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Fusionists Plan To Raise City Assessments

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

I HAVE BEEN asked by a number of people to write or say something favorable to certain of the proposed amendments to the State Constitution which will appear upon the ballot in November.

Of all the amendments which will be there for my approval or disapproval, I find myself most enthusiastic about numbers 1 and 8.

Amendment number one provides for the appropriation of money to put blind persons on pension. Amendment number eight would sanction a bond issue of \$25,000,000 for unemployment relief. Most of Pennsylvania's organized workers have given endorsement to these two amendments, along with numbers 3, 5, 10 and 12. But numbers 1 and 8 appeal to me most for a reason which is not being stressed by many of their advocates.

THAT SOCIETY SHOULD give adequate help to unfortunate humans is an axiom of modern civilization. The blind are unfortunate. Therefore society should see to it that the blind are properly provided for. The unemployed likewise, though not unfortunate in the same way, are nevertheless the victims of an insane economic order. They, too, should be provided with the necessities of life with no niggardly hand.

But that's the human side of the question, and I like to justify my opinions by economics. It is that desire which makes me favor amendments 1 and 8.

Both amendments will have a tendency to do what must be done as long as we endure an economic order which permits a few people to gather all the wealth of the world into their own hands: As long as we permit that to happen, the sensible thing for the dispossessed to insist upon is that ways shall be found to bring about a redistribution of wealth.

Pensions to the blind will be financed by taxes which must be taken out of the surpluses which Capitalism permits to pile up in the hands of a few owners. Appropriations for the unemployed will be financed by the sale of bonds. The owning class will furnish the money and accept the State's promise to pay with interest. But the immediate effect of both proposals will be to take surpluses from the hands of the few and distribute them among the many.

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CITY HALL FIGURES, EXPOSED BY SOCIALISTS, SHOW INCREASES ON 80% OF READING WORKERS' HOMES

Scheme to Win Votes by One-Mill Tax Reduction Fails As Home Owners Learn of Inflated Valuation Plans. Return to 10-Mill Tax Also Probable—Socialist Predictions Borne Out by Discovery of Assessment Increases in Falling Real Estate Market

That Reading home owners who permitted themselves to be cheered by the Fusion reduction of one mill in the city tax rate have a jolt coming to them was revealed this week by Socialist Councilman Jesse George and William C. Hoverter. To make up for the lower mill rate, the Fusionists are now setting the stage for a general increase in assessments which, in many cases, will result in higher tax bills than before the reduction was made.

Since George and Hoverter told their findings to the public, Mayor Heber Ermentrout denies that the Fusionists ordered an increase in assessments. The recent death of Assessor E. J. Morris may be accepted as an opportunity to "pass the buck" to a dead man.

In addition to the increased assessment, there is a strong probability that the old 10-mill tax rate will be revived. If, as now seems likely in the face of a badly-depleted city treasury, the old millage is restored, the increase will be that much greater.

It will be recalled that the Socialist members of council objected to the slashing of one mill from the 10-mill rate. They pointed out that the income of the city was being reduced because of the failure of many people to pay even low tax bills. Also, they publicly predicted that within a year the city would find it necessary to again increase the tax levy as a direct result of the lowering of taxes for one year.

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SOCIALIST LADIES SPONSOR PUBLIC MASS MEETING

An event of especial interest to women voters of Reading will be a public meeting in Odd Fellows' hall, 8th and Franklin streets, next Friday night, Nov. 3. The meeting will be open to the general public, men as well as women, although all speakers will be women and the program will be in charge of the Women's Committee of Local Berks.

Addresses will be given by Annie Zechman, candidate for director of the poor; School Director Hazelette Hoopes, Assemblywoman Lilith Wilson, Bertha Tyson Weidner, Nellie Kestner, Birdsboro, candidate for school director and Clara Mosteller, secretary for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union. Mrs. Emma Sands will act as chairman.

In addition to the speaking program, the Socialist Women's Chorus of Local Berks will render a number of vocal selections. The speaking program will begin at 8 o'clock.

HOOPES AND WILSON AT CHICAGO N. E. C. MEETING

Darlington Hoopes and Lilith Wilson, Reading's two members of the National Executive Committee, are on their way to Chicago to attend a meeting of that body. Both will make several public addresses while away from Reading.

Mrs. Wilson also announces the following list of meetings for which she has been scheduled prior to the election: Nov. 3, Women's Rally in Odd Fellows' Hall; Nov. 4, Women's Division in New York City; Nov. 6, Address on Constitutional Amendments at Reading Y. W. C. A. Next Monday, Oct. 30, Mrs. Wilson will address a meeting in Gary, Ind., en route from the Chicago meeting.

A DIRECT APPEAL TO YOU

This is an appeal to all who recognize the importance of a Socialist victory in Reading this year.

The Socialist campaign has been carried on as usual under unusual circumstances. Party workers have written and distributed literature. Meetings have been planned and advertised. An intensive radio campaign is planned for the remaining days of the campaign.

The campaign has called for extreme efforts on the part of many workers. It has also resulted in the accumulation of debts. Willing hands were found to do the work. But the necessary cash must still be secured to pay the bills.

We are asking YOU who are reading this message to consider this a personal matter. We need YOUR help. Moreover, we need it RIGHT NOW! If you are able to give a contribution to the SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN FUND, please send it in without delay.

This is no ordinary appeal. The need for cash is urgent. We simply MUST carry on the fight until the last vote is counted. We DARE NOT let down now. And the fact that thousands of earnest Socialists will be unable to give anything makes it all the more important that YOU make an extra sacrifice this year if YOU are able to give.

A dollar now—TODAY—will be worth two dollars after the campaign. The campaign workers must plan their work and pay their bills while the battle is on. They are depending upon YOU. Send what you can afford to RAYMOND S. HOFSES, Treasurer, 27 Reed Street, Reading, Pa.

CAPITAL WORRIED 25,000 MINERS BY WAR CLOUDS OUT IN PENNA.

Threat of Conflict in Europe And Asia Becomes Acute as Capitalist Economy Continues Worldwide Collapse

By LAURENCE TODD.

WASHINGTON (FP).—President Roosevelt, telephoning back and forth to Norman Davis, his special envoy at Geneva, turns a persistently smiling face to the world. But back of his smile is anxiety. He and his advisers see storm clouds billowing over Europe and the Far East. From Tokyo have come hints of war with the Soviet Union as a prelude to confiscation of the Chinese Eastern Railroad and possible annexation of the puppet state of Manchukuo into the Japanese Empire. From Geneva come reports that the steady disintegration of the world disarmament conference into a political debate between Britain, France, Germany and Italy has brought only further peril of war. American investments in Europe and in the Orient make the American government an anxious observer of the drift toward another wholesale slaughter.

Army and navy experts are not paying much heed to the discussions in Geneva, these days. Their eyes are upon Japan. Thousands of officers of the armed forces, located at the capital, are studying late reports on Japanese naval development and maneuvers, and are discussing among themselves the possibilities of Japanese strategy in case the war party in Tokyo should make the suicidal leap into a struggle not only with the Soviet Union but with the United States. Stories come back from Hawaii of Japanese plots to take those islands by a bold naval attack, assisted by the Japanese majority of the inhabitants. Army officers speculate on how many weeks the American garrison near Manila could hold out in the event of war. The estimates are modest. The military argue hotly for bigger appropriations in order that a better fight may be put up if and when Japan shall attack.

Students Co-operate

DELAWARE, O.—A group of 24 male students at Ohio Wesleyan University have organized a cooperative boarding house in order to reduce their expenses and permit them to continue going to college.

T. P. L. ASKS STATE TO HALT BAMFORD SELF HELP PLAN

Unemployed League Protests Proposed Food Cuts and Urges Adequate Relief Without Local Pressure

PLAN PENALIZES THIRTY

Those Who Worked and Provided Winter Provisions Will Be Given Reduced Vouchers, Protest Declares

Continuing their fight against the plan of Dr. M. W. Bamford, advocate of "self-dependence" for the jobless, to prevent the importation of coal into Berks County, members of the Taxpayers' Protective League, after investigating the Laureldale fuel yard, find that the unemployed of that locality are being discriminated against in the matter of shoes. Those who work on the fuel yard are issued shoes regardless of need, while those who refuse are denied shoes. Yet, the T. P. L. points out, the committee on self-dependence says there is no compulsion, workers are merely "encouraged" to participate.

All relief administration expenses are paid by the state, and all shoes are furnished by the state. What right any local supervisor has to divert and misapply state shoes is a question which the T. P. L. will take up with the State Board at Harrisburg at its next meeting.

Letters were also sent to all members of the State Relief Board, protesting against the new food schedule which they propose to put into effect in the near future. This new schedule not only discriminates against

LOCAL DYERS' UNION HAVE VICTORY DANCE TONIGHT

Following the strike settlement two weeks ago, with an increase in wages varying from 10 to 25%, after a two-day walkout of the members of Local No. 1827, Dyers and Mercerizers' Union, employed at the Reading Dyeing Company, the union appointed a committee to arrange a Victory Masquerade Dance and Celebration tonight at Riverside Firemen's Beneficial Association, 1700 Pear street.

The affair will be open to the public, particularly union members. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

William F. Kelley, Vice-President United Textile Workers of America, plans on visiting Reading in the near future and for that occasion a mass meeting of all textile locals in the Reading-Berks area is being planned. Local No. 1827, Dyers and Mercerizers, is affiliated with the U. T. W. of A. The time and place for the mass meeting will be announced later, inviting all union and non-union textile workers to attend.

SOCIALISTS RENT CAPITOL FOR FINAL MASS MEETING

Following a custom of many years, the Socialists of Reading will hold a monster indoor mass meeting on the night of November 5, the last Sunday before the election.

