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## Reading's Unionists Protest Police Terror

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

"DON'T YOU THINK that you Socialists are making a grave mistake when you question the NRA?" asked a visitor to my office this week. "The public is for it," he explained, "and you are flying in the face of all the powers of government when you refuse to get on the band wagon."

Thereupon I felt called upon to make my position (which I hope and believe is the Socialist position) clear on the matter of the National Recovery Administration.

And so I say to you who are reading this column: The aims of the NRA are not Socialist aims; therefore they are not what I want, even though I certainly would be willing to accept the improved living conditions which are promised when and if Capitalist slavery can be stabilized.

I do not propose to yell with the pack in this matter of placing Capitalism upon a firm foundation, any more than I did during the world war days.

What a pitiable crew the Socialists would be today if they had taken the popular side of the war question. But they didn't. They doubted the atrocity stories which were manufactured for them—and dared to say so. They saw that the war was a slaughter of workers for the profit of owners—and told all who would hear.

Of course the Socialists lost in the matter of popular acclaim—temporarily. But they saved their souls. And today the Socialists may point to their record with pride and repeat their war talk with confidence that no intelligent person will dare to challenge them. Only this week the president of the League of Nations spoke of the war as "that fratricidal crime." Debs went to jail for no more than that.

AS LONG AS Socialists speak in public—which he until a ruthless dictatorship drives them underground—they should speak just as straight as they did during those war-torn years. Socialists should accept it as their duty to call attention to the facts of the case. It is the admitted purpose of the NRA to find a way of exploit in the natural and human resources of the nation for the profit of the same old owning class. Human misery is being continued needlessly in this richest-of-all countries because the NRA has no intention of producing and distributing wealth until it finds a way of doing so which will satisfy the owners.

I CAN'T CHEER for that even though the same NRA may be making poverty endurable by doles and subsidized destruction. For what I want is a system which will make ALL the people the OWNERS of all the wealth of the nation. What I want is a system of wealth production, not under codes which will permit owners to exploit workers without bearing the burdens of senseless competition, but under a code which will distribute wealth to workers upon the basis of what they do instead of to owners according to what they own.

SOCIALISTS WILL NOT be satisfied by the promise or even by the realization of better things under the old master and slave relationship. Socialists were Socialists long before (Continued on Page Five)

### FLAY ARRESTS AND FINES AS SCHEME TO INTIMIDATE LOCAL LAUNDRY STRIKERS

Marvin Springer, 17th Ward Alderman, Imposes Savage Fines as Police Magistrate—One Man Released After Being Told He Was "Seen at Other Strikes"—Another Fined on Identification of Headwear, Hasn't Worn a Hat in Years—Workers Resent Campaign Of Persecution

Reading's unionists are "fighting back" in protest against what they consider unjustified hostility of police officials against strikers who exercise their rights by going upon the picket line.

The method by which the resentment of local organized workers was shown this week was the old one of carrying their case to the public. A series of street meetings were held, under Federated Trades auspices, in various sections of the city and the cases of arrested pickets were discussed.

Among the speakers, in addition to members of local trades unions, were the two Socialist councilmen, George and Hovetter, both of whom have been giving active personal support to the various strike movements which have agitated Reading since local workers were forced to walk off their jobs to gain the right to organize. Assemblyman Darlington Hoopes, Socialist Party Organizer Ralph O. Bigony and School Director Raymond S. Hofses also spoke at street meetings.

Rhodes' Lists Complaints. The immediate causes of the unionists' publicity campaign are recent arrests in connection with the strike of the Wilkinson Laundry workers, according to George M. Rhodes, Federated Trades president. Rhodes declared that not only were some of the arrests unlawful for, but that Alderman Marvin Springer, 17th ward, who is acting as police magistrate, has been unusually savage in levying fines upon the individuals who have been brought in by the police and charged with "disorderly conduct."

"On Friday of last week it became evident to us that a reign of police terror had been inaugurated to discourage Reading strikers and thus lend aid and comfort to employers who are trying to evade both the letter and the spirit of the National Recovery Act," Rhodes declared.

Rhodes mentioned three arrests which, he stated, were treated in a most abrupt and arrogant manner (Continued on Page Four)

### BITS OF NEWS FROM THE HOSIERY FRONT

The night force at the Fleetwood Hosiery Corporation walked out on Friday evening last against a code violation. The knitters in this shop had been compelled to work nine hours a day. After a committee visited the management, the question was amicably settled and the workers are now back at their machines.

Much enthusiasm is displayed by the girls in the Lebanon Hosiery Mills of Lebanon, Pa. A good representation from this mill attended the special all girls' meeting held on Saturday and a fine organization is being started within the mill.

On Saturday, September 30, the Lebanon branch of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers will be formally chartered; initiation of members will take place, and the general officers which have been elected will go through a ceremony of being installed. Representatives Callaghan and Boyer of Reading will attend this meeting.

Last Saturday, needle straighteners from Reading, Philadelphia and Royersford met at the new headquarters in Reading. An organization is being formed among them.

Division offices have been set up by the Berkshire Shop Division at 322 Tulpehocken street, West Reading; the Princess Royal Shop Division office is located at 1032 Perry street. Invitations are extended to (Continued on Page Three)

### JUST WHAT WILL NLB ORDER MEAN IN LOCAL MILLS

Ruling That Agreements Must Be Written May Be Annulled by Refusal of Bosses To Agree

### OLD STRIKES RENEWED

Walkouts at the Reddy and Krouse Pretzel Plants Show Owners Do Not Respect Their Pledges

While a ruling of the National Labor Board orders local hosiery mill owners to make written agreements with the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers in such mills whose employees have selected union representatives, and while officials of the hosiery union express themselves as being "enormously gratified" at hearing the news, knitters in Reading and Berks are wondering whether the Board's ruling will mean an era of industrial peace or become the signal for new conflicts.

The manufacturers now know that agreements must be written. However, their failure to comment upon the ruling of the NLB leads to the growing suspicion that in the minds of the bosses there is a reservation. Are the owners saying to themselves: "Written agreements—if any?"

Experience has proven that the hosiery bosses of this district are about as stubborn in their resistance to work representation as any group of labor dictators could possibly be. It is not likely that they will directly disobey the Board's ruling. But it is thought quite possible, and even probable, that they will find it impossible to agree with anything which the union may urge in the way of better human relationships within the industry. (Continued on Page Three)

### DOUBTS BUYING POWER ADVANCE

Prof. John Dewey Points to Price Advances in Questioning Boost of Purchasing Power

WASHINGTON (EP).—Prof. John Dewey, president of the People's Lobby, in a statement issued September 25 declared that "It is extremely doubtful whether the purchasing power of the masses of the American people is much, if any, greater now than on March 4th, in spite of 2,000,000 or more who have been re-employed since that date, and in spite of some increases in wages—because of the increase in the cost of living, and hundreds of millions of dollars of additional sales taxes and other consumption taxes levied by the Federal and State governments."

The contemplated inflation of a third to a half in prices will make it necessary for the Federal government to appropriate at least \$500,000,000 more for relief to afford the same standard as the price level of last March. . . . Inflation benefits, not producers on farms, and in factories and mines and transportation, but property owners. The middle classes will pay a large share of the cost of debt adjustment by inflation. Such inflation would be the last good to drive these middle classes into effective economic and political action, to save themselves from the tragedy of insane economic policies."

### UNIONISTS WON'T MARCH IN NRA PARADE TUESDAY; STATEMENT BY RHODES

Reading unionists will not march in the NRA parade next Tuesday.

Action to refrain from official participation in the celebration of the National Recovery Administration was taken last night at a meeting of committees of various local unions, under the auspices of the Federated Trades Council in St. Casimir hall.

The reason given for the committees' action was that Labor would be inconsistent to march with its arch opponents in honor of industrial codes which some of the promoters of the celebration have been most active in resisting.

"We discussed the celebration from every angle and have reached our decision after the most careful consideration," declared George M. Rhodes, president of the Council. "Labor does not yet enjoy even those benefits which the National Industrial Recovery Act legalizes. While the act provides that workers shall have the right to organize in unions of their own choice, the workers of this and other cities have been forced to strike and sacrifice in order to gain that right. Even now some of the employers who signed union agreements and are displaying the Blue Eagle are resisting every effort which their workers are making for a voice in industry and are violating the spirit of the covenant they made with the president."

While some do not feel that the NRA will work to the ultimate advantage of the workers of the nation, we have no desire to obstruct the working out of the Administration's plans for industrial revival. However, the best way to make the plan succeed is to assist, rather than hamper, the organization of the workers into unions which will enable them to advance their living standards. It would be inconsistent for us to march with individualist-minded employers when they celebrate a plan which they are really opposing. Moreover, thousands of workers feel that it would be a mockery to march with the same persons who persecute strikers with clubs and gas and with the officials who gave the orders for such acts.

"Labor had its NRA parade in Reading during the hosiery strike, when thousands of striking men, women, boys and girls demonstrated their determination to obtain the benefits which NRA promised them. If the bosses wish to celebrate now, that is their affair and the affair of every individual who chooses to participate in Tuesday's parade. The organized workers of Reading can only hope that the future activities of the parade's sponsors will reveal a change of heart and a sincere desire to increase that mass purchasing power without which industrial revival will be impossible."

### LOCAL HATTERS' UNION TO HOLD ELECTION AND DANCE

Local No. 25 of the United Hatters of North America will hold an election next Saturday morning, September 30th, in St. Casimir Hall, Orange and Bingham streets, from 9 to 2 o'clock, for the election of the following officers: President, J. William Reiff, Howard Moser and Sylvester Haag; for vice-president, Miss Carrie Moyer and Charles Bender; for financial secretary, William Koche and John Mayer; for corresponding secretary, Sterley Guidin; for treasurer, Earl Zwayer and Elmer Burkey; trustees, William Yoder, Henry Glass, Michael Warnick, David Weiler, Richard Stein and William G. Hafer. A meeting of the local will be held Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock, before the election. Next Tuesday evening, the local will hold a dance at Eagles' Hall, 1040 Penn street. The ball committee reports a large sale of tickets for the affair.

### W.VA. THREATENS FORCE TO KEEP COAL UNION OUT

Organizers Held Up, Threatened, Beaten and Ordered From State by Coal Company Deputies

### STRIKERS CONTINUE FIGHT

Coal diggers' Leaders Meet Bosses' Autocracy With Unshaken Determination to Win Union Recognition

BOBTOWN, Pa. (EP).—To spread the western Pennsylvania mine strike into West Virginia, nearly 10,000 miners met Sept. 23 in a hay meadow one-half mile from the West Virginia state line. On the other side of the state line were two dozen West Virginia state troopers and deputy sheriffs, with supplies of tear gas bombs, to stop any march of Pennsylvania miners into West Virginia.

The new move in one of the biggest "wildcat" strikes in history was dictated by the action of H. C. Frick Coke Co. in shifting contracts to U. S. Steel mines in West Virginia. Miners in Scott's Run, which lies just over the border, are voting on joining the strike and are expected to be out soon.

