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# fill Eail Unless Labor Gains---Green

By the Editor

SOMEBODY IN THE neighboring borough of Shillington is afraid that ists. The fearful ones have issued a leaflet in which they describe themselves as "Shillington Citizen's Committee Opposed to Socialism." The possessive singular in which the word "Citizen's" is written may be a grammatical error. On the other hand it may be a confession that this antiof only one citizen. The growth of Socialist sentiment and the steady increase of Socialist voters in that borsecond possibility is more nearly cor-

in the leaflet which this "Citizen's creation of employment and the rais-Committee' has issued because it re-ing of purchasing power. . . . We fers to a speech which I made at So- have been making a very careful cialist Park. It's quotation of me is study of NRA results, and we have fairly accurate, and here is the pas- been considering the future from sage which alarms:

"The NRA allows for a systematic enslavement and exploitation of the working class. v contented. The slave of olden days was made to produce more than he can consume so that the persons who owned the slave could live in comfort. It is the same today. The worker is made to produce more than he can consume so that the owners of the factories can realize a profit."

that all who read the leaflet will do and South. This can be done through a lot of hard thinking about it. What determination on the part of the Ad-Lewish they would do is decide ministration not to compromise furwhether it is not the true picture of ther with employers who have not this Capitalist system under which we yet come to see America's tremend live. Furthermore, I invite all who ous need through glasses untinged by wish to do so to write to me and tell their greed. me wherein any of the NRA officials "Third, there must be no deviation from Franklin D. Roosevelt down to from Gen. Johnson's pledge that William Green have even advocated there will be no further codes per this NRA plan as a means of ending mitted containing qualifications of the surplus-producing game:

I AM ROUNDLY amused at the rebuttal of my argument. This show my "complete ignorance of the into the automobile code, must b (The emphasis is mine.)

other scientists, including the "Citi- ple have faith that their economic and Berks, at a meeting Tuesday "In 1931, our Mayor, J. Henry zen" of this "Committee" knows how delivery lies in the Recovery Act, night, voted endorsement of "any Stump, sent a telegram to Washingthe NRA can accomplish "just the and it will not be for the best interopposite" from forcing workers to ests of America if they are disapproduce more than they can consume. pointed through quibbling and twist- bat the arrogant and unjustified ac- purposes. The reply was that as the As I understand it, however, "just ing and evading." the opposite" means that workers will now be forced to consume more said that the executive council of than they can produce. And that, the Federation had been comparing union officials are watching developto my limited intelligence presents a re-employment figures with reports mathematical difficulty which even Socialists could not overcome.

happen to most of us without the NRA?" this Citizen's Committee"

Well, I find no need for imaginings. I Know What is Happening to most of us under the NRA. I know that most of us are either out of work, working part time or receiving wages which are so low that merchants who (Continued on Page Five)

SOCIALIST

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## ONLY SHORTER HOURS AND MORE BUYING POWER WILL REVIVE NATION'S INDUSTRY

the town will be captured by Social- Thirty-Hour Week and Constantly-Increasing Wages to Keep Pace With Price Rises Seen as Necessity. Green Hints That Disappointment Now May Drive American Labor to the "Left"

WASHINGTON (FP) .- President William Green of the American Federation of Labor issued a lengthy statement, September 12, at the conclusion of the day's session of the Socialist Committee is the property executive council, hinting that the convention of the Federation, opening in Washington October 2, may swing leftward because of disappointment at the failure of the NRA to provide League Declares Exhaustion of ough encourage the belief that the work and wages for the unemployed.

With Union

dry Fight Continues

tled becomes imminent.

tion of the manufacturers.

Await Government Action

ments in Washington. It is only be-

cause they feel that the big manu-

facturers will be forced into line that

they have not already taken drastic

action to enforce the terms of settle-

ment under which they abandoned

their recent strike. However, a showdown grows more imminent daily.

Should the hosiery union be forced

to again close the mills they will once

ment of the organized workers of

Pretzel, Laundry Strikes Still On

Strikes at the Reddy and Krouse

pretzel bakeries, which resulted from

the failure of those firms to abide

by the terms of settlements made

with the Pretzel Workers' Union, are

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"Beyond any question," he began, the NRA has reached a point where there must be a reviving of purpose I AM PARTICULARLY interested toward the two main objectives—the every possible point of view.

Sees Hard Winter "Three things stand out as absolutely essential, unless the Recovery program is to drag along at a speed so slow as to leave us facing another winter of severe unemploy-

"First, there must be a real shortening of the work weeks established under the President's re-employment agreements through modifications and substitutions. 🤌

"Second, there must be new high And) that, if not my very utter- wage levels and there must be an end ance, is my exact sentiment. I hope of the differentials between North

Sec. 7a, the labor section of the Recovery Act."

Hints of Strikes

After explaining why this dis "Citizen's Committee" says that I guised open-shop language, written facts" when I state that the worker outlawed, as Johnson has promised, is being made to produce more than from future codes, Green remarked he can consume," when as a matter that "One of the best ways to proof fact the NRA by reducing hours mote strikes and general discord will will accomplish just the opposite." be to tamper with the law, either as to its interpretation or its applica-Perhaps Mr. Einstein and a few tion. The great masses of our peo- Federated Trades Council of Reading Dear Sir:

Turning to unemployment, Green (Continued on Page Five)

# "CAN YOU IMAGINE what would HALLERS ELEU UTFUETS

Officers were elected by Fur Hat ters' Local, No. 25, United Hatters have behind them the aroused sentiof North America, at St. Cassimir's Hall, Orange and Bingaman streets. J. William Reiff, of Paul B. Hendepend upon mass purchasing power del Sons, was named president. Other are growing more desperate daily, officers chosen were: Vice presi-I also know that home owners (in dent, Miss Carrie Moyer, G. W. Alex-Shillington and elsewhere) are fall- ander Company, Inc.; financial secing behind in tax and interest pay- retary, William Kochel, G. W. Alexander Company, Inc.; treasurer, Earl Zwoyer, Paul B. Hendel Sons; corresponding secretary, Sterley Guldin, Paul B. Hendel Sons; trustees, William Yoder, Paul B. Hendel Sons; David Weiler, William Hendel's shop; Robert Glass, G. W. Alexander Com-

workers from the various hat manu-lican Federation of Hosiery Workers and told they were fired. New men facturing plants in the city, with has announced that it will affiliate have been hired and are now said acting President Charles Bender pre- with the Federated Trades Council to be receiving 20 cents per hour. Yellow Cab strike was made this arbitrator is now being selected who sued a statement in the press that siding. The next meeting will take of this city, and with the State Fed. The low wages offered on the week. The taxi drivers are now will take up the question of the dis-student participation in the parade place at Casimir's Hall next Satur- eration of Labor. day at 9 a. m.