The Capitol Theatre, Penn street between Third and Fourth, has been engaged for the event. Addresses will be delivered by local candidates and other prominent Socialists, who will deliver their final messages to the voters.

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

"FUSION" OR "COALITION," IT'S STILL A RACKET

Have you noticed the change of name? The political office boys of Thun, Janssen, Bertolot and the rest of the labor exploiters, now call their combination "Coalition." Perhaps they think that name will make a better job of "Saving Reading From Ridicule." Then, again, perhaps they are ashamed of the word, "Fusion," and hope they will be able to fool a few people with a new title.

But "Fusion" or "Coalition," it's still the same old racket. The idea is to keep the power of governing the city and schools in the hands of the same Capitalist gangsters who have run cities, counties, states and nations into a hole.

Names don't count; it's principles that are important. The old political parties stand for the system which permits all the wealth of the world to accumulate into a few hands while millions who produce are always poor. The Socialists stand for production for human welfare. People who vote for names are likely to be fooled by "Coalition." But more and more, the voters of Reading are determined to make their votes really mean something. They will vote for Socialism.

INCREASING ASSESSMENTS ON READING'S HOMES

When the Socialist members of City Council told the public about the increased valuations on city real estate, which they found in the assessor's office, Mayor Ermentrout let out a shout.

"We didn't authorize it," pleaded the honorable "Butch."

To which the people who know politics will answer, "Oh yeah!" Of course the Fusionists will not authorize increases in the assessment—not, at least, before every possible vote can be gathered for the Fusion cause.

BUT—Who in thunder is running city hall anyway? If the Fusionists aren't in control, who is?

It's too thin, Heber. If you find it necessary to recover the money you lost by taking a mill off the tax rate, why not say so?

WHO WAS RICHARDSON THINKING ABOUT?

Congressman Richardson, speaking at the Armory Wednesday night, told a gathering in the audience that "economic control by government is here right now, and it was achieved without a violation of personal liberty and individual rights."

One cannot escape the conclusion that the congressman must be thinking exclusively of a few rich owners when he says that personal liberty has not been violated. Certainly, he did not have in mind the millions of workers who no longer have the liberty to support their families.

Perhaps, Mr. Richardson didn't read about the codes which limit the individual rights of merchants. Perhaps he doesn't know that General Hugh S. Johnson has warned the American Federation of Labor that strikes will not be permitted in the future. Perhaps he doesn't know

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We'll Be Looking For You at the
Hallowe'en Party
SATURDAY NIGHT
October 28th
Socialist Park Dance Hall
SINKING SPRING

Fun Calore For Everybody
Old and New Style Dancing
Funny Costumes

The following prizes will be awarded: Largest Group, \$8; Best Dressed Group, \$6; Best Dressed Couple, \$2; Best Comic Couple, \$2; Best Dressed Person, \$1; Best Comic Person, \$1.
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Tuesday, Oct. 31—9 A. M.

MILES N. WILLIAMS

Thursday, Nov. 2—9 A. M.

LILITH WILSON

Thursday, Nov. 2—12:15 P. M.

JESSE GEORGE

Friday, Nov. 3—10:15 A. M.

BIRCH WILSON

Saturday, Nov. 4—12:15 P. M.

GEORGE M. RHODES

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Monday, Oct. 30—6:15 P. M.

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Tuesday, Oct. 31—6:15 P. M.

JESSE GEORGE

Wednesday, Nov. 1—6:15 P. M.

BIRCH WILSON

Thursday, Nov. 2—6:15 P. M.

J. HENRY STUMP

Friday, Nov. 3—6:15 P. M.

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"Biggest Book," Peace Plea, Starts Tour

NEW YORK—"The biggest book in the world," standing 40 feet high and designed to carry the names of 1,000,000 signers to a petition for peace, was dedicated and started on its long tour in New York Oct. 16.

War is a Super-Racket, the book

is titled. It carries a brief anti-war inscription, a page of thanks to firms which made it possible, and room for the million signatures. The first to sign was Mrs. Theresa Mayer Dur-

Military Court Sentences Strike Leader To Jail

GALLUP, N. M.—Robert Roberts, Gallup coal strike leader and National Miners Union official, has been sentenced to six months in the state penitentiary by a court martial. Eight others are on trial for obstructing "martial law."

George Kaplin, one of the eight, had to be removed from the military stockade where he was imprisoned to a hospital, suffering from malnutrition, the International Defense charges.

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THRONGS MOURN AT BIER OF HILLQUIT, SOCIALIST LEADER

NEW YORK—More than 150,000 workers paid tribute to Morris Hillquit, national chairman of the Socialist Party, at funeral services held in New York City, Wednesday, Oct. 11th. Perhaps a hundred thousand lined the streets of the East Side through which the funeral cortege passed. The hearse was flanked by ten young Socialists carrying large red banners and was followed by thousands of Socialists, trade unionists and other workers, forming a mile-long procession. Members of the national executive committee marched close behind the hearse.

Death came to the Socialist leader a few minutes after mid-night, Saturday, October 7th. He had been seriously ill for almost a year. By his side were his family and a few comrades who had fought by his side for decades. As word of the death spread, cablegrams and telegrams poured in from all over the world expressing sorrow at the passing of the man whose name had loomed so large in the history of contemporary Socialism.

The workers in the street, in whose behalf Hillquit had constantly raised his eloquent voice and given of his great intellectual talents, paid their respects on Tuesday, when the body lay in state in the Debs Auditorium of the Rand School of Social Science, and again on Wednesday when the funeral services were held in Cooper Union. In the historic hall where Wendell Phillips, Abraham Lincoln and other emancipators had once been heard, the comrades of Morris Hillquit spoke their simple yet moving words of praise and farewell.

Party Leaders Speak

Mayor Daniel W. Hoan of Milwaukee spoke first, linking Hillquit with the other two founders of the Socialist Party, Eugene V. Debs and Victor L. Berger. Other speakers added an inevitable fourth name, Meyer London. Brief testimonials followed from Jacob Panken, former Socialist judge; David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Charles Solomon, Socialist candidate for mayor of New York; Julius Uman-sky, for the Young People's Socialist League; from Harry Laidler, Executive Director of the League for Industrial Democracy; from Joseph Weinberg, of the Workers Circle; Meyer Brown, of the Poale Zion; Abraham Cahan, editor of the Forward; Frank Crosswath, Mrs. Victor L. Berger, Louis Waldman, Abraham Miller, August Claessens, who read a resolution adopted by the convention of the American Federation of Labor, Morris Feinstein, and, finally, Algernon Lee. Norman Thomas, on tour in the middle west, sent a written tribute. Others who attended were Clarence Senior, national executive secretary of the Socialist Party and Leo Krzycki, Darlington Hoopes, Jasper Levy and Albert Sprague Coolidge, members of the national executive committee.

After the Cooper Union services, which were carried to thousands outside through amplifiers, the masses in the streets had their opportunity. The cortege passed through the densely populated streets of the East Side which Hillquit had striven all his life to rebuild into a city of decent homes. Crowds that lined the streets, from which thousands fell in behind the coffin, paid silent, sincere tributes to their great champion.

From the Williamsburgh bridge on the hearse sped to a Brooklyn crematorium, where the family, including Mrs. Hillquit and her two children, Nina and Lawrence, and a few party officials paid last respects. The body was then given to the flames, the mortal remains destroyed, but the inspiration of a life lived in Socialism remaining to inspire Socialist workers for all time.

Messages of Sympathy

Messages of condolence poured into Socialist headquarters and to the home of Mrs. Hillquit all week. They were forerunners of groups of friends and Socialist co-workers who arrived in the city by the hundreds Wednesday morning to attend the funeral. In the meantime, Socialists all over the country planned local memorial meetings.

The messages came from Socialist



MORRIS HILLQUIT

leaders high in the councils of governmental affairs and from rank and file Socialist workers. A message from the Labor and Socialist International, on whose executive Hillquit sat for many years, said: "The Labor and Socialist International joins with the Socialist Party of America in mourning Morris Hillquit. His clear brain, penetrating judgement and gift of inspiring oratory always held the attention of the International Socialist Congresses and made him in Europe the best known figure in the American Labor Movement. Please lay a wreath on Hillquit's grave, red ribbons with the inscription, 'To the Faithful and Courageous Pioneer of International Socialism from the Labor and Socialist International.'" The cable was signed by Friedrich Adler, Secretary of the International.

Karl Kautsky, famous Marxian scholar, cabled from Vienna: "Deeply moved by the severe loss of Hillquit, friend, leader and thinker." Representative Santiago Iglesias, leader of Puerto Rican labor wired: "Both Labor and Socialist Party of Puerto Rico express condolences for the loss of a great leader of labor's cause, Morris Hillquit."

Dr. A. M. Neistadt of Baltimore and Paul Porter, for the Philadelphia Socialists, wired their regrets and announced the holding of memorial meetings in their respective cities. Other messages were received from the American Federation of the Russian Socialist Revolutionary Party, the Young People's Socialist League of Washington Heights, Herman Reich, Montreal; Robert A. Hoffman, head of the Buffalo Socialist organization; Phil H. Gallery of Pittsburgh, Kansas; James Battistoni, Italian-American Socialist leader; Mr. and Mrs. Max S. Hayes of Cleveland, Ohio. Joint Board of Cloakmakers Union wired: "We are shocked beyond description but the sudden passing of your beloved husband Morris Hillquit the Great Champion and foremost leader of the American Labor Movement as well as the International Socialist Movement the world over. The many glorious industrial battles which he won for the cloakmakers will ever be remembered by us. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in your bereavement. We join you in mourning our irreparable loss."