Deputies roamed through the Scott's Run district, holding up ears of western Pennsylvania miners, searching the men and in some cases beating them. The miners were ordered to point their cars northward and keep going till they got out of West Virginia. Feeling ran high among Scott's Run miners, and they promised to join the strike.

Codes Not Enough. "We'll make this strike nationwide, if we can," Martin Ryan, leader of the western Pennsylvania miners, told Federated Press at the Bobtown meeting. "We don't care how (Continued on Page Six)

### JOHNSON TELLS TWISTED STORY

Head of Blue Eagle Drive Fails to Make His Figures Jibe in New York Address

NEW YORK (EP).—Gen. Hgh S. Johnson, NRA chief, has spent several days in New York, given many interviews and made several important addresses, yet he left the city mystified.

"At least 85% of the employers of the country have signed up under the codes or agreements. . . . we have completed about 25% of our job," he said. Puzzling labor and business folks alike is the question how it is going to be possible to put four times 85% of employers under codes.

It is generally admitted that there were at least 15 million unemployed in March. If two million have obtained jobs and that is a quarter of the program, then only eight million are to be employed and some seven million apparently are expected to be permanently jobless.

What About Working Hours? But even more serious is the question as to how the remaining 15% of the employers of the country are to give six million jobs if the first 85% have only given two million, as would seem to be the implication of his statement. Of course he might have meant that hour decreases are going to be made four times as drastic as at present, but no one seriously expects (Continued on Page Five)

### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

#### PUTTING THE PARADE OVER

The same old tactics, which proved so successful in stealing the brains and destroying the independence of workers during the war are again being used to make Tuesday's NRA parade a howling success. Indeed, it would not be surprising if some bright soul would work up a community sing in city park before Sunday afternoon rolls 'round.

While most of the organized workers will not feel like marching with the people who ordered tear gas for strikers, those in unorganized shops will do what they usually do—exactly as the boss orders.

From Wyomissing comes a last-minute story, which appears to be reliable, to the effect that the workers of the Berkshire knitting mills and Textile machine plant are virtually placed "on the spot." In broad language they are left to understand that they will either parade—or else. Another story from the Carpenter Steel plant is to the effect that those who march are promised a beer party after the parade disbands.

Of course, after the fuss is over the parade will be described as a "popular movement" and a "great success"—just as liberty loans which were forced upon the people were "popular" and so "successful" that after the war 23,000 additional people were able to call themselves millionaires. And, no doubt, some people will be so thoroughly hypnotized that they will never awake to the fact that they were forced to strut to the bosses' tunes.

#### I TOLD YOU SO

A few years ago the writer of these lines stood up in a School Board meeting and declared that the business of feeding the jobless should be taken over by the Federal Government. That is a matter of public record.

It is also a matter of public record that one Herbert Hoover, speaking on the responsibility of the Federal branch, declared that Federal funds would not be forthcoming until after every local resource was exhausted. Whereupon the writer took several occasions to declare that local relief would certainly hasten the exhaustion of local resources.

Since then the inexorable press of circumstances has brought the Federal Government around to a partial acceptance of the writer's viewpoint. In the meantime, numerous sheriff sales have recorded how local resources have been reaching the exhaustion point—so far as the great mass of home owners is concerned.

Now that exhaustion is near, the Federal Government is taking the (Continued on Page Three)

### NEXT PICNIC OCT. 8; PARTY ON HALLOWE'EN

With the picnic season drawing to a close, the Socialist Picnic Committee is planning an attractive entertainment program for the next big outdoor event in Socialist Park next Sunday, October 8. Details of the day's activities will be published in next week's issue of the Advocate. Whether or not next Sunday's picnic will be the final one of the season depends upon the weather. Numerous requests have been received by the committee for the continuation of activities in the Park as long as possible, which are being given consideration.

Halloween Party Planned. Regardless of whether or not there will be a Sunday picnic after October 8, the Picnic Committee will hold a Halloween party in the big dance hall in the Park on Saturday night, October 28. At this event all the usual Halloween features will be offered, including prizes and dancing. Visitors may come masked or natural as they wish. Admission tickets are now being distributed to be sold at 25 cents each.

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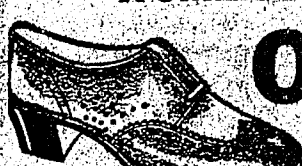
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## RUSSIANS WHO WON'T WORK ARE FOUND

CHICAGO. (FP). — Returning from an extended visit to the so-called famine regions of Soviet Russia, a Russian-born and Russian-speaking Chicagoan told Federated Press of his experiences there. He is Norman Lewbin, a photographer, with relatives living in the Ukraine, the heart of the supposed hunger belt south and southwest of Moscow.

"It is true," says Lewbin, "that I saw hungry people beginning at the railway stations. Their children were also hungry and begging. But at the same time I found good harvests and plenty of food on the farms and in the cities."

"I spoke in Russian to the beggars and I learned that they were peasants who had run away from the collective farms either because they didn't like the collective life or had made themselves unpopular by petty offenses or worse. It seems there has been some sabotage of farm machinery and livestock by enemies of socialization.

"These beggars told me they could not go into the big cities and they would not go back to the collectives. They could not go back to their own land as that had been absorbed in organizing the collective farms. They have no skill that would get them city jobs and so they were not wanted there. They were caught between city and country by their refusal to take the farm jobs that were open to them."

"There are plenty of jobs in Russia. Those who are starving today are those who will not work."

Asked how his Jewish relatives were fitting into the picture, Lewbin said a brother-in-law was managing a tannery in a Ukrainian town and others had found suitable jobs. An old uncle, paralyzed by ill treatment during the pogroms, carried on by Gen. Makino and the counter-revolutionary Russians in the early years of the republic, was living happily and secure. The uncle assured Lewbin that the Soviet government was the best that Russia had ever had.

## Public Ownership Conference To Celebrate Victories

CHICAGO. — Recent triumphs in the onward march of public ownership of electric and other utilities will be celebrated at the eighth biennial Public Ownership Conference, to be held in the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 under the auspices of the Public Ownership League of America. Among the victories to be acclaimed are the Muscle Shoals project, the Boulder Dam-Los Angeles enterprise, federal aid to municipal plants and proposals under the recovery program just as private enterprises have been receiving financial assistance. Carl D. Thompson is secretary of the league at 127 North Dearborn street, Chicago.

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## POSTCARD PLATFORM STATES THE CASE AGAINST CAPITALISM

PINE CREST, Colo. — The Rocky Mountain Regional Conference of the Continental Congress, representing the states of New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming and Colorado, at its encampment held here last week, passed a "postcard platform" of three paragraphs:

Our final, immediate and only objective is the socialization of all natural resources, means of production, distribution and means of communication including banking, and the issuance of a medium of exchange, thereby abolishing rent, interest and profit forever.

Maximum relief will be obtained only when those in control fear the success of an organization dedicated solely to the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth. Therefore, while our whole objective is the help of those who suffer from the present system, we demand no relief or palliation of the present system but recognize the NRA as an effort of those in control to save themselves and their system by palliation and relief.

We shall proceed to the accomplishment of our objective by concerted political action, by pressure on existing powers, by education and by joining together all who suffer from and recognize the injustice of the present system, into an organization qualified and prepared to establish and carry on the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Speakers at the encampment included Oscar Ameringer, L. G. Scherer, Eli Stern, E. J. Snyder, W. C. Tharp, Roy Hines, A. O. Blow, George W. Read and Carl Whitehead.

The conference passed a resolution of sympathy to the striking coal miners of New Mexico and Utah, and bitterly condemned the recent use of troops in the coal regions of these states.

## HITLER BOYCOTT BY A.F.L. URGED

By PRES. GREEN.

WASHINGTON (FP). — Abandoning the attitude which kept him silent during the seven years of Machado's war of assassination against organized labor in Cuba, President Green of the American Federation of Labor issued a statement September 24 favoring a boycott by American labor against German goods, in protest against the reign of terror maintained by Hitler in the Reich.

Green said he was in possession of first-hand reports from American observers just returned from Germany, who have brought back conclusive proof of torture, and of the complete crushing of the German labor movement by the Nazi gangsters.

"I believe," said Green, "this evidence will be laid openly before our convention. The executive council may make recommendations, but whether the council decides to do that or to leave the question to the judgment of the convention without recommendation, it may be taken for granted that there will be resolutions demanding a boycott, such as labor in several other nations has declared."

**Hints At Unusual Measures**

"American labor may soon decide to join in the boycott movement from which it has hitherto remained aloof. As the last conference of the International Federation of Trade Unions declared, in voting for a boycott policy, 'Extraordinary dangers created by the German Nazi regime call for extraordinary measures.' American labor may take the same view. At a meeting in New York last spring, I protested in behalf of labor, against the terrorism in Germany and especially against the persecution of the Jewish people. I directed attention to the friendly and fraternal relations between the American and German labor movements and said that American workers would challenge attempts in any nation to suppress freedom of speech and press."

"Since then, the terrorism in Germany has gone to wilder and wilder extremes and has resulted in open war on the trade union movement and the torture, exile and even death of many trade union leaders."

## Labor Leaders Tortured

"Our information is that the Nazi punishment extends even to the torture of relatives of exiles and refugees, wherever such relatives can be found in Germany. Many notable refugees from the Nazi terror are held in silence by the threat of the torture of families left behind them in Germany. Many of the former leading figures in the German labor movement are thus forced to continue in silence, as a means of protecting their loved ones from torture of the most extreme nature. That those labor leaders who remain in Germany must yield to Nazi iron discipline goes without saying. The whole business is medieval, revolting and sickening, and to think that a German freedom won out of the horrible sacrifice of war should be thus so ruthlessly destroyed in a reversion to a rule even more brutal and barbarous than the pre-war dictatorship breeds a resentment within us that I feel sure the delegates to our convention will express without reserve."

"German trade union executives have disappeared and no one knows where they are. Their great movement, built up by generations of devoted work, has been virtually destroyed and the rights of collective bargaining and other rights enjoyed by trade unions in every civilized nation have been trampled under foot by men who act like barbarians. There is not a shadow of doubt that the Nazis have been guilty of cruel and uncivilized terrorism against all who do not agree with them. Unbiased evidence of the Hitler dictatorship's tyranny, supplied by disinterested observers and investigators, is plentiful. If there were not sufficient, we have evidence in Federation headquarters of the terrible conditions in Germany. This evidence has been supplied by German trade unionists, men and women in whom we have every confidence."

"I said at the New York protest meeting that 'When any nation violates the laws of humanity, shocks international conscience, engages in persecution of minorities and follows a primitive, barbarian course toward helpless men and women who have committed no crime—then the voice of the A. F. of L. will be heard in solemn protest.'"