Eagle's hall last Tuesday, was a big meeting to be held on Saturday thinks it necessary to include them signed a closed shop agreement with sion of the arbitrator, who has not them into line issued and distributed

Unemployed Write to State And National Authorities to Stress Need of Fuel For Job-

Local Funds Makes State And Federal Action Necessary Now

Opposition to the Bamford plan for furnishing fuel to the needy unemployed of Reading and Berks County has been voiced by the Taxpayers' Protective League and bids fair to become the foremost issue in local relief circles during the coming winter,

Situation Grows Tense As Under the plan proposed by Dr. Manufacturers Persist In Re- M. W Bamford, supervisor of Work fusal to Write Contracts Relief, the unemployed would secure their wood fuel by giving 15 hours work for each half cord of wood they received. Distribution would be made through the fire companies, which would be asked to form committees to handle requests for fuel Violations of Agreements, relief. Truckers who carried the Cause Walkouts at Rendy fuel to the homes of the unemployed And Krouse Plants-Laun- would likewise be paid in wood, which they would then be expected to sell in order to get money to pay / With feeling growing more them for their labor and expenses.

Write To Authorities tense daily in the hosiery in-Leaders of the League declare dustries of Reading and Berks, against this plan as a violation of the as a result of the employers' spirit of the NRA and as an effort to refusal to enter into signed secure service without the necessity agreements with represent of cash expenditure. The League itself has taken official action in opatives of union employees, a position to the Bamford proposal and second strike to force the hosi- has addressed the following letter to ery barons to abide by the President Roosevelt, Governor Pinagreement under which the chot, Eric Biddle, Executive Director strike of last summer was set- of the State Emergency Relief Board and Harry Hopkins, Director of the National Relief Board:

Already the American Federation | Describing its communication as of Hosiery Workers have given "relative to the unemployment reblanket sanction to local union lead- lief situation in general and fuel in ers to mark time and take such action particular," the League's letter, as they may deem necessary at the which is signed by William Herzog, proper moment. In addition, the secretary, continues:

action the American Federation of ton and Harrisburg, requesting State Hosiery Workers may take" to com- and National funds for local relief depression was only temporary we should first exhaust all local re-At the present time the hosiery sources and then, if necessary, we (Continued on Page Five)

# EXTILE FARM WORKERS

the Wyomissing industries were plan- Frees immediately called on Seibert ning to make public display of their L. Whitman and laid their case befidelity to the principles of NRA, fore him. Later it was decided to 16 farm workers, employed at picking send a committee of T.P.L. members potatoes along Van Reed Road went to Harrisburg which was headed by potatoes along Van Reed Road, went to Harrisburg, which was headed by on strike last Saturday because they Harry Frees. were being paid only 15 cents per hour. The farm on which they were working for such beggarly wages is fore the afternoon was over Mr. owned by the same labor exploiters Evans of the State Relief Board who own the mills in Wyomissing.

big hosiery bosses extended to farm workers they have had their minds changed. Not only did the manager of the farm refuse to grant their demand for 25 cents per hour, but on Monday, when the strikers went out The meeting was attended by 191 The Reading Branch of the Amer- to picket the job, they were paid off

> Berkshire-owned farms are not ex-members of the International Teams charge. Delegates to these bodies will be ceptional. Farm workers have never sters Union, with Local No. 429 as In the meantime, the workers have then, however, students who feared afternoon at union headquarters. In labor codes.

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Orders From Harrisburg Reach Thirty-Hour Week and Wage Local Relief Officials When League's Committee Visits State Headquarters

The relief organization again; members marched to the old city hall

together to get it.

Lyceum at 10 o'clock and proceeded rates are already in force; 18 years STRIKE AND ARE FIRED to the old city hall in numbers of as the minimum age for construc-10, which soon filled the hall to the tion workers; and labor represento the old city hall in numbers of as the minimum age for construcsurprise of the relief organization. While the industrial dictators of A committee headed by Harry ister the labor provisions of the teachers, officials and students from

> State Orders Fuel This committee got results. Be

called up Mr. Whitman, instructing just stayed at their machines the en-If the striking potato pickers him to immediately issue vouchers tire workday, took place at the Busy week in Senior High School which (Continued on Page Four)

its workers.

Minimums Set as Goal-National Officers Are Reelected

WASHINGTON (FP) .- Principal week; the setting of minimum wage ber of paraders were few. It again showed what pressure the rates identical with those in force T.P.L. puts on the powers that be, under the Public Works Administra- labor's lack of liberty took so long when they want a thing and stick tion (skilled \$1 to \$1.20 an hour de- to reach completion was due to inpending on the zone; unskilled 40c numerable delays in the line of The members gathered at the to 50c), except where higher union tation on the boards that will admin- in review with its thousands of (Continued on Page Three)

A "strike on the job" from 10 FORD TURNS OFF a. m. to 10 p. m. when the workers charged from this plant.

WITH OLDER OHD NINT of Reading Branch No. 10, confer- which are guaranteed by NRA. WITH LLUDLU DHUP PAD | red with the management along

A dance, held by the Local at elected at the next general council organized in this section and nobody the Reading unit. The firm has gone back to work pending the deci- that efforts would be made to force

### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

INDUSTRIAL DICTATORS DRIVE MARCHERS IN LINE

From every shop and factory with any considerable number in Tuesday's NRA parade come reports of coercive tactics, bribes and outright threats to force the employees to parade. Chief among these are the Wyomissing industries and the Carpenter Steel Co., both known for their hostility to the principle of free organization of the workers they control and exploit.

The Wyomissing industries, with several big bands in line, displayed 2,680 of their victims—most of them unwilling marchers. This turnout, so soon after the owners of that plant had bitterly resisted the efforts of their workers to form a union as provided in the National Industrial Recovery Act, and while they are still refusing to abide by the National Labor Board's ruling that written agreements must be made with union representatives, stamped as a mockery the bosses' brazen pretense of a desire to "play ball" with the Recovery Administration.

In the case of the Carpenter Steel Co., most of the workers marched because they were told "they must march—or else." Along the entire line of parade, the steel company contingent with E. J. Poole at its head, was the subject of sarcasm and ridicule. Poole, who in 1919 locked out workers for daring to participate in a labor demonstration, was generously booed and razzed by the thousands of non-paraders who lined the sidewalks and who showed by silent, pitying faces that they understood and sympathized with the plight of the workers who marched.

