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Arbitration Ends as Pretzel Firms Hedge Hoopes and Wilson Demand Action at State Capitol

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

IF YOU ARE inclined to be shocked by the open approval which the Governor of California has given to the lynching of kidnapers in his state—pause and reflect.

There is nothing inconsistent in Governor Rolph's attitude. California firmly believes in lynching—if the history of the Mooney and Billings case is to be taken into consideration. The inconsistent part of it is that the people should appear to be outraged by such a crime as kidnapping.

Almost a score of years have elapsed since the Powers That Be in that state, by legal processes, kidnaped Tom Mooney and Warren Billings. Following closely upon the original crime, other crimes were perpetrated by respectables clothed with the authority and power of the law. Witnesses were carefully coached to perjure themselves; instead of demanding a ransom, California officials carefully constructed a hand-made case to justify their original crime.

Since the trial of Mooney and Billings sufficient evidence has been offered to prove beyond doubt that these men were innocent of the crime with which they were charged. But, with brazen disregard for the opinions of mankind, official California, including Lynching Governor Rolph, has refused to free its captives.

One would imagine that the people of the "Sunkist State" would be used to kidnapping by this time. But right there the class issue pops up—as it does in almost everything. The men whom Gov. Rolph enjoyed seeing lynched had kidnaped a scion of wealth. That was a crime. California had kidnaped and lynched troublesome labor leaders. That was justice.

WHEN AL SMITH turned his hand against President Roosevelt's money policy and declared against "baloney dollars," the incident was interesting but scarcely important to that great mass of people who constitute the working class.

So far as workers are concerned, the value of a dollar has always been figured in baloney. Until some newspaper writer told them about it, most people didn't know whether their dollars were "cheap" or "dear." All they did know—and all they know now—is that it requires every dollar they earn to keep a family in anything approximating decency. In other words, after they are through paying for bread and beans and baloney they are just where they started after a lifetime of toil.

WHAT WORKERS NEED to understand is that all the policies which have been so recently adopted—as well as those which have been discarded—were the policies of the owning class. This is true of every important issue from the old tariff question clear down to the National Recovery Administration. All that workers ever got out of any plan which was tried under Capitalism was the amount of food, clothing and

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PEACE HOPES FRUSTRATED AS KROUSE, REDDY DODGE SHOWDOWN BEFORE CONNOR

Deadlock of Rosedale Hosiery Strike Leaves Pretzel Workers' Disputes as Most Active Labor Controversy. Superior-Supreme Promises to Follow Arbitrators' Suggestions—Krouse and Reddy Flout NRA, Rhodes Declares

With the strike situation at the Rosedale Knitting Mills at a deadlock, pending a hearing of that dispute before the National Labor Board on Monday at Washington, chief interest in local labor difficulties shifts to the strikes which have been in effect against the Krouse and Reddy pretzel companies for several months. Action in the pretzel strikes promised to come to a head this week, but final adjustment of grievances against both firms was delayed as a result of last-minute refusals of both concerns to sign agreements which had been prepared after several conferences with representatives of the Pretzel Workers' Union, the firms and Federal Mediator John L. Connor.

In addition to the Krouse and Reddy strikes, a controversy which arose from a proposed wage cut at the Superior-Supreme plant, was arbitrated this week, with the firm agreeing to abide by the recommendations of the arbitrators. Acting as arbitrators were Edward Carpenter for the firm, Birch Wilson for the union and Prof. Lewis Smith, Albright College instructor. The unionists express themselves as being entirely satisfied with the results of the arbitration committees' proposal, which recommended against cutting wages as being out of consonance with the spirit of NRA.

Bosses Dodge Settlement
Following their usual policies, both Krouse and Reddy "ran out" on the federal mediator Connor, according to union representatives, after three conferences had been held, Tuesday, in the federal mediator's room in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. At a morning session Krouse was present. In the afternoon both Krouse and Reddy

UNEMPLOYMENT AGAIN ON THE UPGRADE

WASHINGTON (FP).—Once again unemployment is marching upward, according to figures released November 27 by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor. October unemployment rose 11,000 over September, to a grand total of 10,076,000. There has been a monthly decrease in joblessness since the high figure of 13,685,000 in March. The A. F. L. report is based on government statistics.