**More Than Protest Needed**

"American labor is becoming convinced that something more than protest is needed in dealing with the Nazis. We are being forced to the conclusion that a boycott is the only thing that will bring home to the German tyrants the abhorrence in which their rule is held by the rest of the world. The boycott, if it comes, will not be against the German people. I am convinced that many millions of them hate the Nazi dictatorship as much as do the freedom-loving people of other countries. In the words of the British labor movement in calling for a boycott, it will be a 'human protest against the betrayal and denial by the German government of the principle of civilized behavior.'"

"When the German masses realize the true state of world opinion they will act, I am confident, to tear the grip of Nazi dictatorship from their throats. And a boycott in which American labor joins will be one step in making them see how civilization regards their brutal rulers."

"The delegates of the convention will have, as always, the complete right of free expression; and while I cannot forecast their final action I think I know the temper of American labor and their passionate devotion to the ideals of human freedom. Throughout our history our movement has sought to assist oppressed peoples elsewhere and our desire to help has not diminished. On the contrary, I think it is stronger today than ever, because of our own American revival of idealism. There will need be no surprise, in Germany or elsewhere, if American labor turns to the boycott as a weapon in the age-old cause of liberty."

**Another Chiseler Breaks Promise**

PHILADELPHIA — Promises made by the operators of the Cambria Silk Hosiery Co., following the killing of two pickets, that all scabs would be dismissed in return for the settling of the strike called by the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, are being openly violated.

According to volunteer organizers the scabs are being rehired for the night shift. Hosiery union officials are endeavoring to have the National Labor Board investigate.

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## JUST WHAT

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**Arbitration May Be Slow**  
Should the hosiery employers adopt a policy of blocking agreements with the union, the next step would obviously be for the unions to ask for an arbitrator to decide the mooted questions. However, arbitration would necessarily be slow and there would likely be a never-ending series of complaints to be arbitrated.

At the present time many hosiery workers are chafing under what they rightly describe as discrimination. From many mills come stories of discrimination against workers who were active in the recent strike. Some of the more militant pickets have not yet been returned to the job and their patience as well as their finances are becoming strained. While union officials have been more than tolerant of such affronts, pending rulings from Washington, the time will come when charges of discrimination and absolute code violations will have to be definitely dealt with.

### Other Strikes Renewed

While workers in "union" hosiery mills are awaiting the outcome of negotiations between union officials and the National Labor Board, strikes have been resumed in at least two local industries where industrial peace was promised as a result of union agreements.

Failure to live up to an agreement made with the Pretzel Workers' Union has been given as the cause of a new strike of 20 out of 24 employees of the Krouse Pretzel Co., 14½ and Cotton streets.

The workers at the Reddy bakery are on strike for the same reason.

Picketing activities are also reported at the Reading Gray Iron Foundry. Several weeks ago the moulders and coremakers at that plant walked off the job for one week. At that time they denied that they were on strike but explained that they had simply "taken a week off." The present walkout is caused by a price dispute which resulted in the dismissal of the shop chairman. The strikers are organized in the International Moulders' Union and recently reached an agreement with the firm which, the strikers declare, A. Lincoln Frame, one of the owners, is now breaking. Reinstatement of Joseph Hoskins and general wage revisions are demanded.

### Future Trouble Likely

The failure of local employers to live up to pledges which they made in the settlement of past strikes

justifies the fear that labor troubles in this section are far from being ended. Just what the outcome of the National Labor Board's ruling in the hosiery industry will be is therefore a matter of doubt. However, most workers feel that the hosiery mill employees will get only those things that they are strong enough to win. The bosses cannot be expected to concede a single point and many workers are more convinced than ever they will have to battle every step of the way. This conviction is strengthening the determination of the hosiery workers to make their union as strong as possible.

## WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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suggestion of an humble Socialist school director. It is promising wheat and pork and coal to individuals in the unemployed army, and to local governments it is offering loans and outright gifts of cash for the purpose of putting people to work.

The Federal Government should not have waited so long. If it had acted earlier there might have been fewer sheriff sales and more workers in their own homes. Also, there might have been more bread and beans upon the tables of the poor during the past two years.

Well, better late than never. Regret that the proper course was not taken before and is not pushed more vigorously now is very slightly softened by the ability to say "I told you so."

## BITS OF NEWS

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members and their friends to visit these places.

Plans are under way to run a Halloween Party on October 28th at Shartlesville, Pa., by the Princess Royal Shop Division. Tickets will be \$1.00. The First Annual Thanksgiving Dance will also be run by the Princess Royal Shop Division at the Goodwill Fire Hall at 9 p. m. Admission will be 50 cents.

There is a growing demand among the hosiery workers of Berks County for union-labelled goods. The merchants are kept busy trying to supply them.

The Berkshire and Howard dances last Friday evening were well attended; more dances are in the offing.

General Council meeting every Saturday at the new headquarters at 1:30 p. m.

The hosiery workers are wide awake to all code violations taking place within their mills and are reporting them. Fine results are shown.

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## BUILDERS DROP 35-HOUR PLEDGE

Bosses' "Construction League" Withdraws Pledge and Sets 40-Hour Workweek As Goal Of Contractors

WASHINGTON (FP). — While spokesmen of organized labor repeated their demand for a 30-hour maximum workweek, the construction contractors, presenting their master-code at an NRA hearing Sept. 6, offered an amendment striking out the 35-hour average workweek and putting a 40-hour average in its place. Stephen F. Voorhees, chairman of the code committee for the Construction League of America, made this announcement of the withdrawal of their pledge to the workers of a 35-hour week. T. S. Holden, of the Construction League, asserted that a reduction of working hours to 40 a week would mean actual cutting of working time for 60 per cent of the contract-work localities. He offered figures taken from a survey of 335 localities, as to their hours of work, to sustain his claim.

Its sudden change of front on the question of working hours, and its insistence of a 40-cent wage rate as the minimum for common labor was defended for the Construction League by J. W. Taussig. He said it was essential that the minimum wage rates and the maximum hours of work be made "economic for the entire industry" rather than merely for the most efficient contractors. He declared it impossible to put into the code any minimum rates for skilled labor.

### Makes Wage Demands

William P. McGinn, speaking for President P. J. Morrin of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' Union, demanded that wage rates under the code be based on the actual local prevailing wage rates, even though these were not yet written into contracts. He described wage conditions in the steel construction industry for the past four years as chaotic and demoralized, due to desperate competition among bidders for work. Such bidders, having based their estimates on local prevailing wage rates, repudiated the local wage scale as soon as they started operations. He cited as an instance of this the Belt Line bridge at New Orleans, where wages were cut to a hunger level as soon as the contractors discovered that there were great numbers of unemployed who could be persuaded to scab.

Fred Hewitt, editor of the Machinists' monthly Journal, speaking for the International Association of Machinists, told Deputy Administrator Muir that the NRA program of re-employment would fail unless the workweek were cut to 30 hours, and wages were raised to a level far higher than that written into the code. He proposed a minimum of \$25 a week for common labor and \$48 for machinists, with double rates for overtime. Even these minimum rates were not high enough, he added, in view of the fact that scientific estimates of the cost of living at a health and decency standard call for incomes of \$1,900 to \$2,300 a year for common labor and \$2,300 to \$3,200 for skilled workers, heads of families.

**Unemployment Will Remain**  
Hewitt testified that labor's estimate is that, even with a 30-hour week, there will still remain 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 unemployed who must be absorbed into industry by some other means.

Denunciation of "bid-peddling"—a traditional evil in the industry—was voiced by Col. W. T. Chevalier of the Construction League. Muir agreed with him in his statement that this practice of making up a bid for a job, and then carrying it around from subcontractor to subcontractor, playing each against the other until the cost is hammered down to a point far below legitimate cost, should be outlawed.

M. J. McDonough, president of the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, called for a minimum wage for common labor of 40 cents an hour in the South, 45 cents in the Central region, and 50 cents in the North, with rates high enough in the skilled classifications to provide a comfort and decency standard of living for the worker's family throughout the year, although normal construction conditions afford only 200 days of work in a year.

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that the general public rejected the monstrous position that treated the labor of the overwhelming number of wage earners as a chattel, an article of commerce.

Continuing, he said, "absolute ownership reached down into the lives of the working people. Mill and mine owners, often in shameless disregard of the law, and always in opposition to the dictates of elementary justice.

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"But during these years," Mr. Arnold said, "the soul of men were not dead. The sparks of liberty burst into flames of action.

"Unfortunately, the worker cannot come to the full exercise of his rights within a month or a year. Evils have been festering in the system so long that times alone can heal them. But we have made an all-important beginning. The first step has been taken. The law now says that men may exercise their freedom in industry as becomes free men. The law, however, does not compel men to enjoy their freedom. It cannot do so, but it has opened the door and removed the obstacles; the rest remains for workers themselves."

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**WHY WORKERS' UNIONS ARE NEEDED**Radio Address Over Station WEEU, August 6, 1933  
By BIRCH WILSON

No public question has received as much attention in recent years as the National Industrial Recovery Act is now receiving. It is being discussed by millions of people throughout the country and is a subject of world-wide interest. A proper understanding of this important matter is timely, especially for workers, who have had the least to say about it, although it vitally affects their interests.

The avowed purpose of the recovery act is to revive industry. This is to be accomplished by suspending the Sherman anti-trust law, extending certain privileges to business, adopting codes of fair competition, limiting the hours of labor, establishing minimum wages, and guaranteeing workers the right to organize without interference on the part of employers or their agents.

When government is forced to exercise such widespread control over the economic life of the nation—a control that represents a radical change in accepted policy—we must analyze the situation if we are to understand what it is all about.

During the World War period and in the years following, when profits were counted by the billions of dollars, industry was tremendously expanded as part of these vast profits were used to build bigger and better industrial equipment. The expanded industries produced consumption goods in ever-growing volume, while purchasing power, represented by wages, lagged far behind production. By 1929 great quantities of goods clogged the channels of trade, production slowed down, the army of unemployed began to grow by leaps and bounds, purchasing power declined, and the depression was upon us with the fury of a tornado.

This began a vicious circle which carried the nation to lower and lower economic depths. Over-production resulted in unemployment; unemployment resulted in reduced purchasing power; this in turn caused more unemployment and still less buying power; and so on, ad infinitum.

When the industrial system took its plunge into the ditch we were assured by the industrial, financial and political rulers that everything was fundamentally sound and there was nothing to worry about. But instead of getting out of the ditch into which the greed and ignorance of the profit-mongers had plunged it, the system got deeper and deeper in the mire. The thousands of millions of dollars which the government poured into the pockets of the rich through the R. F. C. failed to help the situation. Then to add to the mess, the financial system followed the industrial into the ditch, where a large part of it still remains, hopelessly wrecked.

Going from bad to worse, the capitalist system which broke down four years ago was facing complete collapse by the time Mr. Roosevelt entered the White House last March. To save the profit system from this fate became the paramount purpose of the new administration.

This had also been the aim of the Hoover administration, but the Hoover remedies had failed to check the decline of the system. New remedies were needed and Mr. Roosevelt set about finding them. The chief results of his efforts in this direction are the Agricultural Adjustment Act and the Industrial Recovery Act.