Other reports of threats to get workers into line were received from employees of the Parish Manufacturing Co., Ludens, and a number of the other industrial plants. It is also known that pressure went out from parade headquarters, from the office of Fusion Mayor Ermentrout and from the Chamber of Commerce to "convince" some of the smaller merchants whose trade had suffered as a result of falling wages and who did not see that they had anything to celebrate, that they were "making a mistake" by not lining up with the

#### PARADE TOTALS **EXAGGERATED**

While the daily newspapers genforced the T.P.L. to use drastic ac- attention of the 27th annual conven- erously place the number of paraders tion on Saturday morning, when 300 tion of the Building Trades Depart- at 30,000, an actual count of the ment of the American Federation of marchers revealed only 16,591 perto protest against the relief setups. Labor was devoted to the NRA code sons in line, on floats and in auto-Continued refusal to give fuel and on building construction which is mobiles. In every case where coerother necessities to the unemployed still under negotiation. The 30-hour cion was not restorted to the num-

> That the pageant of unorganized march, which were purposely "pulled" in order to stretch out the

> After the school contingent passed the Senior High School and parochial schools, there was a delay of 50 minutes during which time the watchers had ample time to reflect that, once again, their patience was being imposed upon.

### THE PRESSURE

Arrangements for the parade last thought that the "patriotism" of the for coal, wood and kerosene to local Bee hosiery mills of this city on were viewed as pressure tactics, were Monday when a footer was dis- keenly resented by many parents and students who did not wish to partici-Emil Rieve, president of the Amer- pate in a demonstration with indusican Federation of Hosiery Workers, trial and political bosses who were and Luther "Fat" Adams, president active in denying workers the rights

> with the shop committee, and it was from former orders was relieved on Announcement of the end of the agreed to arbitrate the matter. An Sunday when Supt. Thomas Ford is

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## TRADES COUNCIL

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still in effect, Earl White, organizer for the Federated Trades Council, re- changes had been ordered at the ports. White stated this week that plant. reports of unsanitary conditions at Although some of the strikers at

the State Department of Labor and Industry and that John Campbell, acting Director of the Bureau of Inspection, had advised him that

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the Krouse plant had been made to the Wilkinson and Reading laundries have gone back to work, the strike is still officially in effect. Organized labor is asking the co-operation of restaurants, barber shops and the general public to secure a just set tlement of grievances.

> Will Study Amendments A committee to study the amend ments which are to appear upon the ballot at November's election was appointed, consisting of the following members: Edward F. Callaghan, George Mason, George M. Rhodes, Earl White and Andrew P. Bower This group will also make a report on the proposed bond issues which will be placed before the voters by the city and school administrations. October 17 has been set as the date for a special meeting at Hosiery Union headquarters, 10th and Penn streets, at which time a report and recommendations will be received.

Mortgage Moratorium "Unconstitutional"

SAN ANTONIO, Tex,-The Texas mortgage-moratorium, passed this spring, has been declared unconsti-

## CAMPAIGN MEETINGS FOR COMING WEEK

Friday, Oct. 6th-17th and Cotton Sts.: Wm. C Hoverter and Birch Wilson.

Church and Robeson Sts.: Annie Zechman and Charles Sands. Birch and Amity Sts.: George W

Snyder and Jesse George. Blandon at Post Office: Howard Moser and Stewart Tomlinson. and Mark Seltzer.

cert 7:30 to 8 p. m.,

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Saturday, Oct. 7th-

Monday, Oct. 9th-. Hofses and Wm. Hoverter.

esse George and Birch Wilson. Fuesday, Oct. 10th-

Centre Ave. and Exeter St.: Wm. Ioverter and Miles Williams. Raymond and Hoffer Sts.: J. Stump and Birch Wilson. Mulberry and Douglass Sts.: Jesse George and Lilith Wilson.

Wednesday, Oct. 11th-4th and Pine Sts.: Amos Lesher nd Stewart Tomlinson. 13th and Green Sts.: Jesse George nd Annie Zechman.

Thursday, Oct. 12th— Mulberry and Marion Sts.: Miles Williams and Stewart Tomlinson, Friday, Oct. 13th-10th and Spruce Sts.: Jesse

George and Birch Wilson. Lance Place and Douglass St.: . H. Stump and Annie Zechman. Moss and Union Sts.: Wm. Hov-

erter and Raymond S. Hofses. Monday, Oct. 9th— Mertztown: James Wesner and Mark Seltzer. Laureldale at Goheen's Drug

Store: Howard Moser and local borough candidates. Tuesday, Oct. 10th-

Darlington Hoopes and borough can- any waitress to serve them. Krumsville at Hotel: Howard

Moser and Mark Seltzer. Lorah's Carpenter Shop: Charles Sands. Fred Merkel and local township candidates.

Wednesday, Oct. 11th-Furlow's Hotel: Howard Moser and Walter Hollinger. Friedensburg: James Roslin and

Albert Hartman. Leisz's Bridge: Charles Sands and township candidates.

Thursday, Oct. 12th-Shillington at Lancaster and New Holland Aves.: Raymond S. Hofses

and Charles Sands. West Reading at 6th and Franklin Sts.: Miles Williams and Annie Zechman.

Friday, Oct. 13th-

Birdsboro at Millmont corner: Darlington Hoopes and Fred Merkel. Kenhorst at Upland and Commonwealth Blvd.: James Wesner and Charles Sands. Entertainment, starting at 7:30, by members of Socialist Band.

Berkshire Heights at School House: Albert Hartman and Stewart Tomlin-

Boyertown at Reading and Phila. Aves.: Amos Lesher and Max Putney. Hyde Villa at Raymond St.: Walter Hollinger and Jacob Hiestand. West Lawn at Fire House: Lilith Wilson and Cleve Long.

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Delegates at Labor Convention Tell How Blue Eagle Is Abused Under Conspiracy of Silence

WASHINGTON (FP)—The air at the A. F. of L. Convention is full of Topton at the Bank: James Roslin complaints and full of skepticism about the blue eagle. Delegates tell Gibraltar at the Fire Hall: Ray- of numberless violations of the code mond S. Hofses and local candidates. by employers who have signed it. Birdsboro at Millmont corner: Ex- Chiseling and bootlegging of every Mayor Stump and borough candi-kind is going on. "But you can't say anything," they tell newspapermen. West Reading at 3d and Chestnut In the shirt industry for example, Sts.: Lilith Wilson and Albert Hart- jobbers put the blue eagle on shirts made by plants that are violating the Fleetwood at the Bank: Amos code and are not entitled to fly the Lesher, Darlington Hoopes and Gor- blue eagle. But the jobber's office don MacLean. Socialist band con- staff is under a code and so his office blue eagle covers the outlaw Kenhorst at Fern and McArthur shirts. The same in the printing in-Sts.: Walter Hollinger and Fred dustry, it is reported, where the blue eagle is supplanting the union label in some cases.