Tributes From Abroad

Arthur Henderson, leader of the British Labor Party, cabled: "By the death of Hillquit, American Socialism loses a world famous leader, Europe a sympathetic interpreter of the Socialist International spirit in the United States." Many here lose a loyal personal friend. Leon Blum, leader of the French Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies, and Paul Faure, secretary of the French Socialist Party, sent this cable: "We sorrow for the International, for the French Socialist Party and for ourselves who lose a warm personal friend."

Among the many other messages were those from Dr. Jaroslav Novak, Czechoslovakian Consul General in New York City, who sent regrets on behalf of Dr. Frant. Soukup, and the Czech Socialist Party; Fenner Brockway for the British I. L. P.; Rafael Abrahamowitch and Theodore Dan, for the Russian Social Democratic Party; S. Mendelson for the Polish "Bund"; M. Blumenrich for

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When the body of the Socialist leader lay all day and night Tuesday in the Debs Auditorium, more than 20,000 men and women viewed it. Hillquit's worn form lay within a semi-circle of wreaths, sent by the many friends and co-workers from all parts of the world. Young men and women Socialists stood guard all during the day and night.

The body was brought to the Rand School at 8 a. m. Tuesday, when a large group had already gathered. From that hour to late night a constant stream of working people passed through the auditorium. At the entrance stood two young Socialists holding large red Socialist banners, one of them the banner of the Young Socialists of Charlottenburg, Germany, sent to the Young Socialists of New York for safe keeping until the Hitler regime is overthrown. Inside the big Pogany murals were covered by red and black drapes, symbolizing Socialism in mourning. Scores of large and small wreaths were banked on the stage and around the body which, placed on a pedestal, was covered by scarlet velvet.

The wreaths that surrounded the body, except for a narrow lane through which the mourners passed, included flowers sent by the Labor and Socialist International, by the Mexican Federation of Labor, by the Polish Socialist Party, by the Polish "Bund", by ten locals of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the International itself, by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and many of its locals, by scores of Socialist Party Branches, the Rand School, the People's House, the Jewish Daily Forward, The New Leader, Camp Tamiment, Governor Herbert H. Lehman, and Dr. Soukup, President of the Czechoslovakian Senate.

Strikers On Relief Made Work Don't Fear Jail

MADISON, Wis.—Over 2500 unemployed who have been striking on relief projects of made work for over nine weeks have the economic low-down on the county jail. It will cost the county 55 cents a day to feed them if the sheriff picks them up, they were told by Secretary W. L. Forrest of the Unemployed Workers League of Dane County.

They are striking for better pay on relief work where the rate now is 37 1/2 cents an hour of which only one fifth is paid in cash. Each family head is given enough work per week to make up the regulation relief allowance for his wife and children. Until last spring, when the league used pressure, no relief or relief work had been given to single men by the county board.

You can judge the degree of a man's success by the degree of his desire that his son get into something else.

CASSEL'S

HOME OWNED—HOME OPERATED

FRESH DRESSED Fowl 25c lb
CHICKENS Roasters 28c lb

Beef Roast 10c lb
Breast of Veal 12 1/2c lb
Pork Roast 12c lb
Pork Chops 15c lb
Veal Roast 17c lb
Legs of Lamb 18c lb
Shld. of Lamb 12c lb
Boiling Beef 8c lb
Spare Ribs 10c lb
Fr. Ground Beef 10c lb

MEDIUM HEAVY HAMS 14c lb
LEAN SMOKED SHOULDERS 8 1/2c lb
8 TO 10-LB AVERAGE

CORN KING BACON 14c lb
WHOLE OR HALF STRIPS

RACON HAMS, 18c lb HORMELL HAMS, 18c lb
WHOLE OR HALF

Neck Bones 5c
Pigs' Feet 5c
Pig Tails 5c
Frankforts 15c
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BISCUIT—Makes anyone
an expert Biscuit Maker,
pkg. at 35c
SOFT-AS-SILK CAKE FLOUR
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Recipes Enclosed, pkg. 29c
Del Monte Whole Golden
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CORN 2 Cans 25c

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Early Breakfast Rio-
COFFEE 16c Lb.
3 Lbs. 45c
SANTAS COFFEE—Sure to
Please, lb. 20c
Cassel's Pork and Beans,
with tomato sauce,
at 4 cans 19c

BUTTER FANCY, FRESH
CREAMERY
ROLL or TUB—
25c lb. 2 lbs. 49c

Fancy Mt. Hope Mild Tasty
CHEESE 23c Lb.
Mohawk Best Limburger
Cheese, 1 lb. 29c

EGG BISCUITS—Old-Fash-
ioned Kind, 1/2 lb. 19c

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No Disagreeable Odor
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AMERICA'S PREMIER DESSERT
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Flavors at

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Complexion Soap, the skin
tonic soap, with each pur-
chase of 2 Bars
GRANDPA'S
Wonder Pine
TAR SOAP
10c

One 10c Package Pop's Corn
Starch and One (19c) Jug
Vanilla Flavoring,
Both for 21c

Fancy Medium Sweetsboro
SWEET POTATOES,
at 1/2 bus. basket 35c
1/2 pk. 13c

SUPER-SUDS 2 pks. 15c
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**A. F. L. DEMANDS PARDON
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WASHINGTON (FP)—Immediate pardons for Tom Mooney and Warren Billings, California's famous class-war prisoners, were demanded by the American Federation of Labor in the night session, October 13, which ended its 53rd annual gathering. A resolution introduced under the unanimous consent rule by Paul Scharrenberg, for many years secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, was sidetracked by the resolutions committee in favor of a declaration to the convention reaffirming the numerous past declarations of the Federation that Mooney and Billings be immediately pardoned. Scharrenberg had pointed to Mooney's recent acquittal in a technical retrial.

There was no discussion of the committee's report, which was adopted without dissent. But the beneficial effect of the long fight made by Mooney and his friends to keep this judicial crime before the eyes of the workers was shown in the next action taken.

THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER

Minority Resolution Presented at the Conference of the Labor and Socialist International, Paris, 1933, by Delegate Alter (Poland), and Supported by a Majority of the American Delegation

Recent events in Germany constitute a serious defeat for the international working class.

In one of the most highly industrialized countries in the world, where the working class possessed powerful organizations, during an economic crisis which demonstrates in conclusive manner the failure of the capitalist system, the most savage of all the capitalist dictatorships, the Hitler dictatorship, has just gained its victory.

A brutal and bloody fight against the labor movement, the enslavement of the working masses, an unleashed nationalism coupled with a ferocious antisemitism have been the characteristics of the first phase of the new German regime.

Hitler as the servant of German capitalism has succeeded, by means of a semi-radicalism in the sphere of social policy as well as by means of chauvenist demagoguery, in attracting to his movement millions of people belonging to the ruined middle classes and numerous unemployed who have been driven to despair by the persistence of their misery. These are the elements which see in Hitlerism a promise of economic and national emancipation and supported by the armed forces of the government who have turned Fascist, have secured the victory of Fascism in Germany.

This victory has on the other hand been helped by the grave errors committed by the German working class party.

The labor forces were on the one hand paralyzed by a tragic division which was to a great extent the result of the policy of the Communists who considered as the principal enemy of the working class, not the steadily more menacing forces of Fascism, but Social-Democracy.

On the other hand the reformist policies of the Social-Democratic Party, hoping by means of class collaboration to improve in an enduring manner the conditions of the working class and to prepare its accession to power, have not only not led to the goal but have been revealed as a source of weakness for the proletariat in its fight against Fascism.

The German events condemn at one and the same time the failure of the Communist policy of division and the reformist policy of Socialism.

The experience of the last year has demonstrated that the prolonged economic crises, the frenzied attempts of the bourgeoisie to maintain its privileges in spite of all and to maintain by all means its position from the menace of Socialism, place before the labor and peasant parties the necessity of fighting to realize Socialism as the immediate objective of their struggle.

The only choice before these classes is that between complete destruction under Fascism and the immediate struggle for Socialism.

The Conference declares that it is not the task of the Socialist parties to attempt to straighten out the capitalist world or even to collaborate in such attempts. It declares on the contrary that by whatever means they are going to achieve power they must not secure the exercise of power within the structure of the capitalist regime but must utilize power in order to destroy the bourgeois state and install the dictatorship of the revolutionary party during the period of Socialist construction.

During the period of struggle for the conquest of power as well as later during the exercise of power, the Socialist parties must remain faithful to the principle of proletarian democracy which is the only guarantee for the development of the dictatorship by the revolutionary classes into a dictatorship of the workers and peasants. Dictatorship must be exercised under the permanent control of organizations free to negotiate, to choose their representatives and to determine themselves their line of action.

The Conference appeals to the international working class for the most efficient material and moral

support of the Socialist movement of Germany which is fighting courageously against Hitlerism under the most difficult and most horrible conditions. The Conference makes it a duty of all Socialist parties to organize an economic political and moral boycott of Hitler Germany.

But the Conference is conscious of the fact that the struggle against Fascism in the countries under Fascist domination as well as in the other countries cannot become efficacious without a clearly and precisely defined line of policy.

The dissolution of the present regime makes the existence of capitalism within the framework of bourgeois democracy more and more impossible. Capitalism itself is turning Fascist. That is why the fight against Fascism can only be led by forces which are resolutely anti-Fascist and by a decided adherence to Socialist reconstruction of society.

It is evident that the working class will defend energetically its democratic achievements against all reactionary attempts but the struggle against Fascism cannot have as its goal the maintenance or re-establishment of bourgeois democracy which is based on economic inequality but that of constructing a real Socialist democracy.

In view of the fact that Fascism is the proof of the lack of hesitation of the bourgeoisie to depart from its own legality when it considers it useful in order to defend its privileges, it is necessary that the working class begins to prepare at once for a struggle by all the means which may secure victory.