The former act empowers the government to pay farmers for producing less of certain specified crops. For example, cotton farmers are being paid \$10 an acre for plowing under 10 million acres of growing crops. Tobacco farmers are to be paid \$20 an acre, plus 40 per cent of the price of tobacco, for allowing their land to lie idle. Consumers of bread and other wheat products are being taxed to pay wheat farmers to produce less wheat. Other staple commodities such as corn, rice, hogs and dairy products come under the provisions of this act, the purpose of which is to reduce production and raise prices. Incidentally, under Title II of the Industrial Recovery Act \$25,000,000 is provided to help place industrial workers on small subsistence farms.

Forty million Americans in the families of the unemployed representing one-third of our population, are in need of food and clothing. Mr. Roosevelt's solution of this problem is to pay farmers to destroy cotton and reduce the production of food. Farmers are producing too much, says Mr. Roosevelt; so he meets the situation by spending \$25,000,000 to place hundreds of thousands of industrial workers on the land to add to farm production.

Such is modern Democratic party statismanship in its efforts to bolster

up a profit system that is rotten to the core.

As far as the Industrial Recovery Act is concerned, the working class can expect very little good to come of it without exerting constant pressure through their own organized efforts.

Under the approved industrial codes authorized by this act, including the President's blanket code, the hours of labor are too high, and the minimum wages far too low to have any marked effect on the depression. With few exceptions factories, mills and allied industries have been averaging fewer hours per week than the codes provide for; while wage rates as a rule have been higher than the minimums set, except in stores, sweatshop industries and those employing child labor.

In a few industries new jobs will be created by a reduction in the number of hours of employment; but many millions now idle will remain unemployed indefinitely under Roosevelt's program. And as to the minimum wages established by the codes, they will help only the very lowest paid class of workers, without adding one cent to the purchasing power of those receiving above the minimum. And even the minimums established will mean very little if prices continue to rise without corresponding increases in wages.

In 1929 employment was at its peak and payrolls were 57 per cent above present levels. That means that purchasing power was much greater than it is today; but in spite of the greater buying power of four years ago, and the years preceding, the industrial system crashed. Production outstripped buying power and the crash was inevitable.

A recent Washington dispatch published in the N. Y. Evening Post supports this view when it says: "Charts mathematically indisputable have been prepared showing that in 1929, at the crest of our false wealth, there was only enough purchasing power to insure general employment for a thirty-four-hour week. The keenest analysts foresee that if forty hours is the best obtainable now, there will be a temporary upturn, but the same undodgeable situation will still be there. They predict another slump within two years and the same old fight all over again."

The 40 to 48-hour week and the low minimum wages established by the industrial codes will solve none of our major economic problems. Even if temporarily helpful, we can look forward to nothing better than another crash a few years hence if the present program is not greatly improved.

The improvement needed to make the NIRA benefit the working class as a whole is a drastic reduction in hours and a steep increase in wages. These improvements can be had only at the expense of profits, and will not voluntarily be granted by the profit-taking parasites who own industry.

The recovery act gives nothing to the workers directly—not even intelligent hope; but indirectly it offers them something—if they have the courage and intelligence to take advantage of the opportunity to organize, which the act gives them.

Every industrial code adopted MUST recognize "the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, free from the interference of employers of labor or their agents." For the working class this provision, guaranteeing them the right to organize without interference, is the most important one in the whole act—if they take full advantage of it, organize their ranks, and FIGHT.

We must repeat what has often been said before, that the only thing the employing class respects and heeds is POWER.

Unorganized, workers are mere wealth-producing pawns under the capitalist system, to be used or cast aside at the whim of the bosses. Unorganized, workers are sneered at and held in contempt, because they are weak and servile. Unorganized, workers have NO rights that employers are forced to respect.

But workers now have their big chance to change the picture. There is the opportunity to stand erect, and in the dignity of their united strength to meet their employers on more equal terms.

This is not only possible, but is absolutely necessary to carry out the spirit of the recovery act. But it can only be done effectively through genuine labor organizations controlled by the workers themselves. Responsibility for building powerful unions rests with the workers in all industries, trades and professions, and we earnestly urge you workers

in mills and factories, stores and of-

fices, and all other places of employment to use all your energies in helping to build a powerful, united American labor movement. For therein lies YOUR hope, now and in the future, of improving your material conditions under our crazy capitalist system of production for private profit.

Unionism is needed NOW to give you strength and power to fight against the evils of capitalism. Later on it will be needed to help smooth the way into a new social and industrial order that is destined to replace the profit system of today.

Mr. Roosevelt's NIRA, with adjustments and improvements, may succeed temporarily in propping the present decaying system; but neither he nor any one else can permanently save it. For capitalism has passed its meridian and must make way, like other systems in the past, for new and better social institutions, based upon the principle of cooperation among people, and upon new concepts of justice and equality.

It is the mission of the working class to bring about this change, which involves socializing industry and making it the servant of mankind. This will be done by making all basic industries the property of the people, and operating them on democratic principles for use instead of for private profit.

Toward this goal our efforts must be directed, through workingclass organization on both the industrial and political fields.

To get more of the good things of life while capitalism endures, we must increase our power through organization and fight for them.

To forever abolish strikes, unemployment and poverty, and gain for ourselves security, plenty, freedom and happiness, we must organize and work to abolish capitalism, and to establish in its stead a Workers' World under the banner of Socialism.

Labor must be its own Emancipator, and must itself strike the blow that will shatter the bonds of wage-slavery.

On then with the work of educating and organizing the unconquerable ranks of Labor!

Press forward—ever forward—not merely for a "new deal," but toward a saner and happier New Day!

**FLAY ARRESTS**

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by Springer. "In the case of a girl picked named Collins, Springer imposed a fine of \$16.25 almost as soon as the girl was brought to city hall. No consideration was given her and she was allowed no time in which to secure legal advice," Rhodes stated.

"Other cases last Friday were the arrest of John C. Davis and Walter Stettler. Davis was arrested at his home by what appears to be a subterfuge on the part of detective Garhammer. According to Davis' side of the case Garhammer 'asked' him to go along to city hall, which he did without objection. When he arrived there he was locked up and held for several hours before he could communicate with friends who posted a \$20.00 forfeit for his release. Davis was charged with being disorderly at the scene of the Wilkinson Laundry strike near Orange and Muhlenberg streets.

Stettler was arrested at the same place and time by officer Jos. Schlappig.

Looks Like Persecution  
"A remark by one of the policemen at the hearing of Stettler to the effect that Stettler 'had been seen at other strikes,' indicates that the police are out to 'get' some people who have been active in local strike movements," Rhodes said in discussing the case.

Stettler was discharged at Saturday morning's hearing after it developed he was in the neighborhood on other business. The specific charge against him was that he failed to obey a "move on" order as quickly as the policeman wished. It was reported that the officer said to Stettler, "you're one of those fresh guys," whereupon the latter replied, "you would not be quite so fresh yourself if you weren't wearing that uniform."

Davis' Alibi Ignored  
While the case against Stettler was dismissed, Davis did not fare so well, although he presented an alibi which was ignored by Alderman Springer, who imposed the usual fine of \$16.25.

A woman witness testified that she recognized Davis as one who was acting disorderly and described him as wearing a cap. Davis replied by showing that he had not worn a hat or cap for approximately five years and invited Springer to make a search of his home for headgear. "You will not find a hat in the house," Davis said.

Despite this assertion, which cast a wide flaw upon the identification

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of the witness, Springer showed no hesitation in imposing the fine.

Accepted as Campaign Issue

"The action of the police constitutes one of the best campaign issues which can be found," Rhodes said yesterday. "The workers are in the majority in Reading and it is up to them to put a stop to police terrorism. There is a lawful way in which they can assure themselves against such hostile action by the police. That way is to be careful in the selection of future city officials. Some of the police are naturally unfriendly to the pickets; others would be fair if it was up to them. But all of them obey orders and follow the policies laid down for them. Needless to say, Alderman Springer is co-operating with the officials who employ him as a police magistrate."

Metal Miners' Head Thinks  
Day Of Strikes Is Over

MULLAN, Idaho. — "The day of strikes is over," was the news carried to 300 metal miners at Mullan by

President Thomas H. Brown of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. In place of strikes he advocated arbitration, reserving strikes only for extreme circumstances. Over 100 miners became charter members of the new local.

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# Activities of the Reading Socialists

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## SOCIAL AT LABOR LYCEUM SATURDAY NIGHT

The Southern Branch will hold an entertainment in Labor Lyceum, Saturday evening, Sept. 30, and the committee tells us it is to be quite an affair. Admission will be 5c, but children accompanied by parents will be admitted without charge.

There will be music, comedy skits and other peppy entertainment. And for the fishermen of all ages and both sexes, there will be an old-fashioned fishing pond. Children may try their luck for 1c, and grown-ups for 5c. And we promise you, there will be a handsome prize every time you go fishing. Talking about prizes reminds us that there will be a beautiful clock offered as a door prize included in the price of admission.

Of course, the evening would not be complete without "eats." Nothing will cost more than 5c. If you are looking for an enjoyable evening, join us Saturday night.

entertainment is arranged for the meeting and we will all enjoy ourselves.

All circle secretaries are reminded that the time is up for a complete report of your circle's condition during the last three months. Send them in immediately to the Labor Lyceum in care of William Hertzog, executive secretary.

Our new headquarters will be dedicated at a housewarming party to be held on Oct. 8 at our headquarters, 619 Walnut St. Good eats and fine entertainment are arranged for that day. Socialist party members are especially invited to attend and inspect the headquarters. Let's have an overflow crowd there!

The YPSL of Reading will have a speaker, William Stauffer, over the radio station WRAW from 7:15 to 7:30 on Monday, Oct. 2, in honor of the International Youth Week. Comrade Stauffer will speak on the subject of "YPSL History and Growth."

## CAMPAIGN MEETINGS FOR COMING WEEK CITY

Monday, Oct. 2d:  
7th and Pine, Wm. C. Hoyerter and Darlington Hoopes.  
2d and Hudson, Raymond Hofess and Birch Wilson.

Wednesday, Oct. 4th:  
Schuylkill Ave. and Hamilton St., Miles Williams and Wm. Hoyerter.  
Fern and Noble Sts., Jesse George and Birch Wilson.  
Birch and Spring Sts., J. H. Stump and Lilith Wilson.

Friday, Oct. 6th:  
17th and Cotton Sts., J. H. Stump and Wm. Hoyerter.  
Church and Robeson Sts., Birch Wilson and Wm. Hoyerter.  
Mulberry and Union Sts., Annie Zechman and Jesse George.

## COUNTY

Friday, Sept. 29th:  
Berkshire Heights at School House, Amos Leshner.  
Kenhorst at Belfonte and La-Crosse Sts., Stewart Tomlinson and Miles Williams.