Hamburg at 4th and State Sts.: The whole blue eagle plan will be Amos Lesher and Wm. Hoverter. | discarded in a few months, accord-Kutztown at Main and White Oak ing to a union label official and com-Sts.: Darlington Hoopes and Howard | pulsion will take the place of voluntary agreements between President Roosevelt and the employers.

While lip service is being paid to Mifflin and Spruce Sts.: Raymond the blue eagle and recovery plans many seasoned labor delegates are Schuylkill Ave. and Douglass St.: waiting for genuine results. They point to the figures cited by President Green from tables compiled by the National Industrial Conference Board—an employer organization which shows that the buying power of the worker has gone up 6.9% in dollars since March but that the cost of living had gone up 7.1% in the same period, thus showing a net loss for the worker.

> Austrian S. P. Boycotts Germany

VIENNA.—The Social Democratic Party of Austria has joined the boy cott against German goods decided on by the International Federation of Trade Unions and the Labor and Socialist International.

Violate "Jim Crow" Law

NEW YORK,—Because the state of New York makes it a misdemeanor to practice Jim-crowism in restaurants, a complaint has been ordered drawn against Loft, Inc., national candy store chain. The complaints, a Negro school teacher and a Negro student at New York University, testified that the manager of Womelsdorf at Seltzer House: a Loft store had refused to allow

### Pay Down In California

SAN FRANCISCO,—Payrolls dereased 12.1% while employment increased 8.5% in the building trades in California in August, 1933, as compared with August, 1932, the state labor commissioner reported. During July of this year, employment increased 9.1% and payrolls

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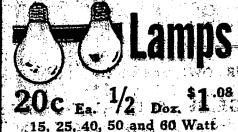
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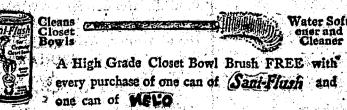
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board, who addressed the depart ment convention.

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CARD PARTY SATURDAY IN LABOR LYCEUM

The Women's Socialist League will open the season at Labor Lyceum on Saturday night with a card party miss the opener on Saturday night. job will be easy for everybody.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

All members of the Women's committee are asked to attend a for a women's rally, will be dis-

CENTRAL BRANCH WOMEN MEET FRIDAY AT LYCEUM All members of the Central Branch women's organization will please bear in mind that meetins will be resumed in Labor Lyceum every tending regularly.

> WOMEN'S CHORUS ATTENTION!

ters, 429 S. 10th street. All mem- two weeks. bers are urged to attend.

THE SOUTHERN BRANCH IS MOVING AGAIN

Starting Friday night with the regular Women's Branch meeting, all

Southerners expect to be fully settled by next week. Everyone is invited to come and see the new place and plan for new activities.

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in Cumru township with an initial membership of approximately 50 Combining campaign business with members. The organization will pleasure, the Gibraltar Socialists will meet every Friday night at in Rickhold a social tonight beginning at 8 enbach's garage, Penwyn. The Soo'clock, in the fire hall, to which all cialists of Local Berks expect big

COUNTY COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the County Committee of Labor Lyceum next. Thursday night which all committeemen should attend. Candidates who are not engaged at street meetings are also invited to be pres-

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTORS GET SET FOR ACTION

All branches are asked to have to which all card players are invited. their flying squadrons in working There will be a fine line of prizes trim for a city and county distribufor the first event and the same tion of campaign leaflet No. 1 on cooks as in former years will be Sunday, October 15. Let's show the there to grease your palate. Don't old time pep, distributors, and the

AUTOMOBILES NEEDED FOR CAMPAIGN WORK

Have you an automobile that you meeting in Labor Lyceum next are willing to use in the Socialist Thursday night, October 12, at 8. campaign? If so, see Organizer Big-Important business, including plans ony or send him your name and address. The Organizer is badly in need of transportation, without which the county campaign will be

> HERE'S A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT SOCIALISM

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> Y. P. S. L. NOTES Circle 2, Discussion on War.

NOTICE TO CIRCLE 'SECRE-TARIES: Don't neglect to send in a Southern activities will take place in complete report of the condition of their new headquarters, 439 S. 10th your circle for the last three months to the county office and national of-Moving is still in process but the fice. It should contain a report of the number of dues stamps sold, members admitted, members dropped, programs held, finances, and remarks on the circle. Send this information in immediately!

The long awaited for has arrived. The housewarming party to open up the new headquarters of the YPSL Listen To "The Meat You Est" Program Over Station WEEU Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 5:40 of Berks county will be held on Oct. 15 at 619 Walnut street (across from the Labor, Lyceum). Donations of cakes are requested. Report donations to any CEC representative or YPSL circle. The trustees would ike to borrow from the branches, for the event, as many chairs as possible. These branches that can donate or lend chairs are asked to send the report to the Labor Lyceum and ask it to be delivered to the Yipsels. All members of the Socialist party and Socialist sympathizers are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and entertainment is ar-

> The Young People's Socialist League has secured a 15-minute broadcast over WRAW every two weeks on Monday nights from 7:15 to 7:30. The next broadcast will be on October 16. The speaker will be announced later. The programs to be broadcasted will be devoted to addresses to be given by members of he league, all YPSL members. So

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cialists in general should help to advertise these programs. The speeches should be of interest to all those interested in the work of the young. This is the desired opportunity to present to the youth of Berks county the work of the league and the principles for which it stands. The YPSL wishes to thank the Berks Broadcasting Co. for granting them this time on the air.

We still wish to remind you that study classes meet at the Labor Lyceum (after the 15th at 619 Walnut street) the Juniors on Monday nights and the Seniors on Friday

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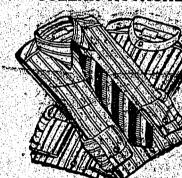
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A. F. L. Head, In Convention Keynote Speech, Declares Labor Standards Must Rise To Save Plan

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By CARL HAESSLER.

WASHINGTON (FP)—The government's ambitious recovery program will fail unless hours are reduced to not more than 30 per week; unless wages are materially increased both for skilled and unskilled and unless wages rise step by step with the cost of living

tions laid down by Pres. Wm. Green in his keynote speech to the 53d annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which assembled in the Hotel Willard Oct. 2.