In most countries this implies an adaptation of Socialist organizations to the new conditions of the struggle. Will continuing their normal activities, the Socialist parties will prepare without fail for the necessities of direct action.

The Conference calls the attention of the working class to the need for conducting towards Socialism the middle classes who have been impoverished by the crisis and whose revolt has in several countries been expressed in the rise of Fascism.

This goal can only be reached by the elaboration of a program and by the development of activities capable of rallying the middle classes who are plunged in growing misery due to the present regime, by extending to them a guarantee of the provision of work through the Socialist solution of the crisis.

The fight against Fascism is intimately bound up with the fight against the crisis. The Vienna Congress of the L. S. I. aptly characterized the crisis as a crisis of the regime itself which cannot be conquered except by a series of measures constituting the first step towards the transformation of the present regime into a Socialist regime.

The experience of the last two years have only confirmed this point of view. They have on the one hand demonstrated the incapacity of the capitalist governments in face of the crisis in their respective countries, and on the other hand the failure of all the economic conferences called together to find a solution of the crisis on a general international basis.

The Conference declares that it would be vain to awaken the hopes of the working masses by making them believe that new efforts on the part of capitalist governments could provide them with a remedy for their misery.

The Conference expresses its conviction that a Socialist government which attacks the very sources of the capitalist system is capable of succeeding by utilizing all productive sources in eliminating unemployment and preparing in this way the basis of an international Socialist economic system.

This problem can only be realized by a government representing the interests of the workers, the peasants and all those impoverished people who are suffering from the crisis. That is why the struggle for the conquest of power cannot be separated from the struggle against the crisis and why the seizure of power by the revolutionary classes is the necessary condition for a solution of the crisis and the problem of unemployment.

The Conference registers its impotence and the default of all international organizations founded by capitalist governments such as the League of Nations, the Disarmament Conference, the Economic Conference, etc.

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Canadians See NRA As
Last Call For Dinner

TORONTO.—The Roosevelt program is liberal capitalism's last hope, says The Canadian Forum, leading Dominion organ of opinion. "Socialists on the other hand," it remarks, "say about President Roosevelt that he will find in the long run that social control is impossible with-

out social ownership, and that the mechanism of control which he is setting up is liable to develop under a president less liberal than himself into a perfect framework of fascism. But Rooseveltian liberalism is for Liberals in general the last call for dinner in the dining car."

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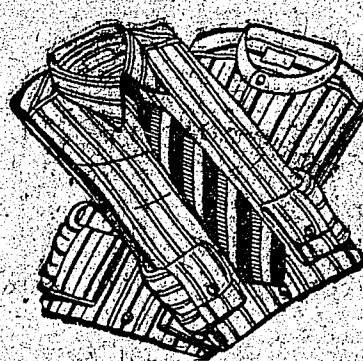
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THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE

It is disheartening to learn that Germany has withdrawn from the Disarmament Conference and the League of Nations. Any hope that Hitlerized Germany might cooperate in keeping the peace of the world seems utterly shattered by this hasty and ill-advised action. The rearming of Germany is certain to follow, and the other nations of Europe through fear of Hitler will do the same. A belief in might and war psychology such as the Nazis are creating in Germany will be fostered in neighboring countries, and it requires but a spark, as in 1914, to touch off another disastrous conflagration.

Perhaps under the circumstances it is fortunate that the crude repression tactics of the Hitlerites and their cruel persecution of the Jews have so antagonized the rest of the world that Germany is now isolated in world affairs. Should fighting start under such conditions Germany would be promptly overwhelmed. But Hitler, stupid and arrogant as he is, can be expected to realize this, and to wait, as Japan did with her conquest of Manchuria, until many of the leading nations of the world are preoccupied with troubles elsewhere.

Hitler has made no secret of his belief that Germany has too little land to suit her needs, and that the way of expansion is eastward. That he means to wipe out the stupid Polish Corridor at the earliest possible moment is well known; and the Polish war that would result would at once cause hostilities with France as well. Nor has Hitler concealed the fact that he would like to add some Russian territory to Germany. It is this that has driven Russia and Poland, formerly enemies, into each other's arms.

With Hitler firmly in power and all opposition crushed within Germany, Europe is headed straight for another war. This is the logical result of the infamous treaty of Versailles, which created within Germany the feeling of wounded pride, inferiority and despair that made possible Hitler's rise to power. Had the victorious Allies treated Germany generously, attempted no collection of huge reparations nor forced upon her the war-guilt doctrine, the people of Germany would in all probability have turned a deaf ear to Hitlerism. A feeling of national frustration, combined with wretched economic conditions, would win converts to any madman who shouts his doctrines loudly enough. Tariffs, walls, reparations, Versailles, and the economic collapse were the fundamental causes of the rise of Hitlerism.

Now that Germany has followed Japan out of the League of Nations, that body can function only as a sounding board for the smaller nations of the world. With the United States, Russia, Japan and Germany outside its membership, it has ceased to be of any practical importance. As a real League of Nations, based upon equality of status of all nations and fair treatment to all, it might have achieved the success for which idealists had hoped; but as a body dominated by cynical group of victorious states seeking the permanent subjugation of the defeated powers, it quickly showed itself devoid of any hope for the future. An international organization based on principles of equity is scarcely to be expected until justice instead of exploitation reigns in the individual states of the world.

BRITISH DEBTS

It is only proper to forgive Britain all but a small portion of her four and three-quarter billion indebtedness to us. Quite apart from the ethics of the case, it is a physical impossibility under present conditions to pay the debt, and in wiping out most of it we are merely recognizing the results of our own economic policies.

Payments between countries can only be made, in the last analysis, in goods. The amount of gold in the world is small, and most of that is now in the possession of the United States and France. Most of the American securities owned in Eng-

land were returned to this country during the war. Services to tourists and such items account for only very small sums. The bulk of the payment, if made at all, must be made with goods.

But that is precisely what we do not want. Under pressure from our manufacturers, we have built our tariff wall so high that only a bare trickle of imports can find their way over it. And these, of course, are composed largely of raw materials that cannot be produced in this country. We are therefore in the curiously contradictory position of demanding payment and at the same time making that payment impossible. So long as we act as though goods made abroad tend to impoverish us we effectively prevent any payment to us from other countries.

Under the Recovery Administration it seems likely that economic nationalism will be pushed to a greater extent than ever before. If tariff walls are tampered with at all, they are almost certain to be raised and not lowered. If that is the case, we may as well cancel the greater part of the debts now, and at least improve the relations between the United States and our debtor nations.

THE FARM STRIKE

The farmers' strike called by the National Farmers' Holiday Association has called attention in a vivid and dramatic fashion to the plight in which our agricultural population finds itself. Farm prices, high during and immediately after war, dropped rapidly and have been at disastrously low levels ever since. In the meantime, prices of manufactured commodities have remained much higher, while the farm laborers under huge debts contracted in the days of inflation following the war. That debt he must now pay back in dollars of much higher purchasing power.

The disastrous drought early in the season destroyed much of the grain crop, and brought the farmer same relief by more than doubling the price of what remained. But the price of grain is fixed in an international market, and reports of good crops in other portions of the world have wiped out most of the advance. It is curious that the highest prices were registered before the Administration's efforts to aid the farmer had begun, and that since that time, despite processing taxes that are very costly to the consumer, the price of farm products has progressively fallen.

It has not made the farmers more friendly to the Administration as they have watched efforts to raise farm prices result in falling prices, while efforts to raise prices of manufactures succeeded all too quickly. The only effect of the NRA, from

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the farmer's point of view, has been to increase the price of everything he has to buy, while the price of what he must sell has at the same time fallen.

Industrial labor should lend to the farmers all the support it can in the struggle to raise farm prices above the cost of production. At the same time it is to be hoped that the joint struggles of the farmers will make them think of themselves less as business men and more as workers suffering from the same economic system that oppresses all other workers; that they will realize that a chaotic, individualistic system of production, on farms as in factories, gives rise to misery and oppression; and that they will join hands with industrial labor in forming a mass political party of those who work to establish a socialized regime in the interests of all.

RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA

The President's invitation to Russia to send an envoy here for conferences looking to formal recognition is one of the most sensible moves he has yet made. It was sheer idiocy to refuse to have normal diplomatic relations with one of the largest and most powerful nations in the world, and as a result we lost heavily in both prestige and trade. Russia is an enormous potential market for our products, and her purchases here will be most welcome at a time when industry is almost at a standstill and ten or eleven millions are still unemployed.

It is most discouraging that the American Federation of Labor should have joined the jingoistic American Legion in opposing Russian recognition. There have been recent signs in its views, but it is still unfortunately true that President Roosevelt is farther advanced in his thinking than is the organized labor movement of the country. Regardless of the just criticism that can be made of the lack of liberty and other features of the Russian regime, the fact that the welfare of the workers is always the first consideration of the

government should endeavor it to the toilers of all lands.

It goes without saying that Russia will benefit enormously from this long-delayed recognition. The stupid threats of Hitler have made Germany the common menace of Europe and France and England have too many worries in the center of the continent to worry about the Soviet. As for Poland, Roumania, and the other smaller countries in central and eastern Europe, the Hitler terror has pushed them into the arms of Russia, for none could afford to have powerful enemies on either side. It is likewise true that Japan, Russia's sole enemy at the moment, will tread more cautiously, for our recognition will be interpreted in Tokyo as a step towards a united front against Japan.