Tuesday, Oct. 3d:  
Womelsdorf at Seltzer House.  
Wednesday, Oct. 4th:  
Pricetown at Hotel Grill at Hotel.  
Thursday, Oct. 5th:  
Lyons at Hotel.  
Shillington at Lancaster and New Holland Aves.

Friday, Oct. 6th:  
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By ADAM EBERLY

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## REFLECTIONS

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Capitalism crashed; they did not need to wait for today's widespread misery as justification for their claim that ALL good things belong to the producers.

Just as in the old days, so today, Socialists must remain the uncompromising advocates of a system which will end poverty for all time; they dare not and will not be beguiled by the vision of a better regulated, and more efficient system of exploitation.

REGARDLESS OF THE extent to which the Capitalist economic order is revived and made to function, the NRA has set up the issue which Socialists must meet. The question is not: "Can Capitalism be made to work?" but: "Is it desirable that it should be permitted to work?" To the latter question Socialists must continue an unequivocal "No." Economic justice and plain common sense demand that the old order shall be replaced by the Co-operative Commonwealth for which Socialists have always striven. Now, more than ever before, it becomes the duty of Socialists to press forward for the Socialist goal and resist all attempts to mount the band wagon of the master class.

An idea of a real man: One who has climbed to success without forgetting those who helped to steady the ladder.

## WEST READING BRANCH WILL GIVE VEGETABLES AS CARD PARTY PRIZES

Saturday night the lucky players at the West Reading Branch card party will carry home a portion of their Sunday dinner. The event will be held at 233 Kline street, beginning at 8 p. m. Vegetables will be awarded as prizes, so hold back on your marketing.

## OPEN AIR MEETINGS AT KENHORST

Kenhorst Socialists are plunging into the campaign in great shape. They will hold an open-air meeting next Friday night, Oct. 6, at Fern and McArthur Aves., with Annie Zechman, candidate for Poor Director, and Miles N. Williams, as speakers.

Prior to the meeting, the Women's Socialist Chorus will render a song recital. All readers of the Advocate will find it worth their while to attend this meeting.

## YPSL ACTIVITIES

Circle 2, educational program; circle 3, moonlight hike; circle 8, book report 3 rd. ch. of Jimmy Higgins; circle 10, charter night.

Circle 10 is going to hold its charter night at Newmantown band hall on Oct. 4. Reading Yipsels are going to assemble at the Labor Lyceum at 7 o'clock on that night. Good

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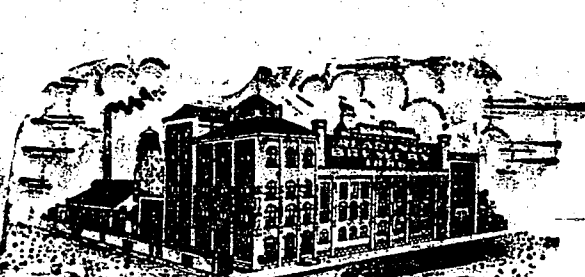
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Kutztown at White Oak and Main Streets.  
Socialist Band will furnish music Monday night at 7th and Pine and on Friday at the Fleetwood meeting.

## JOHNSON TELLS

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pects that from the present NRA. Howard Scott, of Technocratic fame, has pointed out that the peak of re-employment, with two million new jobs, represented a peak of 90% of normal production, according to the Federal Reserve Board figures. "If a return to 90% of normal production can re-employ only 15% of our jobless men how has the NRA any chance for success?" asks Scott. It is recognized, of course, that aggressive action toward the stopping of chiseling would tremendously increase the NRA results but as yet no sign of such action has been given. So the general left a fog of mystery behind him.

## Thanks Socialists For Kind Treatment At Park

Mrs. Earl Kennedy, Birdsboro, wishes to thank those persons who gave their time, services and sympathy when her infant child took sick at the Socialist Park recently. Although the child died of convulsions the following day, the prompt assistance rendered by a number of Socialist comrades is no less deeply appreciated.

## Compliance Boards Will Not Touch Labor Disputes

WASHINGTON. — Recovery Administrator Johnson joined with Chairman Wagner of the National Labor Board, the night of September 22, in a formal declaration that the local compliance boards, now being set up by Johnson, will not touch any labor disputes. All such controversies will be referred to the National Labor Board, or will go to regional agencies which the National Labor Board will soon establish.

## Bakers, Bartenders, Laborers Unionize

BILLINGS, Mont.—A Federal Labor Union of 500 members, a new union of 30 bakers and a large addition of bartenders and barmaids to the cooks and waiters' union are recent labor achievements in Billings.

## GREEN TO SEEK POWER TO LABOR

## Right to Representation In an Industrial Government Will Be Discussed In October Convention

WASHINGTON (FP).—When the American Federation of Labor meets in annual convention in the capital October 2 it will receive a vigorous report from its executive council, emphasizing labor's demand not only for a shorter workweek than the one now being approved in NRA codes, and higher wages than those codes propose, but the right of organized workers to adequate representation in all agencies of the new industrial government.

This is the declaration made by President William Green when the council completed the drafting of its report, and had acted upon other business, in session closed September 17.

Allusion to the welcoming back of the big Amalgamated Clothing Workers was seen in Green's assertion that the A. F. of L. "is going to continue to be . . . the recognized, all-embracing spokesman for American labor." Continued war on the Federation of Federal Employees and on the left-wing unions was indicated by the further statement that "That means there is no room in the United States for any other labor movement."

**Wants Voice In Management**  
"Not only are we concerned," said Green, "as to reduction of work-

hours per week to a level lower than the average thus far fixed in codes, both temporary and permanent, and as to higher wage levels than the average thus far established, but we are concerned about the question of adequate representation of labor in machinery under the codes. Our convention may be expected to express itself emphatically on this question of representation and to demand that in all of the new machinery of industrial government labor be represented by men of its own choosing, as a matter of right and not as a matter of privilege. This is one of the fundamental issues of the whole present situation and one which cannot be regarded as settled unless it is settled right.

"In the matter of the creation of proper industrial government we are now about where the American colonies were in the creation of political government in 1776. But just as surely as our political government became responsive to the will of the people through the creation of democratic machinery and the universal franchise, so this present contest will be settled in favor of the masses of the people. America will then be able to look forward to permanent well-being and continuous progress. We shall have pulled the teeth of special privilege, and our convention will undoubtedly lay down the lines of battle. . . . We fight battles and we shall continue to fight battles. But these battles are fought when there is no other method of preserving the right to function peacefully and cooperatively. Our goal is an industry operated for service to the nation and its people, guided through the processes of organized order, and our convention will, I am confident, make that clear."

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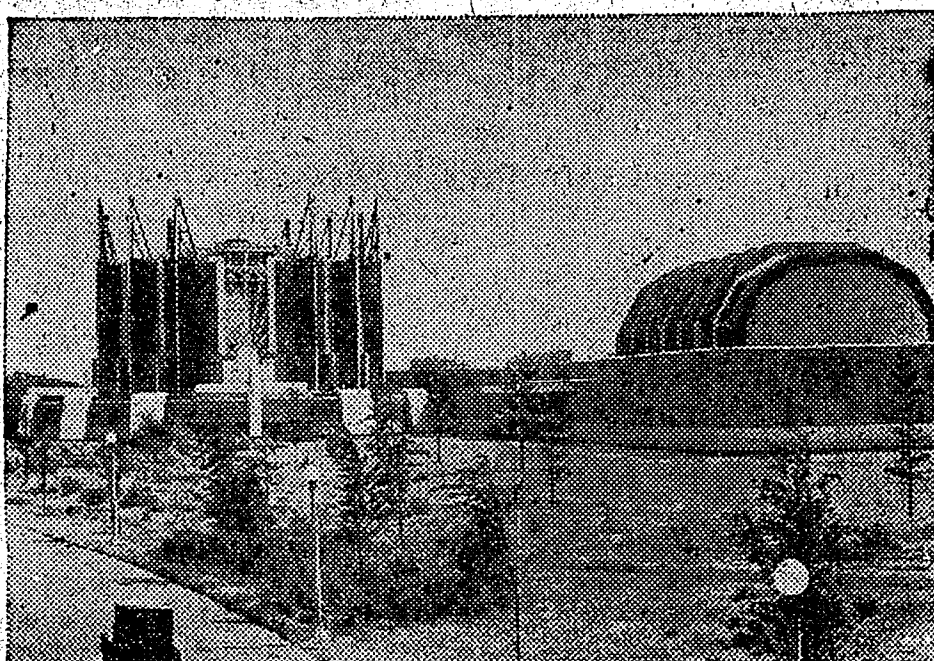
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## UPTON SINCLAIR-- POLITICAL ACROBAT

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK

Poets dream epics, even political and industrial epics. And admit it!

I have before me Upton Sinclair's single-page, carefully formulated, twelve-feature "EPIC PLAN—TO END POVERTY IN CALIFORNIA," his dream for the workers—printed without the printers' union label! This blueprint of Sinclair's plans to end poverty in California is a sorry conglomerate of a worn-out colonizing scheme, a taxation vote-teaser, and a pension vote-wheeler;—without a single whisper or a vague suggestion that the Capitalist System should promptly be damned and destroyed because it produces poverty,—damned and destroyed because it shouts of over-production while tens of millions are hungry and in rags,—damned and destroyed because it arrests human progress precisely when Science has burst upon the world with potential plenty and peace for all, with leisure and culture for all,—should be damned and destroyed because it shrouds mankind with fear and sorrow when Science offers security and joy for all.

Not a whisper against the Capitalist system!

No condemnation, no explanation of the wage-slave, profit-plunder system! Not a line! Not a word! Not a hint! Dumb, strangely silent on the organized, legalized crime against the workers of the world!—a significant silence that is perfectly satisfactory to the boodlers, bankers and buccaneers of Capitalism. Waving this weasel-worded, political milk-sop banner before the workers and small taxpayers of California, Sinclair is now volunteer errand boy for the Democratic party,—astride the famous jackass that brayed with joy when Sinclair leaped into the saddle with Doe Wilson to fight for J. P. Morgan and his pirate crew of parasites and profiteers. And the same old jackass is now lustily hee-hawing again as bewildered "Uppie" climbs aboard the long-eared member of the political gold-dust twins, the ass and the elephant.

Tragedy and comedy, tears and laughter are induced in about 50-50 proportions by Sinclair's latest political summersault. But why worry? Why sneer? Those who weep should remember that political and social evolution will not be seriously or long delayed—in a crisis like the present—by the defection of a poet who suddenly dreams, ridiculously dreams that he can (as he announces) wipe out poverty in a few months, only a few months—with a program that timidly omits bold denial or even mention of the Capitalist system that produces poverty rampant throughout the world,—and by means of a political party he has belittled and bludgeoned a thousand times. And those who incline to laugh at Sinclair's expense should remember that it is ungenerous to laugh at a gentle genius now innocently assuming the role of a political trick bull to lead tens of thousands of confused workers into the political slaughterhouse of Capitalism.