Green's address, which went on the was the high point of the morning session. It was thunderously applauded, while mention of names like pers and others drew just foutine re- convention is to be in session through President Roosevelt, Samuel Gomsponse. First report of the credentials committee showed 535 delegates, from 92 of the 108 interna- journment. tional unions, 32 state federations, 4 departments, 4 fraternal organizations and the rest from federal and local trade unions. More will present crédentials so that Green's prétion will be amply fulfilled.

Says 11 Million Jobless Stating that 2,800,000 workers declared that 11,000,000 still remain any more are to find jobs before win- necessities. ter, he warned. At the same time he

hosts of labor stood behind the ers have remained quiet and patient because they are disciplined, patriotic and devoted to American institutions. But now they will no longer be denied. They accept the new thing new and better for labor."

Claiming a membership almost if of 4,000,000 though the report of could do. percapita payments show as of Aug. 31, 1933, a drop of 405,465 from the lowest since war was declared in 1917—Green pointed out that the new members of between one and two million in number must be trained as unionists. This, he said, is one of the most important A. F. of L. problems. Another is to revoke the wage slashes of government employes, their payless furloughs and their outright dismissal by the Roosevelt administration.

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bé the complete unionization of workers in every industry, everywhere in the country. If business can organize to control prices and Radio Station WRAW at markets, then labor must be permitted to organize to get decent wages, hours and conditions against employers who would oppress the workers. Other aims of the A. F. of L., he said, would be unemployment insurance—though this bitterly fought achievement of the Cincinnati convention last year was not mentioned in the executive council report. Old age pensions, dismissal allowances, abolition of child labor and of discrimination against workers over 40

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years were also included in his pro- Berkshire Heights on Monday night,

Labor will, not be cheated; he Shows are being arranged for under any inflation that may warned, and labor will fight against Stony Creek, Boyertown, Womelsany plan of inflation that will result dorf; Hamburg, Hyde Park, Temple These were the unqualified condi- in wages being paid in cheap dollars and many other towns in Berks and ons laid down by Pres. Wm. Green while the prices of what labor must adjoining counties. buy climb ever upward. While labor will not oppose sound credit expan-show in the Park Theatre for three sion, it will demand an honest dollar days or a week in the near future. for honest work, he said.

In the brief afternoon session a air to the nation's radio audience, telegram of greetings was read from Commander Louis Johnson of the American Legion, now in session in Chicago, Committees were appointed and rules of order adopted. The Friday of this week and then from the following Monday until final ad-

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(Continued from First Page) diction of a record-breaking conven- dealers. However, even then Mr Whitman and Miss Bolger, the new supervisor, réfused to co-operate fully, because when a person orders had found jobs since March, Green fuel he must wait two weeks before an investigator comes to his home unemployed. The government and which means that three weeks clapse industry will have to act quickly if before the person gets fuel or other

ter, he warned. At the same time he pledged absolute faith and support Mr. Eric Biddle, Executive Director for the Roosevelt program, saying: of State Relief, and arranged for "There can be no turning back. meeting which took place Thursday If NRA wins it will be because the morning at Harrisburg. This committee is planning to bring charges president. We refused to listen to of irregularities and incompetence of any strange philosophy, The work- Berks County's unemployment Board

Harry Alexander, of the T.P.L. committee, said that with an organization of over 42,000 members; the T.P.L. if they stick together can get deal literally—as a new deal, some- the crooked politicians to the wall, Alexander pointed to the case of Russ Symontowne as an example of not actually up to the wartime peak what the organized unemployed

semblage charges preferred by the Package Party Saturday District Attorney. On these charges The minstrel troupe of the T.P.L. year before down to 2,126,796 of the will hold a ten cent package party the City Attorney's office has no on Saturday night at Homan's bungalow, along the "Tully" for the minstrel entertainers, their husbands wives and sweethearts only.

Each person is requested to bring en cents worth of something to eat. Transportation will be furnished and will leave from Labor Lyceum at 7 o'clock promptly.

At a meeting Tuesday hight it was decided to hold regular rehearsals every Tuesday night in the basement Above all, Green emphasized; must of old city hall. To be in the show members must be at rehearsal.

On Tuesday night, Oct. 10, the minstrel will be presented over

Will Play at Birdsboro The show will also be presented in the Birdsboro Y. M. C. A. on Saturday. Oct. 14 at 7:15 o'clock and

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office controlled by the Socialist Party, has refused to prosecute sixteen people arrested by the Milwaukee police at an anti-Hitler demonstration held under Communist leadership. When the cases came into court John Magna of the City At torney's office, acting under orders from the Socialist léader, William Quick first assistant City Attorney moved to dismiss the cases. The motion was over-ruled by the "nonpartisan" judge, George E. Page, who postponed the cases for two weeks. Magna then moved that no bail be set, but the judge indignantly set bail at \$35.00 each. The Cit Attorney's office has announced that when the cases again come up they will once more move for dismissal.

Luther Guest of Bankers The demonstration took place last week Wednesday on the occasion of visit to Milwaukee of the German Ambassádór. Dr. Hans Luther. Luther was entertained in Milwaukee by a group of wealthy bankers and industrialists. The demonstration was held in front of the Malwaukee club where a lunchanything they need and also force eon was being held in Luther's honor. Police broke up the meeting and ar-rested 23 of the demonstrators. In addition the 16 mentioned above, seven are being held on unlawful as-

> jurisdiction. The Milwaukee Leader, Socialist daily, has vigorously protested Luther's visit, and urges that he be in formed that his presence is not desired in Milwaukee

The seeming conflict between the City Attorney's office and the actions of the police is perfectly clear if one remembers that in Milwaukee City Hall has no jurisdiction over the

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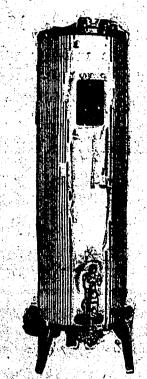
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## WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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a pamphlet among the student body urging refusal to participate. When time unless workers organize their the assembly was called for parade, own forces in industry and in poliappliorimately 400 boys and girls selected to stay out of line, while many who did parade acter either in a spirit of utter indifference or out of loyalty to the school itself.

#### NOT LIKE LABOR'S DEMONSTRATION

Unlike Reading's labor demonstration of July 12, when between 20,000 and 25,000 cheering, singing workers marched in continuous ranks to demand the rights assured them by men have been withdrawn from NIRA, throughout the entire line of Tuesday's march there were few demonstrations of enthusiasm. Even the blare of brass bands could not revive the drooping spirits of the thousands of marchers who were simply obeying distasteful orders as the only alternative to losing their jobs. On the sidewalks the larger erowd was frankly cynical.