If the danger of war with Japan now passes, Russia will be free for a time from all external danger, and will be able to resume without fear of interruption the task of building the economic life of that vast and potentially rich of land. The contribution of the Soviet lies not in military victory, but in a demonstration of the peace and plenty in which a socialized regime can result.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY AT LAURELDALE THURSDAY

Another gay evening is offered to
the readers of the Advocate. This
time the Laureldale Socialists will be
the hosts in a Halloween party next
Thursday, Nov. 2, at the branch head-
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Everybody is asked to be masked
and in costume. Put on your old
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The Women's Chorus will meet
Monday, Oct. 30th, for a rehearsal
at Labor Lyceum at 8 p. m. on either
the first or third floor, wherever the
plane happens to be.

Everybody is asked to be out, as
this will be the last rehearsal before
our engagement to sing at Odd Fel-
lows' Hall, November 3rd.

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The gymnastic classes will start
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boys. Both divisions have the gym-
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School and will start promptly at
7:30 o'clock. All friends of gym-
nastics are welcome.

The soccer players will meet for
practice at Baer Park Saturday
morning at 10 o'clock. Friends of
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All members of the Socialist Band
are asked to watch the schedule of
meetings and be on the job at all

gatherings where music is scheduled.
The list of meetings is published
elsewhere in this issue and all meet-
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further details.

CAMPAIN MEETINGS FOR COMING WEEK

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*Sixth and Buttonwood: Jesse
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Tuesday, Oct. 31st

Raymond and Hoffer: Jesse George
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Wednesday, Nov. 1st

Wunder and Chestnut: George
Rhodes and Charles Sands.

Madison and Elm: William Hov-
erter and James Wesner.
Mulberry and Washington: Miles
Williams and Jesse George.

Cedar and Greenwich: J. Henry
Stump and William Hoffer.
Pear and Elm: Birch Wilson and
J. Henry Stump.

Hampden Blvd. and Windsor:
Jesse George and Max Putney.

Thursday, Nov. 2d

Mulberry and Green: Charles
Sands and Birch Wilson.

Locust and Spring: Jesse George
and Darlington Hoopes.

*Cedar and Elm: George Rhodes
and Raymond Hofes.

Schuylkill Ave. and Oley: William
Hofferter and J. Henry Stump.

Friday, Nov. 3d

*Carroll and Summit: Jesse
George and Miles Williams.

Fourth and Pine: Birch Wilson
and George M. Rhodes.

Poplar and Dick: J. Henry Stump
and Raymond Hofes.

Moss and Green: William Hov-
erter and James Wesner.

Locust and Union: Charles Sands
and Jesse George.

*Tenth and Cotton: Darlington
Hoopes and William Hofferter.

Sunday, Nov. 5th

CAPITOL THEATRE: Candidates.

Monday, Nov. 6th

*17th and Cotton: William Hov-
erter and Birch Wilson.

*6th and Laurel: Raymond Hofes
and Jesse George.

COUNTY

Monday, Oct. 30th

Lorane, at Church: Max Putney
and Stewart Tomlinson.

Wernersville, at Penn-Werner Hot-
tel: Howard Moser and Walter Hol-
linger.

Hyde Park, at Frymoyer's Hotel:
Amos Leshner.

Tuesday, Oct. 31st

Vinmont, at Hotel: James Wes-
ner and William Schweten.

Wednesday, Nov. 1st

*Kenhorst, at New Holland Road
and Baker: George W. Snyder and
Howard Moser.

Alleghenyville, at Store: Walter
Hollinger and Fred Merkel.

Baumstown, at Pynes' Gas Sta-
tion: Amos Leshner.

Farview: Candidates.

Birdsboro, at Orioles' Hall: Stew-
art Tomlinson and Albert Hartman.

Thursday, Nov. 2d

West Reading, at Chestnut and
Yarnell: George W. Snyder and
Howard Moser.

Senpos' Store on the Pottsville
Plikes: Amos Leshner.

Montello Club House on the New
Holland Road: James Wesner and
William Schweten.

Womelsdorf, at Town Hall: Miles
Williams and Stewart Tomlinson.

Friday, Nov. 3d

Hyde Park, at Alsace Churches:
Howard Moser.

Berkshire, at School House:

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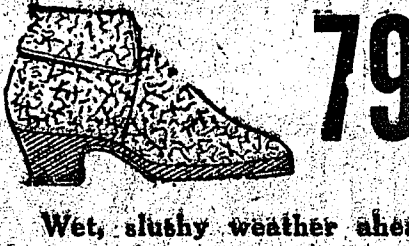
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linson.

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West Wyomissing, at Civic Hall:
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Saturday, Nov. 4th

Baumstown, at Church: Miles Wil-
liams and Howard Moser.

Leinbach's Hotel on the Bernville
Road: James Wesner.

Monday, Nov. 6th

West Reading, at 5th and Yarnell:
Darlington Hoopes and Walter Hol-
linger.

Laureldale, at Yerger's Store:
James Wesner and Candidates.

Hyde Park, at Good Will Fire
House: J. Henry Stump and Can-
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000,000 of taxable securities during
his lifetime. Since his death three
years ago his estate has been tax-
dodging in the same way. But the
Farmer-Labor administration of Min-
nesota got after the estate and now
back taxes have been levied that will
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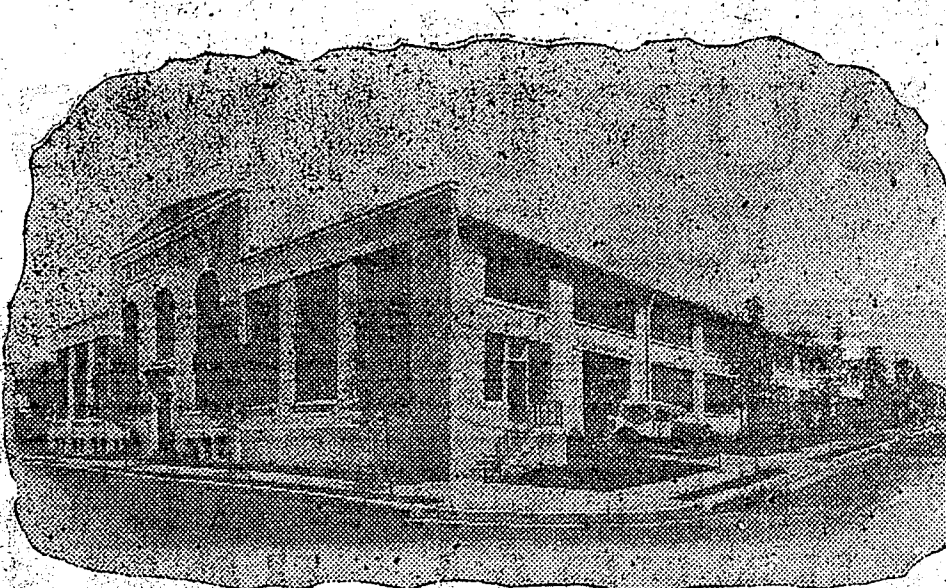
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T. P. L. ACTIVITIES

By ELERY OCKSRIDER, Jr.

Three thousand cards will be distributed to the members of the T. P. L. within the next two weeks. This is being done to bring the members to the General Assembly meetings on Monday afternoon at Labor Lyceum and Friday afternoon at the new City Hall. A punch system will be used and any person missing three consecutive meetings will receive no help from the organization unless he is reinstated and waits 30 days as the By-Laws state. We must realize that in numbers is strength. So get to your meetings.

A letter was sent to Washington and a committee also went to Harrisburg this week in regards to statements made by President Roosevelt, that all evictions and furniture sales can be stopped through the Home Loan Corporation at Washington.

The committee reported back from Governor Pinchot's office in Harrisburg that moratorium has been issued from Washington to the effect that there can be no more sheriff sales until further notice.

The T. P. L. is holding a Card Party at the Northeast Branch for the benefit of the unemployed on Saturday night, Nov. 4. Twenty-five cents admission. There will be many nice prizes and refreshments will be served.

The Italian Branch will hold a dance on November 29 in the Knights of Friendship Hall, Eighth and Washington streets. There will be five door prizes.

The T. P. L. Minstrels will broadcast every Tuesday night at 7:15 o'clock over radio station WRAW. Send in your own joke to the station and hear it over the air.

The show will be presented this coming week on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Hyde Park Fire Hall and on Friday, Nov. 3, the Kenhorst Branch is having the minstrels in Maier's Bakery Hall.

Rehearsal will be on Saturday afternoon at old City Hall and Tuesday night after the radio broadcast.

CITY HALL FIGURES

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This week the Socialist councilmen learned that their predictions were being fulfilled and promptly proceeded to tell the facts to the public at a series of street meetings.

"At least 80 per cent of the homes of Reading will have their property assessments increased from 3 to 15 per cent, if the figures now in the triennial assessment go through," George and Hoover report.

Home owners are now wondering what justification there may be for placing a higher value upon their homes for taxation purposes. They point to the fact that the sales values of real estate have been at a low mark for a number of years, and declare that there is no reason for expecting a real-estate boom with thousands of workers unemployed and other thousands paid less than

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enough to enable them to invest in homes of their own.

"I have a home free of debt and am unable to borrow a dollar on it at the bank," said one worker this week. "I paid \$2,850 for the house a few years ago when property values were high. It was assessed last year at \$1,800 and I'd not be able to get that much if I were to sell it now. How do they figure that the property has increased in value?"

That is the plight of many who were literally forced into buying homes during the own-your-own-home campaign of a few years ago.

To many workers, however, the assessment and tax rates will mean nothing because Capitalism's collapse has made it impossible for them to pay even low tax bills. "I might as well owe much as little," was the remark of one man when the assessment increase was revealed. "I haven't paid tax for three years and if they'd cut my taxes in half I couldn't pay. Right now I'm behind in interest payments on the mortgage and I guess the mortgage holder will soon put a plaster on the door."