Politically, Sinclair is interestingly nimble. He has been in the Socialist party, then out, then in again; and now he is out again—off again, gone again (to cut a new set of eye-teeth). But, as before, he will find it uncomfortable riding the Democratic donkey backward.

Meanwhile, there lies Jimmie Higgins, betrayed again, hungry, ragged and lonely, so lonely, hurt to the heart,—Jimmie Higgins, stabbed in the back, by his father!

Imagine Jim Maurer, Morris Hilquitt, Victor Berger or Gene Debs wheedling wage-slaves into the Democratic party!

## W. VA. THREATENS

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many coal codes or contracts are signed in Washington. We want Frick to recognize the union."

Agents said to be emissaries of Frick approached the farmer on whose ground the Bobtown meeting was held and offered him \$500 to cancel the permit. The farmer refused. Newspapermen have complained to the telephone company that their wires in Uniontown's leading hotel have been tapped. One reporter moved, but the wire-tapping continued.

The signing of the wage contract in Washington, by operators and John L. Lewis hardly created a ripple of interest among the thousands of miners gathered the same afternoon at Bobtown and at Pricedale,

But does such a practicality suit you?

I know that practicality in Columbia University means that mathematics should be taught in the faculty of mathematics and not dancing. I know that practicality in the Metropolitan Opera House means that operas should be played there and not stunts like those in Luna Park. So I must therefore think that practicality in the Socialist movement means perhaps more Socialism and all the more consistent Socialism.

But if that is practical, I can't see how I can be inspired by Roosevelt. But practical people, and among them also those who consider themselves Socialists, tell me that one should be enthusiastic. So I therefore ask of you again and again: What is practicality?

another rank and file rallying center. "Did Frick sign that contract?" was their only question. When there was no answer, they maintained their grim attitude.

"This is our only chance to force Frick into recognition," was the burden of Bobtown speeches. "If we let this chance go by, it may never come again. We're out until Frick signs." Frick is the subsidiary which supplies coal and coke to the U. S. Steel Corp., which has vowed, NRA or no NRA, never to recognize a bona fide union. It is felt that U. S. Steel believes that recognition of the union by a subsidiary would lead to increased union agitation in the steel towns.

**Spurn Union Leaders**  
The deadlock between the union miners and their leaders continues. The miners say that as soon as this strike is over they intend to clean out the old officials who have ordered them back to work. Feeling is bitter against John L. Lewis, whom the miners almost unanimously charge with "selling us out" in the 1922 strike. During that strike the Fayette county miners fought shoulder to shoulder with other Pennsylvania coal diggers, but the agreement which settled the strike left them out in the cold.

## WHAT IS "PRACTICAL" SOCIALISM?

By DR. B. HOFFMAN  
(Reprinted from The New Leader)

I am not enthused about President Roosevelt and his so-called "New Deal" and if a presidential election were held tomorrow I'd still cast my vote for a Socialist candidate. I have heard it said that Roosevelt is "all right," that we should begin to be practical, quit spouting revolutionary phrases.

When one tells me that it is necessary to be practical I immediately agree with him—but I want a definition of practicality. When I am haunted that I am not a practical Socialist, that I still cling to revolutionary Socialist theories, I ask: [What is, really, practical Socialism? I have as yet not received a satisfactory reply.

One of my Socialist friends who is inspired by President Roosevelt and his "New Deal" attempted to explain to me the meaning of practicality, but he didn't know what answer to make when I asked him why he doesn't join the Democratic party.

One who believes in a certain kind of practicality knows that it is much more practical to belong to the Democratic party than to the Socialist party, just as, five years ago, it was more practical to belong to the Republican party.

What does practicality mean in general and for us Socialists? I find it necessary to repeat this every time when the muddled-headed who think they are Socialists sing odes to practicality.

It is an old story, that of the American who wrote a book on getting rich and himself wore torn shoes.

A practical man would never have written such a book. For he would realize that no one would buy such a book even if it contained the best advice on getting rich. Every one would think: If the author himself really knows the secret of achieving wealth he wouldn't tell it to anyone anyway. It is too expensive a secret to be sold for such a nominal fee. And if it is sold so cheap, then it must be worthless.

An acquaintance of mine, a union leader who considers himself a practical man, once explained to me that the ABC of practicality is to grab today as much as possible; maybe he'll get more tomorrow. He cited an illustration from the American unions.

In the unions of the American Federation of Labor, he told me, they are practical. They try to get today as much as possible. They don't throw away the bread and butter of today for the broiled squabs of the future. Therefore, in the unions of American Federation of Labor they don't bother their heads over programs for the future. They worry about the program which is possible of solution today.

I deny that the unions cling to such a practicality. If such were the case the unions would never call strikes for higher wages and a shorter workingday. For in every strike the workers deprive themselves of the bread and butter of today for the piece of bread and meat of tomorrow.

I will offer a standpoint of practicality by a young Jewish poet who is no longer young today. I met him a few years ago, at the time that a few dollars weren't such a fortune as they are today, and he consulted me about publishing his poems. He wanted to select his best poems and he said to me:

"I want to publish my poems in a book of one hundred pages; I'll publish only a hundred copies, and sell them at ten dollars a copy. Don't you think that there are a hundred people in America who'd purchase the book if only because of the curious fact that it costs ten dollars a copy?"

I agreed that among four million Jews in America there must be a hundred who'd be interested to purchase the book of a hundred pages that cost ten dollars.

"Well, if that's the case," the young poet pointed out to me "why should I publish my book in an edition of a thousand copies and sell them at a dollar a copy, and look for a thousand customers and make little profit thereby, when for ten dol-

lars a piece I could sell them much easier and make a good profit?"

I agreed that the figures were right. But I asked him: "Wouldn't it please you more that a thousand people would read your book instead of only a hundred?"

"I don't believe in circulation for circulation's sake," he replied. "Circulation is not a goal per se. Circulation is for the sake of profits and, if greater profit can be made from a smaller circulation a small circulation is better than a large one."

"How about popularity and immortality?" I asked.

"Circulation doesn't make for popularity nor for immortality," he answered. "Millions of people have seen 'Abie's Irish Rose' but very few of them know the name of the author. Albert Einstein, however, wrote a book which only twelve people could understand and still millions of people know his name."

It is an accepted fact that poets aren't practical people, but I believe that as regards this attitude which my young poet expressed there's a lot of practicality in it.

I imagine that the directors of the Metropolitan Opera know that Luna Park in Coney Island has a greater number of visitors than the opera. I imagine that the administrators of Columbia University know that every dancing school in New York has more visitors than the faculty of mathematics of Columbia. Yet the Metropolitan Opera House even to this day refuses to be converted into a Luna Park and the faculty of mathematics of Columbia University still declines to be converted to a dancing school.

So this means that the executives of the Metropolitan Opera and of Columbia University are not practical people. And when Socialists speak of practicality they must give a thought to the fact that it is very impractical for anyone in America to be a Socialist and that when we try to convert someone to Socialism it means that we're telling him to be an impractical person. Is it so?

The Socialist party would surely be more "successful" if it would renounce Socialism and would accept the program of the Democratic party.



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## FAIL TO BREAK STRIKE FOR NRA RIGHTS

WILMINGTON, Del.—Frameups intimidations and hunger have not been sufficient to make 450 leather workers on strike in Wilmington go back to work.

Eight weeks ago the workers of the Amalgamated Leather Co. under the leadership of the Natl. Leather Workers Union walked out, the first strike in Delaware in 15 years for the right of collective bargaining guaranteed them under the NRA.

Since then, though scores of their numbers have been arrested, many brutally beaten, and in face of the openly hostile attitude of the press, the workers have held firm in demanding that they be allowed to bargain with their employers through a union of their own choice.

## Industry's Bloody Record

HARRISBURG.—Slaughter and maiming of workers in the premier industrial state of Pennsylvania reached a new record when Joe Slagel, of Etna, steel town, was injured. He was No. 3,000,000 on the list of injuries reported to the Pennsylvania labor department since 1916. Only 182,000 U. S. soldiers were wounded in the World War.

## 400 Workers Strike

MONACA, Pa.—Demanding wage increases and a stabilized working week, 400 workers of the U. S. Sanitary Manufacturing Co. have struck under the Steel and Metal Workers' Industrial Union. Sometimes they work 10 hours a day, sometimes a half-hour.

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## FARMERS AND WORKERS IN NEW DEAL PROTESTS

By CARL HAESSLER.

CHICAGO (FP)—Industrial and agricultural storms, coming in the wake of elaborate new deal propaganda, are sweeping over the Chicago area as workers and farmers find that the blue eagle has no strength in its talons or vigor in its beak unless they organize their own forces against the profiteers. At the same time the governor of Illinois and the mayor of Chicago were on their knees in Washington for unemployed relief funds "to prevent riots and uprisings."

Unrest in steel mills, needle shops, piano factories and nutpicking plants sprang up or continued while announcement of the millinery strike was the only important settlement during the week. It was a compromise under U. S. mediation.

The police used tear gas and clubs against the millinery pickets during the 19-day strike of 5,000 workers. The courts used injunctions and the employers used propaganda. The partial victory gives an average wage boost of 30 to 50%. Some girls, even in blue eagle shops had been earning only \$3 to \$4 for a 44-hour week and longer.

One steel plant, the Standard Forgings Co. at Indiana Harbor, was

shut down by a strike for wage increases and the 5-day week. The 300 men involved are led by the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union, two of whose organizers were kidnapped and severely beaten a few days later when they tried to unionize the Kewanee, Ill., plant of the Walworth Co., makers of pipe and castings.

The most dramatic of the struggles with the bosses was that of several thousand dairy farmers against the milk trust which supplies Chicago and suburban homes. They want a minimum of 5c a quart for their milk instead of around 3c they are getting now. In the past the milk trust has raised milk prices to consumers and kept the larger part of the raise for itself, leaving the farmer with little to show for his labor and investment.

Two-fisted pickets and mass assemblage around the milk processing plants have cut down the amount of milk brought in by scabs but not enough to cause a milk famine. Nevertheless the farm dictators in Washington are worried because of complications with an unfair milk code they have imposed. This code outlaws dealers selling loose milk at stands on a cash-and-carry basis in competition with the milk trust. The farmers get more for their milk than the trust pays and the consumers pay less. The trust not only raised its usual sanitary issue but persuaded Washington that the farmer would get higher prices in the end if the outlaw dealers were exterminated. Many farmers are cooperating with the government, however, in hope of realizing something under the promised new deal.

Substantial relief was granted to Illinois and Chicago by Washington on condition that Gov. Horner call a special session of the legislature early in October to raise more taxes for relief. Illinois has no income tax and the rich generally dodge their tax obligations as in other states.

On the international front Chicago contributed a protest meeting against U. S. intervention in Cuba and is planning the picketing of the German consulate to call attention to the frameup and possible execution of German radical leaders charged by the Hitler government with setting the reichstag building on fire. The Chicago Daily News correspondent has stated that all the world knows the charges are false.



