.

The conference has now reached the point where concrete decisions must be made. A commission has been created to bring in recommendations. Krueger and I have been chosen as American members of this commission. Otto Bauer, of Austria, has not spoken his views yet.

EDWARD LEVINSON.

RED HILL

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two hours, all were fined \$31 each. All fines were paid with the exception of that of Miss Moore, who refused to have her union pay for her and selected to serve a 10-day prison term. Miss Moore announced her intention of hunger striking in the Montgomery County jail, where she has been confined.

Convenient Ordinance Passed
The obliging borough council of Red Hill met in the early hours of Sunday morning to pass the ordinance under which the pickets were arrested and fined.

That the borough officials were taking orders directly from the Rosenau firm was indicated by the fact that the firm's own trucks came to the office of the Justice of the Peace to transport the pickets to jail.

Other Strike in Lansford
The Rosenau concern is being "struck" by the Amalgamated Clothing workers, which has drawn several hundred of that concern's workers into their ranks in Red Hill and Lansford, Pa.

Miss Moore, who is refusing to be fed by the county which denies civil liberty to strikers, is a graduate of Barnard College and a former social worker.

State police, which had been stationed at the Red Hill plant for the double purpose of preserving order and guaranteeing the right of peaceful picketing, were withdrawn by Gov. Pinchot after the arrests. This action by the Governor is accepted as Pinchot's protest against the action of the Red Hill authorities.

Amalgamated officials declare that they are going to resume picketing at the plant, despite the hostility of the borough authorities. They have engaged a Lehigh County attorney to advise and defend them in the exercise of their constitutional rights.

LABOR TO FIGHT

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closed, "compels the Labor Advisory Board to state why it believes the NRA would court disaster by accepting in codes any so-called 'efficiency' or 'individual merit' clauses or other disguised anti-labor provisions.

"The Board opposed this clause in one code. Now it finds it in 29 other codes recently submitted. Codes are being revised on the eve of hearings to get this clause in. Whether prefaced with an open-shop declaration or with a disclaimer of intent to modify the collective bargaining provisions of the Recovery Act, the wording generally runs that nothing in the code 'shall prevent the selection, retention or advancement of any employee on the basis of his individual merit (or efficiency) without regard to his membership or non-membership in a labor (or other) organization'.

"This clause will rise to plague the NRA in the working of any code where its insertion is permitted.

Opens Way For Abuses

"Efficiency and merit are fine words and the Board's opposition is misrepresented into implying that we would protect the inefficient. This is the revival of an ancient slander against organized labor. Also it signals something more important for the NRA. As practical men, with long experience of this very clause, we know the misuses to which 'efficiency' and 'merit' are put. The terms have served as a screen behind which employers opposed to any organization by their employees have intimidated or eliminated wage earners favoring organizations of their own. The terms as applied have left the sole determination of what constitutes efficiency or merit to the employer without adequate appeal by the workers who are being discriminated against.

"At the present time everywhere in basic industries workmen who take at face value Section 7a of the Recovery Act are organizing themselves and asking guidance and support from national unions. If those men should be systematically discharged—no matter how efficient they had been for years—and deprived of their livelihood because they lost 'merit' by joining unions, a situation of wide unrest would result for which any NRA code containing such clauses would be blamed.

"We foresee, this clause, excerpted from the code, and posted up in factories by recalcitrant employers, as if countersigned by the Administrator and the President, and pointed to as the justification for hiring and firing, promoting and demoting, as the employer pleases. Among the industries now so keen for this clause are the very ones that in the past have decimated their labor forces to root out union men, all in the name of individual merit.

Unionists Quote President

"Future victims will hardly forgive the NRA because such clauses are prefaced by a legalism about not modifying Section 7a."

"The President has warned that attempts to 'whittle away' the effectiveness of collective bargaining will not be tolerated. Congress overwhelmingly rejected such whittling as is now being lugged into the back door of codes. In the spirit of the President's declaration and of Congress' action the Labor Advisory Board sets its face firmly against the acceptance of any code with this clause destined to defeat the attainment of national recovery."

A few hours after this defiant statement was issued, Administrator Johnson announced the resignation of his assistant, Dudley Cates, open-shopper, who had for a month past been getting ready to go because he was balked in his determination to write open-shop clauses into the codes of basic industries. Johnson had moved to quiet the protest of the labor group against the trend of NRA policy. He had not made direct answer to the demand that the disguised open-shop clauses be excluded from future industrial agreements.

Landlords Announce
Mass Evictions

CLEVELAND.—Mass evictions of unemployed families who cannot pay rent will be carried out in concert by members of the Realty Owners' Association, Jacob Spera, president, has announced. He said that the landlords have been getting no rent money from the relief agencies and that adequate relief will be forthcoming only when thousands of families are out on the sidewalks.

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