Fusion Plans Flop

Nevertheless, there are some people in Reading who care about taxes. It was to that class that the backers of Fusion hoped to make their appeal in the present campaign. The tax reduction was most beneficial to the building and loan companies with large blocks of property. However, home owners who are attempting to pay their bills are always grateful when the costs are cut. With a one-mill tax reduction to point to, the Fusionists of Reading had hoped to win the support of that class. It is certain however, that the news of the assessment increase will spoil the game.

It now appears that a well laid plan has gone wrong. Instead of cheering for a tax reduction, the home owners will be grieving and protesting about assessment in-

creases. Instead of lower taxes, the people are facing the prospect of a return of the 10-mill rate on inflated valuations.

Of course the Fusionists will consider the broadcasting of this news as premature. The people were not supposed to know what was in the wind until after this year's election. That it became known is due to the presence of two Socialists in city hall. People who understand that are likely to conclude that it will be wise to keep Socialists there to safeguard the interests of the common run of citizens.

Are Your Apples Union Picked? Local Asks

HAMILTON, Mont. — Apples, picked and packed by union men and women, bearing the union label, are now available to union apple eaters all over the country. Fruit growers in Ravalli county have recognized the Ravalli County Labor Union and are paying the A. F. of L. scale, according to Business Agent Samuel S. Irving of the union at Hamilton.

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T. P. L.

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families with children but will give single people a drastic cut from \$2 to \$1.50. The amount of all vouchers will be still further reduced by deductions for any small income, and for any food resources the family accumulated through the summer by picking berries, having a garden, preserving the product, etc.

The League, in its letter to the Board, claims that:

"After those deductions are made a large number of unemployed will probably be a whole lot worse off

than they now are.

"It is well known," the League's letter continues, "that the Federal Government intends to distribute a large quantity of surplus food and staples to the unemployed, and it is the opinion of some that this impending new food schedule is an attempt to thwart the Federal Government's intent to aid the unemployed to the benefit of the state treasury. Ordinarily, these staples would be distributed in addition to, and would supplement, the food voucher, the same as was done with flour. But through the application of Table 3 the cost of these surpluses could be deducted from the basic food grant which would decrease the food voucher and rob the unemployed of the additional help the Federal Government wants us to have. In other words, it would be an indirect way of diverting national funds from the unemployed into the state treasury, which would be benefited to the same degree that the unemployed are robbed, and the way prices are going up an act of this kind certainly does not become this state or its officials.

Will Penalize Industrious
"Furthermore, what we are interested in (and the state should be more so) is not the motive, so much as the practical consequences which will follow the imposition of this new plan.

"It will destroy individual initiative, because that element of the unemployed, the active, energetic, ambitious, self-respecting element, who have worked hard all summer, picking berries, raising garden produce, preserving same, etc., are now, under Table 3, to be penalized and reduced to the same level as the lazy. You can be sure they won't repeat the

error. Self-help, the state's most stalwart son and supporter, will receive a mortal blow. Industry will be penalized and laziness, rewarded.

"This self-respecting element will be forced to crookedness and dishonesty, and family morals will become corrupted. Very few with food surpluses will permit them to stay in their own cellar. They will move them to other floors or to neighbor's houses. Their children will be a witness to, and a party of this deception, which will involve the whole community. The unemployed HOME will certainly not have an atmosphere conducive to the learning of the Christian virtues. No doubt there are a few who will value honesty above injustice, and they will bare their neck. The honest will be punished, the refractory will escape.

Higher Administration Costs

"The state is now complaining about the cost of Relief Administration. The necessity for the local relief units to execute this new schedule to the letter will require an army of investigators, watchers, etc. Either that or local units will give many of these requirements mere lip service. Therefore, in addition to the practical difficulties which will be encountered, this plan will increase the cost of administration per case.

"The National Government, in passing the NRA, took into consideration everything, hours, wages, prices, piece work, age of employee and what not, but one thing they ignored, the human element, consequently the land is teeming with strikes.

"The State Government, in this proposed new food schedule also are taking everything into consideration, difference between adults and children, weekly income, meat, vegetables, eggs butter, down to the last calorie and vitamin, but the human element is ignored."

Bamford Plan Irregular

In support of their contention that the Bamford "self-dependence" plan of furnishing wood fuel to the jobless is irregular, the Taxpayers' Protective League, quotes a letter from the State Emergency Relief Board, in which Executive Director Eric H. Biddle, tells the League that: "Energetic efforts are being made at this time by the State Emergency Relief Board to provide fuel this winter for the needy unemployed."

"Why," League officials insist, "should Bamford force his plan upon us when better fuel and partial relief for unemployed miners will be obtained by the state's plan to furnish coal fuel?"

REFLECTIONS

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WAGE-SMASHING

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crux of his remarks and the instructions which he has issued to his rewrite department are that wages are to be reduced by some 20 per cent below the terms proposed by the employers which were confessedly offered for bargaining purposes, and are out of line with the terms which should prevail in the building industry, in view of the labor provisions in the codes of the manufacturing industries.

Would Increase Hours
"Furthermore, it was pointed out that this decrease in wages was to be coupled with long hours of employment so that the worker might overcome his small hourly rate by a long workweek. In other words, the very causes of the depression—low wages and long hours—are to be used as a means of curing the depression!

"As a panacea, this scheme is totally out of harmony with the provisions, spirit and intent of the NRA. We are rather surprised that an official of the Administration should openly support such a policy and propagandize such action. It appears to be a negation of the very underlying purpose of the entire Recovery movement.

"The proposal for lowering wages and increasing hours beyond those proposed by the employers has been

dismissed by a number of groups of employers. Nevertheless, the continued advocacy of such a policy is likely to undermine the entire Recovery Administration, for it will encourage employers to propose terms of employment below that which they are even now considering. We wish to protest not only against the specific suggestions in the case of the building industry, but against the advocacy of this policy by officials of the Administration when representing the NRA. We, as well as many economists, statisticians and builders, believe that the policy is unsound.

Protest Sweating Labor
"We sincerely believe that costs of building construction can be reduced by methods other than the sweating of labor. . . . An unorganized construction and real estate industry would only lead to unwarranted expansion, costly construction, unsound developments of housing, backward structures, and great social waste. It was the overbuilding of speculation during the '20s which helped to precipitate the present depression."

The building trades spokesmen declared further that a definite effort is now being made by the advocates of wage-cutting, to "railroad through" a code for the construction industry without a specific code for the building branch, yet dividing home building from other building. This scheme, they said, ignores the code offered by the Building Trades Employers' Association, which the unions now demand shall be considered as the basis for any code-making in the industry. They denied that the Construction League of America, which has assumed to speak for the contractors, does in fact speak for the building construction industry.

Threatens Strike Of 20,000 Radio Workers

NEW YORK—A strike of New York's 20,000 radio workers was threatened by the Radio Factory Workers Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, after bosses refused to deal with the union.

William Beedie, general organizer of the union, declared that 12,000 of the 20,000 workers were already enrolled in the union and that the rest would respond to a strike call. The union is demanding higher wages than the present 32 cents an hour minimum for a 36-hour week fixed by the electrical code.

SOCIALISM OFFERS THE ONLY REAL RECOVERY PROGRAM

Radio Address by Birch Wilson Over Station WEEU
Sunday, Oct. 8, 1933

Many persons today are being soothed by the comfortable feeling that at last, after four long years of waiting, a new White House leader and his "brain trust" are about to bring prosperity and happiness to the sorely tried people of this nation.

It really is comfortable to feel that we are being relieved of the burden of doing any real thinking about our problems. It is so much easier to have prosperity handed to us than it is to get out and work and hustle for it ourselves.

It is much pleasanter to march down the main street with the leading citizens, behind bands playing stirring music, and bury "Old Man Depression" than it is to come to grips with our problems and attempt to solve them in a more practical way.

But such demonstrations as we had in Reading last Tuesday, similar to those being staged in other cities by the business interests, are old stuff. In years past we had them when other "great" leaders and other issues were in the limelight.

Within a generation workers paraded, with bands playing and flags waving, demanding a "full dinner pail." On other occasions they marched, with pockets empty, in defense of the "gold standard." Later on they were enthusiastic for Woodrow Wilson because "he kept us out of war." A few months after that great patriotic gatherings saw conscripts march away to "make the world safe for democracy," and to make this country "a better place to live in."

But today, after the demonstrations of the past are forgotten, what have the workers gained for their trouble? Millions of them don't need any dinner pails, because they have no jobs to carry them to. The country has no gold standard, upon which prosperity was supposed to be dependent. And as for "democracy," page Mussolini in Italy, Hitler in Germany, Pilsudski in Poland, Dolfuss in Austria, Horthy in Hungary, Kemal in Turkey, and the lesser dictators in other nations, and ask them what their subjects think about the brand of "democracy" we helped to make the world safer for.

In every one of those important countries Democracy and Liberty lie bleeding. Political parties have been destroyed, labor unions crushed, civil liberties abolished, and the peoples, especially the workers, are cowed by the mailed fists of ruthless dictators serving the interests of the privileged ruling classes.

And did the patriotic and enthusiastic demonstrations of the war days really make this country a better place to live in—for workers? Let the conditions of the past four years answer this question.

Is history now repeating itself in patriotic fervor and in blind faith in another "great" leader—this time in one who is to lead us out of the depression into which the greed and stupidity of the exploiting owning class has plunged the nation?

It appears so; but workers will do well to keep their enthusiasm under perfect control, and not permit their emotions to run away with their reason at this time when clear thinking on their part is so highly important.

We are frankly skeptical about the ability of NRA to abolish our economic evils, even if carried out in the spirit of the blue eagle by the employers of the country—which, as you know, most of the larger ones are not disposed to do. Taking children under 16 years of age out of industry, as the codes do, is a social gain; recognizing the right of the workers to organize is a step forward in industrial relations; but the honors and wages established by the codes will never cure depressions in this age of machine production.