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## RAILROADS ANXIOUS FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

By FRED M. MERKEL

A crisis is rapidly developing in the railroad business. The point of total collapse is not far off. Even now the railroads are unable to operate without assistance from the national government. "If the government took its hand from under them tomorrow they would perish without further ado," says John T. Flynn, a noted writer on business conditions, in a magazine having one of the largest number of subscribers in America and this writer makes the first propaganda in favor of government ownership of railroads for the benefit of the capitalist class.

For many years the Socialist Party advocated public ownership of the railroads. Back in 1914 it issued a leaflet on public ownership of railroads telling of the superiority of public ownership over private ownership of railroads. A few of those facts were that most countries owned their railroad systems, or 69 out of 78 nations, and that the result of government ownership of railroads was a story of successful achievement from the very beginning. The people actually got lower rates, better service and more of it. Labor was better treated. Wages were higher, hours were less, insurance for accident, sickness and death better provided for, rest days, holidays and vacations were much more liberally provided for and not only did this but paid a profit. In Germany the government-owned railroads earned \$375,000,000 in 1904, which was used to pay other government expenses. Belgium state railroads earned \$251,000,000 profit for the government in eight years. Other countries used a different system. New Zealand had the best of these.

As soon as the profits went above 3% the rates were reduced and reductions were made amounting to as high as 20% to 40% in a single year. The same policy applied to the United States at that time, would have meant a saving to the American people of over \$500,000,000 per year. The reply of the railroads to the public ownership propaganda of the Socialist Party was enormous contributions to the public press to poison the minds of the people against the Socialists with all kinds of venomous lies, politicians and their tools were paid vast sums to protect the interests of the privately owned railroads. An example of how an individual fared who opposed the greed of the railroads was that of the late Ex-U. S. Senator Richard F. Pettigrew from South Dakota.

Pettigrew, as a real friend of labor, was able, after 12 years of service in the United States Senate, to get one law passed in favor of labor, the only one passed by that body in that period of time. It was a law compelling railroads to put safety devices on the railroads to protect the lives of the workers instead of killing thousands of workers for the lack of them because it paid more profits to the owners. That aroused the ire of the railroad owners and when Pettigrew came up for reelection the railroads raised a fund of \$400,000 to defeat him in the small state of North Dakota and it was done by buying votes, newspaper editors, and controlling the credit at the banks and shutting it off to Pettigrew supporters.

The railroads in those days were enjoying prosperity. In 1910 the profits were \$883,000,000 which increased up to 1920 making the average over a billion dollars a year for the 20 years preceding the peak of prosperity and the beginning of the decline. The result was that railroad owners were violently opposed to public ownership and were liberal contributors to the old parties' campaigns for the purpose of continuing to enjoy that prosperity.

During the World War the railroads plundered the government out of billions of dollars. Ostensibly they appeared to be run by the Government which took them over for two years. That was the talk, but the fact is that the management remained in the hands of the old crowd. The government paid from four to ten times as much as the service and material was worth that was bought of the inside corporations controlled by the biggest stockholders of the railroads.

The passing of time has changed conditions. The depression has come, and also competition with trucks, buses and aeroplanes. The result is, the railroads are at the point of collapse and now the propaganda has begun to save the stockholders and the bondholders. Congress will meet in three months and the public mind must be made receptive to government ownership. Profits can no longer

be made and now the time is ripe for government ownership. The public is frankly to be told that the present owners are about bankrupt and if our transportation system is to survive and save communities and towns and farms from isolation and destruction by the withdrawal of major transportation facilities then "Give Uncle Sam the Throttle" as Mr. John T. Flynn says. Only Uncle Sam or the "dear public" can save it.

Mr. Flynn gives the value of our transportation system of railroads as being \$23,000,000,000. Of this there are bonds against them of \$7,408,000,000. Life insurance and other insurance companies own \$4,660,000,000 worth of these bonds and savings and other banks own \$2,153,000,000 of them. The stockholders, according to Flynn, are countless individuals and institutional investors and this propaganda for government ownership is to save both the stockholders and the bondholders. No interest was ever shown before in the general public having anything to say about the transportation system except to pay the rates asked by the railroads.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has quite different figures than those of Mr. Flynn. The majority of stock in railroads is owned by only 8,081 persons or only 1.3% of all the stockholders. Of particular interest to Reading people is the fact that the entire stock of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, including the Reading Co. is owned by only 13 persons. The common people who own stocks and bonds in the railroads are so few in number that they have neither voice nor power in the management.

Gustav Myers in his great work, "The History of Our Great American Fortunes," a work requiring seven years in the Library of Congress for material, gives many facts not generally known. Most of our great Western railroads were built by the United States government. In addition 150,000,000 acres of land grants were made to the railroads which they sold at enormous profits. Some Eastern roads, the Baltimore & Ohio in particular, were built entirely by Government money. Numerous other railroads received help; yet when they were built crooked old party politicians betrayed the people by handing these railroads over to private individuals and they became privately owned and managed for private gain, and this continues as long as it is profitable to this small group of individuals. When profits cease to flow into their pockets then they are not only willing but anxious to turn over into the hands of the people what was paid for many years ago and paid for many times since, including billions of dollars dividends on pure watered stock. They robbed the people of untold billions of dollars and killed many thousands of workers on the roads; in 1912 alone 10,585 people were killed and 163,638 injured which has been tremendously reduced by the safety appliances forced on them by Pettigrew.

Now they are no longer profitable and they are willing to surrender their ownership at a price several times their actual value. Most of these railroads should be taken over without the payment of as much as a single dollar. Those built at government expense should immediately become the property of the nation without any further delay and expense. Bankrupt roads should be foreclosed at the cost of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans. The rest should be placed on the public auction block and sold to the highest bidder. All watered stock should be squeezed out by trained investigators. If these methods are followed out the railroad transportation system can be acquired at very little cost and run in the interest of the people for their transportation needs and service.

Canada took over its railroads and operates them successfully after private owners had failed. The United States Government can do so as well.

The main question to be decided is whether justice shall be done the people of this country or whether the robbers of the American people shall be paid an extortionate price that would make Shylock die of envy and jealousy.

Old party politicians have shown how expert they are in increasing the debts of the people by increasing the national debt of the nation from \$220,000,000 or \$12.89 per capita in 1840 to \$16,570,353,000 or \$132.75 per capita in 1932. Since Roosevelt is President the national debt has increased to more than \$25,000,000,000.

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000. If old party politicians have their way they will get huge fortunes in graft for themselves by adding \$23,000,000,000 more to the national debt and make the per capita debt about \$415. Socialists would adopt the least expensive way but since the working class have chosen the old party politicians to settle the question of government ownership of railroads it will be settled in the interest of the stockholders, bondholders and politicians. The workers will have another \$23,000,000,000 added debt for them to pay when settlement is made.

## DEFENSE FUNDS NEEDED IN ANTI-FASCIST FRAME-UP

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 27.—With the setting of November 27 as the trial date for Athos Terzani, young anti-Fascist accused of killing his comrade, Anthony Fierro, the need of money for the defense becomes acute. It is needed particularly for investigation to develop conclusive proof that Fierro actually was killed by a member of the Khaki Shirts of America while defending a friend who was being ejected from a meeting of that Fascist organization.

Originally the trial was scheduled for September 25, but the defense asked a postponement so it might have time to "gather evidence to bring out the truth." Terzani will be tried before Judge Thomas Kadien of Queens County in Long Island City, across the East River from Manhattan.

Despite assurances by District Attorney Charles S. Golden that his office would make a new investigation of the Fierro case on the strength of evidence put before him by the defense, the prosecution is resisting a demand by defense counsel for photographs of all finger-prints found on the murder-gun. Assistant District Attorney Joseph Loscalzo told Judge Kadien that the prosecution ought not to be obliged to disclose any of its evidence in advance of the trial.

It was Loscalzo who on the night of the tragedy in Columbus Hall, Astoria, held Terzani for the killing

solely on the word of "General" Art J. Smith, head of the Khaki Shirts, and permitted another man who was accused as the murderer by two eye-witnesses to leave the state. Obviously Loscalzo is on the defensive, and intends to oppose the effort to clear Terzani at every turn.

Thus the defense is put into the position of having to ferret out the evidence necessary to substantiate its contention that the identified Khaki Shirts member, known by name and by sight to the police and the prosecution, is the guilty one. It must devote energy and cash to a task which it declares properly ought to be done by the State.

Contributions to aid the fight to free Terzani should be sent at once to Herbert Mahler, treasurer of the united-front Terzani Defense Committee, 94 Fifth avenue, New York City.

Judge Kadien's decision on the finger-print motion awaits the filing of a brief by Loscalzo supporting the prosecution's position. Argument upholding the demand for the finger-prints was made by Harty Sacher, one of the seven attorneys for Terzani. He cited a U. S. District Court decision in the Rich case in Alaska in which the court granted a like request saying: "The whole purpose of a law trial is to ascertain the truth. No unfair handicap is imposed on either party by allowing the other to have full knowledge of inanimate objections to be used in evidence."

"Similar relief has been granted in this state in two recent cases," Sacher declared. "In the Radeleff case, Judge Freschi in General Sessions directed the District Attorney to surrender photostatic copies of a memorandum of agreement and of a

letter, Judge Koenig having previously allowed an inspection of the grand jury minutes.

"In the Kresel case, Supreme Court Justice Harris ordered the prosecution to let the defendant inspect a copy of his own testimony before the grand jury. 'The defendant's argument,' said Justice Harris, 'appeals to the court as sound; that is, that the State is not seeking victims but criminals, and that each person accused of crime should be given all reasonable opportunity to prove his innocence.'"

## Strikes Flare Up In Iowa Industries

CLINTON, Ia.—Strikes in Iowa mines, in a Davenport packing plant where active unionists were discharged, and in the made-work camp at Cedar Rapids for more adequate relief indicated that all was not well with the new deal in the Hawkeye state the past week. On the agricultural front the Farmers' Union of Iowa at its Des Moines convention demanded that Secretary of Agriculture, Wallace resign because of his failure to restore prosperity to the farmer.

Dumbness is about equally divided between the sexes. Women wear clothes that freeze them in winter and men wear clothes that roast them in summer.

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## WORKING WORKERS FOR OWNERS

The plan, announced this week from Washington, of spending government funds for the purchase of 700,000 tons of rails from the privately-owned steel industry for the benefit of the privately-owned railroads offers a clear example of the manner in which the present national administration proposes to revive industry.

After the transaction is completed, the steel mills will still belong to the same group of parasites who have grown rich by exploiting generations of workers. And the railroads, whose roadbeds will thus be repewed, will likewise belong to the same stock-owners and bond-holders.

What will be the workers' share in the business? Why, as usual, the workers will do the work—for the owning class.

When Socialists urge that the government get into business they are called Bolsheviks and other names that are intended to discourage and horrify the masses. But when the Democratic president of the United States proposes to do that very thing all the Capitalist editors of the nation appear to view with approval.