Those who entered into the spirit of the occasion with the greatest show of sincerity were the merchants and business men who see the hand-EBANON SOCIALIST NOTES erowd at Fredericksburg, and a nice writing on the wall and are desper- workers who are demanding more of the good things of life are being shot planning to hold meetings every found to provide their customers in Pennsylvania under Democratic The Branch conducted two county night from now on in the county with greater purchasing power. Howmeetings last week, and had a large and city until the election on No- ever, one could not help reflecting that these same merchants, whose welfare depends upon a well-paid being done by the NRA is done with 446 N. Ninth St. A special meeting is called for working class, had small reason to Sunday, October 8th, at 2:30 p. m., participate in any demonstration which ceased to work back in 1929at Comrade Harry Hower's home, N. with the low-wage employers of the game of making workers pro-8th street. At this meeting will be Reading.

decided whether you want a home or To make up for the lack of undersigned, all persons indebted to not. A call is issued to every So- marchers, there were many vehicles the estate are requested to make pay- cialist member. THIS MEETING IS in the line of parade, ranging from THE MOST IMPORTANT YET beautifully-decorated floats to gas HELD BY THE BRANCH, AND WE tank automobiles whose only excuse URGE YOU TO ATTEND. WITH- for being there was that the parade offered an opportunity for them to advertise their product.

In all. 258 automobiles and floats and thus helped to lengthen the line. Some of the hands likewise

#### DEPRESSION'S GHOST WILL HAUNT JOBLESS

A serio-comic relief was given the parade by the presence of a hearse in which was a coffin supposed to con tain the remains of "Old Man De pression." "Born 1929, Died 1933" read a placard. However, the "Old Man" is not likely to long remain underground. Before the year is over Reading's workers will know that the ghost of the corpse is abroad to haunt them, as Low Wages, Mount ing Prices, Idleness and Uncertain Employment again follow the work ers through another bitter winter. The employers have had their day

They worked their will by displaying

their helpless victims to the publi gaze. They demonstrated their fide ity to an economic principle which many of them are constantly flouting. But the employers of Reading and of the nation will yet learn that bands and ballyhoo are not enough to cure the ills which come from bad economic practices. Real revival of prosperity will come only when the workers of the nation are permitted to enjoy the fruits of science and their own industry. Hours of toil must be fewer and wages must be sufficiently high to permit all to have high living standards. But those things can not be done upnless the big exploiters at the top of Capitalism's ladder are deprived of their privilege of reaping unearned for-

tunes from exploited workers. And they will not prove loyal enough to the NRA or any other social principle to willingly sacrifice their loot. The manner in which the workers

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were browbeaten and forced into the employers' parade shows that the masters are more determined to do things WITH workers than FOR them. Tuesday's parade needed only the lifted arm of a Fascist salute to make it complete. That lack is likely to be supplied at some future

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ments at a great rate, and that boroughs, cities, counties and states are rushing into debt while the privately- Battery and Electrical Repairing Telephone 723 Bingaman St owned industries of the nation stand idle. I know that an army of young normal life and taken to labor camps where they work for the slaves' portion of \$5 per month and keep, and face a future without family life. I Open Evenings know that boys and girls are being turned out of our institutions of learning well equipped to be useful citizens, only to be denied the opportunity to work. I know, too, that prices are rising faster than wages and that, as a consequence, the New York Times business index has been showing a drop in business activity for the past ten weeks. I know that workers who are demanding more of Roosevelt's administration, just as they were under Democratic Cleveland's. And I know that all that is the purpose of reviving the game duce surpluses and then selling or investing those surpluses for the profit of a few owners.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN with out the NRA? Why, without the NRA the old Capitalist system would collapse entirely. It is because of the collapse of the system of forcing workers to produce surpluses that the NRA was brought into being, not economic system fail to function.

Success for the NRA—as the big exploiters who finance and control both old parties measure successwill mean that some way has been found to permit workers to produce for the profit of owners once more, that some system has been worked out whereby the parasites and exploiters can use the labor of millions of workers whom they have been forced to cast aside.

True, the NRA has established the principle of minimum wages and maximum working hours. Trus, this principle—if carried far enough could secure for workers ALL that can supply only a tiny fraction of their labor creates. But it is equally the unemployed with fuel. true that throughout all history the owners have adopted new principles families were given 2 loads of wood only to the extent that such pring and a half ton of coal per month, ciples were needed to permit them it was found that the cost of supto continue their game of exploiting plying wood was prohibitive, even

THE VERY POSSIBILITIES "Even if we did have the funds which are found within the NRA is to pay 5 cent wages, we would still what makes it so necessary for the be opposing the Federal Relief proworkers themselves to put those gram to supply coal and by keeping job in the hands of the big business from going back to work, and conseand financial groups and their poli-quently prolonging the time when tical servants and it will be done in we would return to work, we would hours. a way which will keep workers in the also be opposing the NRA. workers should unite their political do not freeze?" power within the Socialist party.

## BAMFORD

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ed and have been for months, and will be vigorously contested by the the question is, are you going to as- League. sist us to keep warm this winter?

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on increases in commodity production. It had found that re-employ- ing all of the old back doors and though it was produced on a 5 cents ment was "not what it should have been." In face of labor's demand that the work week be not over 35 hours, if recovery were to be won, "literally scores of modified re-em- from which financial powers may principles into practice. Leave the thousands of unemployed miners ployment agreements have establicated income through financing and lished work weeks of 40 hours and more; some have been as long as 50

service of exploiters. National Re- "Therefore, we, the unemployed these astoundingly long work weeks, we enter the coming winter with the covery, to really benefit the workers, organization of Berks County, are how long we can be expected to re-seven or eight million unemployed must be worked out by the workers asking if you are going to keep your frain from going to the country on now indicated, the labor movement themselves. That is why it is more promise to take care of us and how the issue thus laid down? Not long, cannot guarantee that stability necimportant now than ever before that soon, so that we and our children let me assure you. Our convention essary to orderly industrial recovery. will be a platform from which we There must be recovery for the shall tell the American people the masses, not merely for those who exact situation, and there will be no went broke in Wall Street." ing fire, it has been learned by the fear nor favor in our utterances.