Examine the administration program as carefully as possible and you can find nothing that proposes any fundamental change in our economic order, or that threatens the existence of the present profit system. On the contrary the Roosevelt program is designed to save and preserve the "sacred" institution of private ownership of the means of life. It aims to make the old, worn-out system that caused the depression function once more, to the end that it will continue to grind out huge profits for the owning class.

The success of NRA will be measured by the amount of profits that will again flow into the pockets of the owners, NOT by the effects of the system upon the lives of the workers who produce those profits, nor by the misery of those whom

private industry no longer finds it profitable to employ.

Socialists disagree with Roosevelt, as we did with Hoover, on matters of principle. These gentlemen and their political parties believe in a system that permits a small, very rich class to own the natural resources of our country, such as coal, minerals, oil and forests; the mills and factories, which are the modern tools used in production; and the means of transportation and communication, such as railroads, steamships, telegraphs and other public utilities.

These are the things which are needed to sustain life in modern society. Without them we would soon freeze and starve, and perish as a nation. Their existence today is a monument to the labor of millions of workers of hand and brain, without whose sweat and toil this country would still be a wilderness inhabited by primitive Indian tribes and wild beasts. Yet these industries, foundations of our wealth and happiness—products of the toil of a nation—are now owned and controlled by a small class of millionaires and billionaires as THEIR private property.

The people of these United States are literally at the mercy of this small, well-organized, owning class. To them tribute must be paid, in the form of profits, for the privilege of permitting workers to produce the goods we all need in order to live.

This system of private ownership of industry and operation thereof for the profit of a small owning class, this system which permits the few to levy tribute on the many for the privilege of producing the necessities and comforts of life; this system which breaks down periodically because of the greed of the owners for ever greater profits; this system which Mr. Roosevelt is trying to patch up so that it will function a little longer and pile up more profits for the wealthy owners, is called the capitalist system.

It is the system which Mr. Roosevelt is trying to patch up so that it will function a little longer and pile up more profits for the wealthy owners, is called the capitalist system.

It is the system that concentrates great wealth in the hands of social parasites, who merely own for a living and levy tribute on useful labor, but who themselves produce nothing.

It is the system that causes wars and slaughters millions; that forces useful workers into idleness and want; that pauperizes farmers; that drives countless thousands to crime, insanity and suicide; that strangles man's nobler impulses and puts a premium upon greed and selfishness and the coarser instincts.

It is this system, cruel and heartless in its greed for profit, and lacking in the most elementary sense of justice toward the working class, that all the powers of great wealth are used to perpetuate.

But in the names of reason why should workers of hand and brain whose labor builds and operates the industries which produce the nation's wealth—why should THEY support the system of private ownership of industry—this capitalist system of which they are victims? Why should THEY vote for either of the two old political parties that support such a system?

The Socialist party, which is a working-class political organization, stands for a new industrial and social system fundamentally different from the capitalist system. It stands for a system of public ownership, based upon the interests and needs of all workers of hand and brain whose labor is socially useful and necessary.

We believe that the natural resources of the nation should be owned by the people, instead of by a small owning class; and that all the mills and factories in which are produced the necessities and comforts of life, and the railroads needed to transport them to markets, should likewise be owned by the people.

We believe that these industries, publicly owned, should be under the democratic control of the people, and that they should be operated to produce goods for human consumption, instead of profits for idle owners as they are today. Under such a system no one could merely own for a living and spend their socially useless lives in idleness and luxury. Under this Socialist system economic equality and social justice would obtain for all, and the guiding principle would be the Biblical rule that "If a man will not work neither shall he eat."

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would be planned to meet the needs of the people; competition, duplication and other economic wastes would be eliminated; improved machine production would be encouraged as truly labor saving; and with a minimum effort on the part of all under such same conditions, our needs would be abundantly provided for and there would be neither rich nor poor to mock our intelligence and disgrace our civilization.

Socialism is the key to our economic and social problems, both national and international, and offers the only workable solution for them; and with its adoption a new era of peace and plenty will be ushered into the world. It is a plan for a Workers' World, in which security, abundance and happiness are now scientifically possible. It is the ideal for which we are striving, and which we invite you to share with us—and work for—as comrades in a great and worthy cause. We urge this, knowing that when the working class arouses from its age-long slumber and the vision of Socialism is impressed upon its brain, life will lengthen, joy will deepen, love will intensify, humanity will be enthroned and the world set free.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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what he is talking about. And then again, perhaps he was just trying to furnish the entertainment which went with the free beer at that Fusion-Democratic rally.

LUTHER SEES RED
Luther Schmehl, who claims "he is a 'good' Democrat because his middle name is Cleveland, years to be a School Director in order that he may stamp out the 'red menace' which is threatening our schools. Now, that would be quite a hefty job for a little fellow—if his fears were well grounded. But that isn't what is wrong with out schools today. The trouble with public education is that it is going on the rocks as a result of the poverty into which

Capitalism has plunged the people. If Luther really wants a man-size job, let him tell how to keep the schools from being cheapened and eventually from running on short time. Let him tell how to avoid overcrowded classes and how to furnish teachers with jobs.

Luther can't discuss those things because there is no way of saving the schools from the real menace of poverty—no way, that is, without ending the economic system which has permitted a few people to gather all the wealth of the nation into their own hands. But Luther and his fellow Fusionists don't want to save the schools from the menace of Capitalism. And since they feel that they must frighten the people, they set up a straw man, dye it red and bravely shout "boo." Well, this is the Halloween season; perhaps Schmehl and his associates may frighten a few poor souls with their stories about the Socialists.

JUST FOR EXAMPLE
Wednesday's morning paper published two stories which offer examples of how low public welfare has fallen in a world which safeguards only private wealth.

Reading needs a new community center. Reading children need a promenade on the roof of the Southern Junior High School. But neither of these needs are going to be supplied right now, because this great big city of many thousands of industrious people hasn't the money.

But Mayor Ermentrout knows where the money is. It's in private hands, and the mayor showed that he knows it by suggesting that some

philanthropic person or persons might provide the cash for the needed recreation center.

What's the matter? Why is it that a few people could do what the many cannot do? The answer is that the industries and natural resources are owned by and operated for the profit of a few. The many are kept so poor—even in "prosperous" times—that they never can afford to pay enough taxes to provide decent public improvements.

Way to save a country: First ignore those who had rather save themselves.

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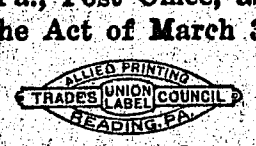
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LAWYERS CALL IT EMINENT DOMAIN!

Farming properties in the aggregate are under a burden of total indebtedness exceeding their boom-times value. The farming industry is capitalistically bankrupt; similar to the condition of all other industries indebted to securities-holders for more than their valuations.

The outlook for earning off capitalistic-bankruptcy indebtedness is dimmer than dim, if not acknowledgedly impossible. One authority has quoted the totality of American indebtedness at five hundred billions of dollars—at the buying power of dollars when the bankruptcy lightning struck four years ago.

We know of no way that world-indebtedness, in imponderable figures considering the whole of it, could ever be earned off; nor do we think that it is expected anywhere that it ever will be. The principal, we believe, is known to scientific experts in economics to be permanently gone. Yet there, of course, it still stands recorded on the books; and can draw vast interest aggregates, to continue to support in finest luxury and extravagance the holders of papers representing that gone principal.

Overlooking, just now, the economic comedy of paying staggering sums as interest and dividends on vanished capital—which payments, to be sure, can become new investing capital for still further increasing universal indebtedness upon the shoulders of workers of every sort—what about getting out from underneath this whole load of fake debt entirely?

All that farmers and all other workers have to do, to escape paying toll on fictitious-value capital that really never existed excepting on paper, is to get together and instruct their governmental servants to declare the state of eminent domain; and that hereafter we shall all take care of ourselves without paying most of our earnings as tribute to the defunct.

PAGING THAT MIRACULOUS MAGICIAN!

When a heavily wealth-laden ship rips its hull open on some unexpected obstruction, and sinks far below the surface where it had so proudly floated but now, the most that is expected thereafter is that possibly the undamaged portion of the contents can be salvaged.

Seldom, almost never, can the ship so sunken be made to itself float and sail the seas again. A new ship is necessary, to take its place; and new kinds of ships are necessary, that do not sink.

Capitalism struck the destroying pinnacles of magnificently high over-valuation, and sank itself into the depths of correspondingly magnified over-indebtedness underlying that over-valuation. And, accordingly, Capitalism sank. And did it sink!

Of course its underwriters, holding the sack made out of that bonded and securitized and mortgaged indebtedness, would jump at every chance that appeared feasible for raising Capitalism back into the floating position it had so pompously enjoyed. The first such jump was at the Reconstruction Finance Corporation—which, incidentally, did not credit millions upon millions of unemployed wealth-productive workers with a cent.

And the last such jump, so far, has been the N. R. A. If only Capitalism could again be floated and made to sail as before, everything, it is supposed, will be all right. The poor would be as poor as ever; the rich as rich as before, and political spoils again easy and plentiful—and wouldn't that be just fine! How progressive!

To set old Capitalism again afloat, former fictitious world-values would have to be magically and miraculously restored. Does anyone happen to know of any miraculous magician around loose anywhere who miraculously knows how that can magically be done?

Otherwise, help build the unsinkable craft of Socialism; for we'll all be needing it, very soon.

EVADE NO LONGER!

There is a crushing burden of dismay down upon us all. What is it all about?—let's look at it flatly; and let us remove the cause no matter what it is actually found to be.