No, Mr. Roosevelt is not "going Socialist." There is a fundamental difference between what he is proposing and the proposals of the Socialists. The latter ask that the government take over the steel mills and railroads and operate them for the benefit of the people. The present plan is to have the government finance a program of putting workers to work, but to permit the same old exploiters to retain their ownership of the means of life.

Socialists are not going to become enthusiastic about the rebuilding of the railroads for the benefit of the few. They want something more than work for the workers. What Socialists demand is that the things which workers build shall belong to workers. It is on that demand that the present administration will never yield.

## DESTRUCTION AS A WAY OUT

From Mexico comes news of disaster. Many people are dead and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed by a hurricane.

"Shocking," you say. But the more cynical might reply to your verdict with a flippant "Oh yeah?"

So crazy is the economic system under which the majority of people consent to live that destruction has become a boon. Thus we find our own enlightened government fostering the waste of millions of acres of cotton and other wealth and paying people to produce less than they ordinarily would. Thus, too, we find the government planning to purchase millions of tons of steel—not because of any great need for that commodity, but in the hope that the economic system might thus be revived and a few of the jobless temporarily re-employed.

Under an arrangement which gives prosperity to most people only as long as there is a brisk demand for human labor, perhaps the very best thing that could happen would be more hurricanes and like destructive agencies. If the wealthy who have the money to spend and the say-so in the matter of operating the industries would lose their homes, their autos and their various other luxuries they might kindly permit the unemployed workers to again sweat and toil for them.

It may be that Nature herself was simply co-operating with the NRA in Mexico by doing without cost what the Federal Government may yet pay to have done in order that some way may be found of keeping America's workers busy.

## JOE DONOVAN AND YOUR BOY

Few, if any, of our readers knew Joe Donovan. Nor does it matter very much who knew Joe. For Joe was only a worker, and now he's dead. And with live workers so useless that many millions of them are cast adrift, perhaps dead workers had better be forgotten as quickly as possible.

But Joe would like other workers to know about the final chapter of his life. He'd like that, we believe, because the knowing of it might awaken the fathers and mothers of the race to the danger to THEIR boys and girls that lurks within this senseless Capitalist system. Joe did all he could to make things better for boys and girls while he lived. It will be quite appropriate if his dying teaches the lesson he used to expound in life.

Joe Donovan was a Socialist worker. He was only 26 years old, in the prime of life and vigor. But he became a tramp when the industrial system crashed in Amesbury, Mass., along about the close of 1929. Nobody wanted his services. So after a while he took to the road.

Wherever he went Joe did two things. One was to preach about the better world which Socialism would build when they

made the means of life the property of all the people. He also looked for work.

A few weeks ago a hobo made a mis-step while riding a freight train in Portland, Maine. After the pieces were assembled a red card in his pocket revealed the fact that the hobo was Joe Donovan. His other possessions proved to be a razor, some tickets to a Socialist dance and one thin dime. A cold rain was falling, but Joe wore no underwear and his shoes were old and broken.

In happier times Joe had been a useful worker. For eight years he was a mechanic in a plant which built fine automobiles of the kind which are driven by the wealthy. But machinery took his job away and made Joe Donovan only one of the millions of homeless boys who are vainly searching for honest work in this rich nation.

That's all there is to Joe's story. It's not much of a yarn, but there's one thing that makes it worth the telling. It's this: In this nation today there are millions of other boys and girls who will soon be looking for jobs and not finding them. Not all will have their bodies broken. But nearly all of them will have their spirits crushed by the knowledge that this Capitalist system is depriving them of the right to a normal life. Capitalism and the evils it breeds will continue as long as the fathers and mothers of the nation permit them to continue. Many parents who think they love their children are voting their offspring into the same fate as that which Joe escaped beneath the wheels of a fast freight in Portland.

## CUBA

Add to the Russian, Italian, German, Spanish, Irish, and perhaps our own revolutions, the Cuban!

This last overturn was revolution in the story-book sense of the word—a bloody tyrant hiding in his palace, soldiers patrolling the streets and shooting down the people, raging mobs, assassinations, burnings, lootings. Those were terrible days in Havana and elsewhere in that last week before Machado took his flight.

Before the memory of them fades away in the swift transitions of attention in modern thought, it may be well to recall the facts behind these dreadful events and the responsibility therefor.

Fortunately, at just this moment, there has appeared a book which tears away the curtain and shows us what has long been hidden behind its folds. We refer to Carleton Beals' *The Crime of Cuba*.

In the pages of this volume, which almost drip with blood and curl with horror, we are made to see our own country, the United States, as the chief offender against the Cuban people. In 1898, we did not free Cuba, but only transferred her from the bondage of Spain to the exploitation of America. In the famous Platt amendment we proclaimed to all the world that we did not propose to let this helpless victim out of our lustful grasp.

All the idealism of that hour, in other words, was used to establish an economic and political despotism, not only connived at but actually achieved by Washington, in the interest of powerful American financial, sugar, public utility, and mining interests. For years the Cubans have been nothing but a horde of slaves, with the monstrous Machado as the slave-driver armed to do the will of the American banks and corporations which profited thereby.—Unity.

## PERFORM THE WHOLE DUTY!

"It is the inherent duty of the federal government to keep people from starving," says Mr. Roosevelt.

Yes, Mr. Roosevelt; and that is, by far, not all. It is the inherent duty of society, not merely to keep people from bare starvation, but to abolish the causes that result in people being without anything necessary to the highest standard of living conducive to maintaining such standard for all.

Usually governments are never anything but force, concentrated by those holding economic power, for protecting themselves in the holding of that economic power. "One king sneeringly said: 'Let them eat grass!'"

When there is thought, all of a sudden, about the duty to keep potentially productive people from "starving" while surrounded by a super-abundance of food, something fundamentally wrong about the holding of such economic power is becoming openly recognized.

And when there is no such outrage left in the civilized world as private ownership of socially necessary public facilities, governments of the type that have hitherto existed will be an oddity of the unaccountable past.

Instead, we will have centers of general economic supervision. The economic objective of society will be the supplying of every citizen properly; with no danger of one section of the people not having what they engage in producing, while another section who produce nothing have and enjoy everything—such as occurs everywhere under the theory of governments that has been in vogue.

If arranging that all be fully supplied with living requirements were not now a duty possible of performance, it could not be charged as such "duty." But it is readily attainable, Mr. President.—Milwaukee Leader.

## THE UNFAIR DRAFT

Wartime pacifists noted that, despite President Wilson's pledge that there would be "no conscription of the unwilling," registration blanks under the draft law provided no space for those who, not belonging to one of the religious sects recognized as opposed to combat, still were ethically opposed to warfare. The injustice of this has been attributed, along with other broken pledges, to the administration leaders.

In The New York World-Telegram on June 3 appeared an article about Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, recently placed in charge of the administration of the national industrial recovery act, which reveals that, without instructions, Johnson, who was serving under Gen. Crowder in running the draft machinery during the war, got the blanks printed up, on his own dictatorial initiative, without consulting Crowder, and had them all ready for mailing before Congress passed the conscription law.—The World Tomorrow.

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

## THE SPREAD OF FASCISM

Fascism continues its menacing spread through central Europe, with Austria the latest country to replace democracy with a dictatorship in the interests of the employing and wealthy class. The Dollfuss brand of Fascism will not be the ugly weed which German Hitlerism is, but there is the certainty that democracy will not extend for some time to come, with the probability that the attempt will be made to outlaw the Socialist party and put the trade unions under strict state control.

Already, the Socialists have announced their determination to fight any such attempt by calling a general strike, and a general strike, particularly under such circumstances, may easily become a civil war. Unattractive as that prospect is, however, Chancellor Dollfuss has left the Socialists no alternative. A general strike in Germany at the proper moment might have crippled Hitlerism, and it is to be hoped that the Austrian Socialists will profit by the experience of their German comrades.

The current faith in dictatorship is one of despair, caused by the failure of democracy to solve the economic problems that followed in the aftermath of the war. There was great faith in democracy when the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs were overthrown, but that faith has given way to cynicism as unemployment increased, trade dried up, and the standard of living was progressively lowered.

Austria and Germany have allowed their resentment of the lack of program of their leaders to be transformed into resentment against the form of government that they headed. As the price of giving up freedom the German people have taken as leader a clownish lunatic who will probably bring on another war. The Austrians are surrendering their opportunities of making peaceful political progress, and taking as their dictator the very man who headed their government when it was the servant of the people instead of their master.

Under these circumstances it becomes more clearly apparent that one of the greatest achievements of the N. R. A. is the demonstration that, given men who know what they want at the head, a democracy possesses a capacity for prompt and vigorous action equal to that of any dictatorship. It is a gross mistake to assert, as many Americans do, that Roosevelt's administration represents a denial of democracy and a step towards Fascism. The proper interpretation of his very real achievements is that they are a vindication of democracy, in their proof that action is not inconsistent with popular government. It requires no great foresight to predict that the current desire for Fascist dictatorships will soon pass, and that democracy will again be restored to popular favor. The political tendencies of the last several hundred years have been towards more and more political power in the hands of the masses, despite frequent reactions such as Fascism now represents. The failure of dictatorship to solve the economic problems of the world will cause the pendulum of political opinion to swing once more towards democratic government.

Mere democracy, however, is but an instrument and not an objective in itself. It must be used by the enlightened working masses to transfer industry from private to public ownership, and to replace poverty with plenty. We must socialize peacefully but promptly whenever we get power in order to avoid the shift of public opinion to a capitalist dictatorship, with the likelihood that any progress made after that time will have to be by force.

## THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

It is a tragic joke to call the sessions soon to resume at Geneva a Disarmament Conference. The last faint hope that a single gun might be scrapped has been shattered by the triumph of Hitlerism in Germany. The United States demonstrates its cynicism by embarking upon a \$238,000,000 naval construction program on the very eve of the conference, thus offering a challenge that Japan was quick to accept.

The most that can be hoped for is an agreement not to increase armaments above the present levels, or, at any rate, not very far above the present levels. Important concessions will be made to Germany because of the obvious fact that the Nazis are now rearming and will continue to do so. It is a sad commentary on the wisdom of the Allied statesmen that they will now make concessions to Hitler that they re-

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## SOCIALISTS OUST SINCLAIR FOR POLITICAL FLIP-FLOP

LOS ANGELES (FP).—Upton Sinclair, famous radical author, was expelled from the Socialist Party of California by the state executive committee after he had announced that he had registered as a Democrat and that he would try for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Harold Ashe, state secretary of the party, declared it "a futile supposition that Socialists can use a capitalist party to further the interests of the working class." Ashe revealed that Sinclair had not been a dues-paying member of the Socialist Party since March 31.

Sinclair has declared that, if elected governor, he would do away with poverty in California in two years.

**Jobless Fight For Vote**

PITTSBURGH.—Unemployed Council is demanding that unemployed workers be relieved of the poll tax, nonpayment of which bars them from voting.