"From the million new members the local Relief Board from Harris- of our Federation there will come, burg under which orders for fuel to be expressed through our delehave already been given to needy gates, a vast first-hand experience with the re-employment field, and clusion that an attempt to substitute from those veterans of organized la-"Local resources are now exhaust the Bamford plan for direct relief bor . . . there will come a calm and

cold judgment on the present progress of events. . . We see this new law not only as an instrument of today. We see in it a vast program of industrial reconstruction, out of which there must come a permanent new deal for the workers -- a permanent stoppage of that brutal exploitation which gave us the great depression and its 13,000,000 unemployed.

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been sorely tried. Today Washington is filled with the agents and lobbyists of great manufacturing enterprises and their Wall Street financiers. They are trying again to re-

store the Old Deal. They are trysome new back doors and they find much help in these places. They have got too much there already. "Our point of view is that America is no longer a great reservoir

exploiting devices. Our report will emphasize this position and will demand . . . that we have done with "Let me ask industry, as it seeks compromises with privileges. . . If

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#### TAXING WAGES TO PAY RELIEF

It appears that the days of voluntary contributions to community chests are fast coming to an end. Instead of the "free will" method—or at least supplementing it—will be the taxa- This will be financed by a vast sale of bonds to the public. You hope tion plan of compelling those with money to spend to pay that the competition of this cooperative, or partially cooperative scheme, systematically for the support of those whom the masters of aided by very heavy taxes upon capitalist industries, will bring about the industry have cast from payrolls.

Another case of how the thing is going to work was made fairly plain this week by an associated press story out of Wash ington. Butter was the commodity under consideration. Surely a worthy project.

But how is this butter to be paid for? The story declares that "a 1-cent-a-pound tax on butter fat would raise more than enough money to care for the oversupply."

It may be considered hardhearted on the part of those who can afford to eat butter if they object to paying an extra cent a forma in this type of experimentation if you still held aloft the banner of pound in order that others may also eat. But there is nothing by any of the dubious gains of your program, even in the doubtful event cruel about discussing and understanding the project.

is to be attacked and brought down in order that the consuming power of the unemployed may be brought up. In this way D is a symbol for the party which bitterly discriminates not only against all will eat. And what is more important, surpluses will be Negroes but white workers in the South; for the party of Tammany Hall consumed in a way which will permit the surplus-takers to the dictionary for you to explain to the great masses of common felks not otherwise exist.

eats and the owners clear their shelves and warehouses. The man of their hopes. No matter if your book has a great circulation, it can first effects of getting rid of surpluses by taxing articles of never catch up with the news that has already flown round the earth that common use may be a spurt in industrial activity. But with the the decadence of capitalism and the hopeless inadequacy of capitalist parties unemployed kept at bare subsistence levels, and the employed was most manifest. forced to pay a tax which is certain to reduce their consuming

to produce in large amounts, the only certain way of reviving bringing some of your new Democratic adherents with you? Will you once prosperity is to make it possible for everybody to have high more don sackcloth and ashes as you did after you had left us in the living standards. Charity, regardless of how it is financed, World War? If so, we shall again welcome you back. But remember, will not meet that requirement.

needy may be fed, we prefer the plan voiced by Pres. William Green at the A. F. of L. convention, that of reducing hours low achieve that glorious goal. Sincerely yours, enough to make workers of all unemployed persons and raising wages so that all who work may be able to buy what all

Green's idea sounds good to us. However, we don't believe it can be made a reality until the workers take the law making power of the nation into their own hands and make laws which will enable us to produce and distribute wealth for the common good instead of for the profit of surplus-takers.

### ROOSEVELT TELLS THE VETS

Admiration is due President Roosevelt for the moral courage which enabled him to tell "a mouthful" to the American Legion this week.

Roosevelt let it be known that in his opinion ex-soldiers are only citizens, deserving of no more or no less consideration than any other citizen. He has no intention of granting them special privileges because of the military service.

Roosevelt's bold and forthright statement was applauded in many sources. However, it is just as well to call attention to the fact that somebody must make other and more farreaching declarations before privilege will cease to be a part reason. Nevertheless it is beyond of our national life.

While the administration is against privilege where vet- number of these jobs were created erans are concerned, it must be remembered that most vets are merely workers who, like those who remained in civilian life are not needed now, either as soldiers or as workers.

But privilege still exists. A small but powerful few still possess the privilege of owning the means whereby the rest of great. Perhaps all told the N. R. A us live. These powerful few have the privilege of telling millions of families that they must stay cold until coal can be mined and distributed at a profit. They have the privilege of minded person will deny; but it telling people that they must live in shacks until it profits the shrinks to small proportions andeed the contrary, it has to its credit in among its least important effects. few to permit woodsmen, quarrymen, factory workers and when compared to the magnitude of direct and intangible achievements builders to clear slums and construct decent homes for the the job that still remains to be done. many. They have the privilege of controlling the nation's signed, and there are still between acted by our government. finances and restricting credit.

No, the days of privilege are not over. They will not be at Moreover, business shows signs of a frank recognition that individual- has been a one-third increase since should be on the agenda of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and an another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$5 a day to \$1 and another than the state of the ex- pay from \$4 to \$1 and another than th an end until the workers themselves unite to abolish privilege slipping, and it is already certain ism in economic affairs is the cause June in the number of families respected special session of the Pennhour. and establish economic justice. To secure economic justice it will be necessary to make all the sources of wealth the property of America—which means the property of all the people. By now it should be clear to all out of our present mess. This in-been announced by Harry E. Hop- ning to call the session in a few That is the goal toward which Socialists are striving; it is also that the Administration's great error volves a psychological change of the kins, federal emergency relief ad weeks. More power to assemble par- he went back to steady work, after what the politicians of both old political parties are desperately concerned the hours and wages fixed greatest magnitude, and sets us ministrator. Families aided in July cels of city land is needed to help supporting his wife and four chilstriving to avoid.

Roosevelt's stand against privilege for the veterans is tirely too long, the obvious need of theoretical justification for the capi- 147,273 families who received \$8.14 aid of the federal emergency public killed by the heavy scoop of a crane typical of most things he has done. It is good in itself, but not the country being a thirty-hour talist system, and greatly simplifies for the month of June.

sufficiently far-reaching. Directed as it is against one section of the working class, it may well be applauded by the big profiteers who inevitably must be taxed to pay the price of keeping their system operating.

Workers must realize and forever bear in mind that everything that has been done or will be done to restore prosperity has as its purpose the salvation of Capitalism, the system which is founded upon class privilege. That purpose will continue to dominate the activities of statesmen until the workers themselves unite to build a new world upon the principles of economic justice and co-operative welfare.