Trade union unemployment, based on the A. F. of L.'s own figures, show 21.8% of the membership out of work. This is a fractional increase since September, and matches the figure for December, 1931. Part time employment covers 22% of the A. F. of L. membership, which matches the March figure and has only been exceeded in November, 1932.

President Green found satisfaction in the report, as there is usually a gain of 450,000 in unemployment between September and October. The wages went up \$1.20 in October, a 1.4% gain, partly canceled by a 1/2% of 1% increase in the cost of living. But the mounting prices since March show that the real income of employed workers is still below the March level by 1.1%. Due to increased employment since then, the total buying power of all workers is now 23.1% above the March level.

"While these reports are encouraging," commented Green, "we must remember that the worst months of winter are just ahead and although we have succeeded in maintaining employment thus far, it will be exceedingly difficult to maintain it in December, January and February unless supreme efforts are made."

STUDENTS FROM 20 UNIONS JOIN LABOR COLLEGE

Many Workers Enroll In Three Classes to Study History and Problems Affecting Labor

MEET IN SCHOOL BUILDING

Day Class For Night Workers And Unemployed Will Have Headquarters In Hosiery Union Hall

A crowded classroom, with all the seats taken and many standing, was the response of the Reading workers to the call issued by the Reading Labor College for enrollments for the new term. Twenty different organizations were represented in varying numbers up to fifteen, and many were present who were interested enough to pay their own.

Realizing that the hosiery worker scholarships have not yet been distributed and that many others could not come because of meetings or work, the sponsors of the Reading Labor College feel that they are entering upon their most successful as well as most ambitious year.

Addressed by Unionists
The students were welcomed into the college by Stewart Tomlinson, president of the Labor College, who told of the history of the college and impressed upon them the fact that the college was there to do with as they would. George Rhodes, speaking as president of the Federated Trades Council, said that the greatest need of the labor movement today is leadership, and that he felt that with its new program the Labor College would be help develop that leadership in Reading.

The new director of the college, Lawrence Rogin, was in charge of the enrollment. Besides enrolling the students, he explained the course of study and the methods that are to be followed. Much interest was shown by the students in the work they are to do. Aside from the regular class work students were organized to carry on labor dramatics, labor singing and debating.

The student body was divided into three sections, one to meet on Monday evenings, another on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 at the Southern Junior High School, and the third at 10 Wednesday morning at the Hosiery Union Hall.

Camden Socialists Urge Slum Clearance

Frank Manning, organizer for the Camden Socialists, appeared recently before the City Commission to advocate slum clearance and municipal housing.

Camden voters overwhelmingly approved the setting up of a municipal light plant, but the private utility of the city has carried the case to the Supreme Court and won a delay of six months. Socialists are arranging a huge protest meeting.

T.P.L. PROTESTS FOOD SCHEDULE

Allowances to Single Persons Especially Criticized. League Wins Promise of Check Slips on Coal Deliveries

With the sending of letters to Gov. Pinchot and, Eric Biddle, Executive Director of the State Relief protesting against the imposition of the new food schedule, which drastically cuts the smaller families and particularly single people, and issuing a state-wide call to all unemployed organizations of Pennsylvania to do likewise, the Taxpayers' Protective League concluded one of the most inspiring meeting that organization has ever had.

The new food schedule, the analysis of protest against which appeared in the Labor Advocate recently, provides, for instance, that single men and women will be cut from \$2.00 to \$1.50 per week. It is the same food schedule in which the state presumes the right to cut all vouchers according to the amount of canned fruit or vegetables in the possession of the jobless.

"We were given to understand," said one official, "that this new food schedule was prepared for use only in the event the Amendment Number Eight failed and that with the passage of the amendment it would be scrapped."