Otherwise, as mankind, the whole conglomeration of us deserve the far more terrible trouble soon to befall our human species; mental and physical agonies for practically everyone—regardless of how situated—such as should, at latest, have witnessed their historical finish at the ending of the recent "war to end war."

Just what is the cause of the present world-dismay! That's what you want to know, and that's what we all want to know—in order that we may universally know just what to remove, for getting out of general distraction and auto-destruction definitely.

All right then, the cause of present world-trouble lies in the fact that financialism does not, and cannot, so operate as to

keep us out of constantly recurring periods of more magnificently desperate world-trouble. The thing to get rid of, therefore, is financialism. And if we universally fail to do so, nothing but deeper and worse suffering remains in store for the entirety of industrialized humankind.

Let us repeat—financialism must be eliminated! And, understanding that, what is the next immediately necessary consideration? This: the establishment of efficiently planned measures to the end that all may properly benefit from the productivity of each other—wholly minus the tribute levy which financialism now imposes upon producers.

Socialism teaches how; and the technocrats have prepared a detailed plan. Further evasion means unutterable chaos—and soon!

"I'LL RUN MY BUSINESS AS I PLEASE"

The idea that a business of vast proportions is the exclusive domain of whoever happens to be at the head of it, is not only a dangerous theory, but it is equally unsubstantiated in practice. Such a presumption has caused more labor troubles than any other element, but sad as it may be, even at this late day and age, we have employers who stick to that policy with pig-headed stubbornness.

Is a large industrial plant that peddles hundreds of thousands of dollars or millions of dollars worth of paper to the public really a private business, or does the public have an interest in a concern of that kind?

That is only a part of the story. Manufactured goods must be sold to the public in order that a business can survive. Will anyone claim that consumers have nothing to say about the labor policy of the concern whose goods they are expected to buy? Obviously a person or an industrial enterprise offering goods for sale becomes a matter of public interest and concern and it is ridiculous to assume any other position.

But even there the story does not end. Mass production plants have an obligation to their employees. To herd hundreds and thousands of workers into a plant does not mean that they must be willing to be voiceless cogs in a heartless machine driven at high speed purely for the sake of profits, dividends and bonuses for dehumanized industrial monsters.

The wage paid to labor determines the living standard not only of the worker, but that of his wife and children as well. Low wages mean privation and suffering. Decent wages mean that the breadwinner and his or her dependents can live as life is intended for human beings.

Who will say, outside of a few arrogant industrialists, that labor shall have no voice in determining what the living standard shall be? The man who denies that right to labor denies with it the right to shape the destinies of life itself.

The man who will say, "This is my business and I am going to run it as I please," is talking in terms of a century ago and he is as much out of date in modern industrialism as a flintlock gun would be in modern warfare.

Modern industry, because of its involved and interlocking interests, is a matter of concern to every man, woman and child. The sooner stubborn industrialists recognize that fact, the better will it be for the community in which they operate.—The Labor News.

FARMERS DISAPPOINTED

Farmers are disappointed with the operations of the recovery plan, as they well may be. It has raised the prices of the things they have to buy, and it has not raised the prices of farm products enough to give them relief. A few are having their mortgages renewed; doubtless a few sold some products when the prices were up; but there is no general betterment such as was promised to them.

While some little benefit might possibly accrue in coming months, it will not be within gunshot of a solution of their problem.

The fact is that their problem cannot be solved by the methods now being pursued by the administration. Nothing short of the socialization of the great industries can give the farmers a proper market for their produce nor reduce the number of farmers—by giving industrial jobs to the surplus farmers—to the point where the remainder will be able to make a good living. And the Democratic and Republican parties do not stand for that.—Milwaukee Leader.

THE RED BANNER

By EDWIN T. RAYMOND

Red is a primary color along with yellow and blue; from these all other colors, tones, shades and tints can be produced.

The reds constitute a numerous class of pigments. They are derived from metallic, mineral, vegetable and animal substances and comprise a range of colors varying from a red brown to the most brilliant scarlet reds bordering on the yellow.

The red is found in the rising sun that greets you in the morning and is the last color seen in the setting sun that bids you good-day. It is found in the flame of the camp-fire and the falling leaves of autumn. How can it be other than a great favorite among primitive people and those of rural origin? It is an outstanding, commanding color that is pleasing to the eye; it has ever stood for truth, and truth has always been classed as a cardinal virtue, the color of which is scarlet, a brilliant red.

As is token of glory, power and rank it was worn by monarchs not less extensively than the imperial purple; the purple after all is a blending of red and blue. The scarlet robe was put on Jesus of Nazareth by the soldiers of Pontius Pilate in mockery of his regal claim to the Kingship of the Jews.

It has ever been a popular color and this is amply attested to in the

use made of it in flags, banners and standards of many modern as well as ancient nations. The number of lodges, clubs, fraternities, colleges and schools that make use of this color is legion.

A trip over the harbor of New York City—or any seaport—at any time will find displayed from the ships at anchor the flags of many nations from all corners of the earth and those that do not contain some red are the exception and not the rule. It is found in the flag of Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Persia, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States and Venezuela as well as many lesser countries and principalities.

Jehovah, the god of the Israelites, commanded Moses to make garments for his brother Aaron, the high priest, for glory and for beauty. This is all told in the 28th chapter of Exodus in the Pentateuch (Old Testament). Here scarlet or red was ordained to be a constituent part of the colors of the garment. It also entered into the composition of the curtains of the tabernacle. Thus it became a sacred dye.

The first American flag used at Bunker Hill on the 17th day of June, 1776; it was red. On the 18th of July following Putnam gave to the breeze at Prospect Hill also a red flag. No man need blush to bear the emblem that was good enough for

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Putnam and his compatriots. Later when Betsy Ross made a new flag for the embattled newly born nation, red was included; Washington was a member of the committee that supervised the making of it.

The auctioneer displays a flag that is entirely a vivid red at the place where he is going to do his selling; the color is not changed when the constable or sheriff makes known the conditions of the sale.

No matter what the color of a person's skin whether that of the black African, the brown Hawaiian, yellow Chinaman, red Indian or white Scandinavian, as well as the various admixtures of these colors, the blood beneath their skin, which is the life of the flesh, is red—not blue.

This betokens a universal brotherhood; the red flag of the Socialist, used in the same way as the flag of a lodge or school, is the outward symbol thereof which is borne out by the Scriptures in Acts 27:26, "and hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth."

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

By LAURENCE TODD
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

All aflutter with excitement over the plan for "putting the unemployed back on the land," which Col. Louis Howe, presidential secretary, has been explaining, a party of White House dignitaries under the leadership of Secretary Ickes was organized, Oct. 18, to drive to the site near Morgantown, W. Va., of the first of the factory-farm towns which are to be created under the Subsistence Farms section of the Recovery Act. A fund of \$25,000,000 was provided in that section of the law, to be used to give a new start in life to farmer boys who have gone into factories in town and had then become victims of the Great Collapse of 1929. Experts had studied the

possibilities of this fund, and Howe had first disclosed the result of their work to the country.

The jobless coal miners in the West Virginia Hills whose future town home is now being planned by the Administration's advisers are to be offered a chance to start not only their lives but the struggle of their class since the dawn of the modern machine age, all over again. If the plan is imposed on them as sketched by the President's political secretary, the workers will be housed on small tracts of land, every foot of which must be carefully tilled in order that the livelihood of the family may be assured. But no household will be permitted to waste all of its labor-power on the soil. A factory is to be located in each village, and the chief breadwinners in each family are to be employed there. In order to make sure that they sell their labor-power to this factory, the families are not to be permitted to begin the payments on their patches of land until the factory has been established. They are to be allowed to pay for their home plots, over a period of 22 years.

President Roosevelt and his advisers have probably never thought of this scheme as an attempt to restore feudalism. But what other word describes a system in which the workers are bound to the soil in one spot for 22 years or longer, with only one place of paid employment? The people who are to inhabit these villages are the destitute unemployed—people who have no reserves of money or credit, and who presumably will be able to save barely enough in each year to make the required payment on their little farms. The benevolent planners have not decided as to whether the cows shall be held individually, or by the village as a whole. And so with chickens and pigs. This feature carries a hint of a collective farm in the Soviet Union, but it lacks the foundation of social ownership and of social insurance with steadily rising standards of living. It is limited in its scope, like a company town, but it offers the anchorage to

the individual which is represented by his compulsory investment in a home which cannot be moved to another industrial center.

Will this scheme work? Few of the farm economists believe that it will. It lacks the space and adventure of pioneering, and the altruism and heroism of the cooperative colonies, such as New Llano. It ignores the fact that the American factory worker does not want to be isolated nor to be settled for life in a rural group far distant from the hum of big machinery. Nor do the coal miners want to dig the clay on West Virginia hillsides on Saturdays in order that they may compete with less sturdy factory hands during the other five working days of the week. They are not to be partners in the new factories. Why not open government coal mines?

We find, then, the Administration experimenting in public approval of a socially backward enterprise. Why? Probably because the Administration now knows that the NRA has ceased to re-employ any great number of the unemployed, and it has not yet made up its mind as to monetary inflation as the next move, to avoid public ownership and operation of industries for use rather than for profit. All of the efforts made since early June to re-employ the army of jobless have left 11,000,000 workers without jobs. The President has failed to use the great powers granted him by Congress to cut the hours of work down to a point where all the unemployed would have jobs of some duration each week. He has balked at the prospect of wholesale financing of payrolls of private employers, if hours are so reduced and if wages are increased; on the other hand he has made no move toward socialization of industry, which would require a vast increase in production and mass-consumption, to re-employ the jobless on a 40-hour basis.

The factory-farm scheme is evidently a diversion. It will not serve long, however, to make people forget that they have no means of livelihood.