AN OPEN LETTER

DEAR UPTON SINCLAIR:

Our conversation and my reading of the galley proofs of your forthoming book convince me that you are still a Socialist at heart and in ntention and that you believe that somehow or other you are furthering Socialism by the extraordinary course you have taken in leaving the Party. enrolling as a Democrat, and seeking the gubernatorial nomination on the Democratic ticket in California. Doubtless your so-called epic plan for ending poverty in California is Socialist in inspiraton and makes use of some Socalist immediate demands.

I am skeptical of the plan. It is far too late in this day of an interdependent world and of the national economics promoted by the New Deal for any state, even California, to end poverty in blissful disregard of other states. Your plan requires you to set up within the framework of capitalism a separate economic system for the unemployed who under state authorities will be settled on farms or put into factories. California will have separate scrip for the unemployed to use in exchanging these goods. triumph of your new order.

Probably I shall want to review your book in more detail when it is released. Now I can only say that if you can get the power to make this new system work for the unemployed, you can get the power to take over the general economic system which is a far less wasteful plan and more million pounds of butter, so the story said, was to be trans-likely to succeed. No successful economic revolution is going to be won ferred from existing surpluses to the homes of the needy, on the basis of the re-employment of the unemployed, important as this is. It is to be won by capturing the commanding heights of modern industry and then connecting your program of unemployment with your general program. I foresee endless practical difficulties—psychological and economic-in the working out of your scheme which you have not even touched in your prophetic book.

But I should be willing and perhaps even happy to see you lead Cali-Socialism. For you to haul that down is a loss to us not to be compensated of your being in a position to attempt it. Words are symbols. You alone, The idea is that the purchasing power of the employed or you with the help of a certain number of California voters, cannot make the word Democratic a symbol for Socialism. That word with its capital in New York, and Hague in New Jersey. There are not words enough in

profitably get rid of commodities for which a market would who have looked to your books for leadership the different sense in which you are a Democrat. Still less will you be able to explain your defection The system may look swell to many people. Everybody to the multitudes in Europe who have hailed you as prophet and spokes-

What you are now trying has on some scale been tried over and over power, the tendency will be to cheapen the lives of everybody. Impatient Socialists have said we will capture the old parties. Have they With an industrial system which is equipped and geared ever succeeded? Do you really think you will be nominated for Governor? If you are not nominated will you return to the Socialist Party, perhaps each defection will weaken your influence. It will still further confuse As against the new plan of taxing buyers in order that the and bewilder the masses of those who; however, much they may need a plan to end poverty, need even more an ideal, a philosophy to inspire them to build a Cooperative Commonwealth, and an adequate organization to

NORMAN THOMAS.

### THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

THE N. R. A.

Figures released by the American Federation of Labor indicate that be tween July 15 and August 15 about 815,000 workers were reemployed. I is probably a mistake to assume that credit for all of this belongs to the N. R. A., for some measure of business recovery has been in progress since early May, and doubtless some workers were given jobs for that doubt true that the overwhelming by the recovery legislation.

It is not yet known how many o the jobless have been absorbed since August 15, but it is all too apparent that the number cannot be very will be responsible for giving employment to a million and a half That this is an achievement no fair-11 and 12 millions unemployed.

N. R. A, will have failed in its major purpose of restoring prosperity.

That failure, however, was to have been expected for the big business the working masses that can alone exceptions, almost valueless. In a and stupidity are the refusal of the most doubled union membership, and the profit system.

that place it among the most sig-Virtually all the codes have been nificant pieces of legislation ever en-

Minimum wages of \$12 and the like were insufficient to create the mass purchasing power that alone can start the wheels of industry turning. Unless hours are promptly reduced and the minimum wages doubled or almost doubled the

cal of their shortsighted selfishness a fighting aggressiveness that has al Andrew Mellon's Aluminum Com- A powerful, aggressive labor move lapse of the capitalist system. . No vital service.

The first of these achievements is AUSTIN, Tex. - Although there PITTSBURGH. - Slum clearance nition of the union and increase of problem greater than at any previ-controlled in the interests of the en-in the average amounts of relief of the Pittsburgh Housing Associaous time during the long depression. tire country if we are ever to get given to families during July has tion wrote Gov. Pinchot, who is plan-

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the task of replacing that system with a cooperative one. Equally important is the demon

stration to a world more and more skeptical of democracy that this form of government possesses a capacity for prompt and effective action equal to that of any dictatorship. This achievement is of profound significance, for it comes at a time when Fascism, however unsayory, possesses a tremendous popular appeal because it alone seems to promise action.

Moreover, the N. R. A. has breathed new life into the American labor movement at a time when it had sunk very low indeed. Last men of this country are not suf- spring the unions were everywhere ficiently intelligent to make the im- losing membership, and in a mood of mediate and generous concessions to despair that made them, with few preserve the capitalist system. Typi- short time this has been replaced by United States Steel Corporation sub- carried the struggle for organizasidiaries to recognize the United tions into industries that had been Mine Workers, and the request of non-union strongholds for decades. pany for permission to reduce mini- ment is more important that any mum wages from \$12 to \$10. Ac- scale of hours or wages fixed by law tions such as these merely hasten and and the legislation that provides the intensify the inevitable complete col- stimulus to organization renders a

amount of credit made available to Finally it should be remembered banks and business institutions nor that the N. R. A. is only the beginany tinkering with the monetary sys-ning. Capitalism is on the defentem can do more than postpone for sive, and the machinery set up under a short time the utter breakdown of the Recovery Act can be used by This does not mean that the cession from the master class. The Johnson, consists of reports of blue union, however, he added. N. R. A. is without significance. On immediate practical results are eagle violations, according to fed-

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**READ'S FIRST FLOOR** 

WASHINGTON. — A majority of protests against violations of the the waiters in the Hotel Willard, blue eagle code by employers have convention headquarters of the been sent by union members to the American Federation of Labor, have been unionized. Pres. Edward Flore Half of the mail received by Ed- of the Cooks' and Waiters' Union ward J. McGrady, labor assistant to told Federated Press. Bartenders, labor to win concession after con-Recovery Administrator Hugh S. cooks and chambermaids are not

Granite Cutters Strike

PITTSBURGH. - Skilled granite cutters at the Campbell Horigan Granite Co. have struck for recog-

Gets Job, Killed

PITTSBURGH.—Two weeks after in the codes. Working weeks of squarely on the road towards social-totaled 179,685 with an average of slum reconstruction, Ihlder said. He dren on one or two days' work a forty and forty-four hours were endization. It destroys utterly the \$6.93 a family as compared with urged projects which could claim the week for months, Rade Mamula was in a Jones & Laughlin mill.