Protest to State
Nevertheless, the T. P. L. took no chances and on October 17 sent the protest above referred to, receiving a reply from Emmett H. Welch, state food administrator, to the effect that the new food schedule has been submitted to scientists who agreed that it provides "adequate" food and that they were all "particularly impressed" with

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UNION JOURNAL PANS AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS

ST. LOUIS (FP).—"A free press." One of the most disgusting exhibitions of intolerance connected with the NRA program is the demand for a free press made by representatives of a press that has never been anything but a medium of propaganda for highbinders of finance and industry," snorts The Railroad Telegrapher, official organ of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, an A. F. of L. international. It calls American newspapers "a means for befuddling readers and a constant spreader of deliberate misinformation."

R. R. McCormick, who employed gangster racketeers as reporters on his paper and who is one of the loudest shouters for freedom of the press today is nadled by The Railroad Telegrapher as follows: "A free press, to the owner of the Chicago Tribune, means support of Judge Wilkerson in 1922 when he enjoined writing, telephoning or telegraphing, as well as speaking, by those favoring the railroad shopmen on strike at that time."

SOCIALISTS STRIKE AT LACK OF CONCERN FOR PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Hoopes Resolution Would Order Committees to Report on Social Measures—Wilson Again Moves to Make Old Age Pensions Constitutional—Present Outlook Is For Adjournment With No Real Accomplishments, Socialist Lawmaker Says

Spurred by what they believe is the determination of the old political gangs in Harrisburg to do nothing of social value in the present legislative session, Reading's Socialist lawmakers, in a resolution presented by Darlington Hoopes Tuesday night, demanded that chairmen of committees holding important bills be directed to report their findings to the House not later than Wednesday, December 6. At the same time Lilith Wilson renewed her fight for a constitutional amendment which will enable future legislative bodies to enact old age pension laws without the danger of having such laws killed by verdicts of "unconstitutional."

HENDERS'N TELLS WHY CAPITALISM HAS COLLAPSED

British Socialist and Laborite Declares Unemployment Is Natural Consequence of Private Profit System

BIG SURPLUS; FEW BUYERS

Declares Old Order Heads World Toward Fascism and War With Socialism Only Escape

In what has been termed by veteran local Socialists as the clearest exposition of the inherent contradictions of the capitalist system, Fred Henderson, former member of Great Britain's labor cabinet explained the world depression to an audience of about 500 people in Odd Fellows' Hall last Sunday afternoon.

"It is no accident that millions of people in every great industrial country on earth find themselves unable to earn a living," Henderson declared. "We are suffering from industrial and financial collapse, not in our producing processes, but in our method of distributing the things which men and machines can now produce in super abundance."

"In an absolute sense, nothing is wrong with capitalism. It is working itself out as was intended all the time when it ruins thousands of small business men, forces millions of men upon the scrap heap and places the control of the world's wealth in the hands of very few people. We are apt to forget that capitalist production is not conducted for the welfare of people, but for profit. From that viewpoint, the fewer people it is necessary to employ, the better, since labor costs are figured as a charge against production which decreases the amount of profit which the owners may keep for themselves."

System's Weakness Exposed
Henderson declared that the very ability of the capitalist system to perfect their producing machinery has been responsible for the collapse of trade.

"The owners of industry may have forgotten that in addition to vast quantities of products, they need customers. Every time they install the machine which produced what formerly required labor of many men, they put that many customers out of strike at that time."

Wilson's motion for a constitutional amendment is similar in most essential details to the measure which was defeated at the last session of the State Legislature. Under the provisions of the constitution it cannot become effective in any event until 1938, as it must be passed by the next Legislature as well as the present one and then referred to a referendum of the people of the State.

Another bill, presented in the opening week of the present session by Mrs. Wilson, would provide relief pensions of \$1 per day to needy persons over 60 years of age. The wording of this bill will enable it to avoid constitutional opposition, Mrs. Wilson believes.

Hoopes Scores Inaction
The present outlook is that the Legislature will adjourn without doing anything of real value for the people of Pennsylvania," Rep. Hoopes declared on his return from the State capital Wednesday morning.

"It now looks as though the game is to jam through all the wanted

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GOV'T RED TAPE ENMESHES STRIKING MOUNTAINEERS

WASHINGTON (FP).—Through the efforts of Federated Press, the protest of 87 members of the Cumberland Mountain Workers' League, on strike against the blue-eagled Tennessee Products Co., to boost wages from 85c a day to \$1.50, has been laid before Sec. W. M. Leiserson of the national labor board. A delegation of four representatives, headed by Myles Horton of the Highlander Folk School of Monteagle, Tenn., obtained assurance from Leiserson that an effort will be made to adjust the dispute, which started July 29.

The Cumberland league has been given the run-around by NRA and other Washington authorities for months. A letter sent in July to Secretary of Labor Perkins elicited the reply that their protest on the 85c wage had been referred to the Department of Agriculture. That department passed the letter on to NRA, which referred it to the legal division. The legal division said the strikers should have lumber code wages. The lumber code authority however ruled that wood-cutters don't come under its regulations and referred the matter back to NRA.

Ask NRA Help
Then the league decided to send its delegation to Washington. "Perhaps," stated Horton, "there is nothing the Department of Labor or NRA can do for us, but we are determined to find out what rights workers really have under our present form of government."

The mountaineers, employed at \$1.50 a day last year to cut wood for the Tennessee Products Co., were cut to 75c this spring. When the company signed the president's reem-

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What Reading Folks Are Talking About

LIBEL OF WORKERS IS NOW REVEALED

During the past four years of Capitalism's collapse some "respectable" people and even workers who, of course, are never considered really respectable, adopted a unique method of justifying the insufficiency of relief for the unemployed.

"Those fellows don't want to work and wouldn't work if they had a job," is the libel which was voiced against the unwanted slaves of the owning class.

Now even those who sincerely believed that to be sought to know better. For the manner in which the unemployed virtually mobbed the local CWA headquarters for a chance to earn the dollars supplied by the federal government proves that, with a few exceptions which really don't matter at all, the unemployed are idle only because idleness has been forced upon them.

Without doubt, there are those who, having "loafed" for a number of years, will never want to work again. But even they deserve the apologies rather than the condemnation of those who have permitted and are still permitting this inefficient and inhuman economic order to undermine the morale of millions of people.

Get right down to the basic facts and you'll find that normal humans like to be useful and decent. Not only idleness, but crimes of all degrees, are the result of social injustices. Making victims out of those who fail to conform with the dog-eat-dog standards of the Capitalist system never did and never will settle the problem of delinquency. Socialists have the program which will abolish racketeering and crime. Instead of forcing people to be decent, Socialists would make the world a decent place for decent people by ending the legalized robbery of useful workers by parasites.

LET'S UNDERSTAND THIS RELIEF WORK BUSINESS

The form of Capitalism under which this generation lives has for its purpose the production of wealth under conditions which will bring profits to an owning class.

Unless the owners can find a profit in permitting workers to produce, then workers are dismissed to suffer until the owners find a way to again make profit by employing people to produce.

Up to 1929 the period of idleness never lasted long enough to seriously frighten the owners. But things are different now. Now the owning class understands that it is important to have customers. So now they are truly anxious to find some method of putting people back to work.

Not wishing to sacrifice their claim to the sources of wealth (the industries) the owners are keeping productive industries closed. But confronted with the fact that idle people simply must be fed and housed, they are now looking for methods whereby they can at least utilize the labor of the millions who are no longer going to be needed in production.

So the government—which the owners control—is putting the profiteers' cast-offs to work at tasks which will beautify the world which the owners own. They will be fed and housed. But they will also be worked. They are not needed to produce shoes and houses and food, so they will be used to make roads, clear forests, build parks and drain swamps.

From the point of view of the profiteering owners of productive industry a problem is thus solved: The surplus humans are safely disposed of. And on the workers' side of the story there is also a happy ending—for those who are content to merely be used or otherwise disposed of as best suits the interest of the owning class.

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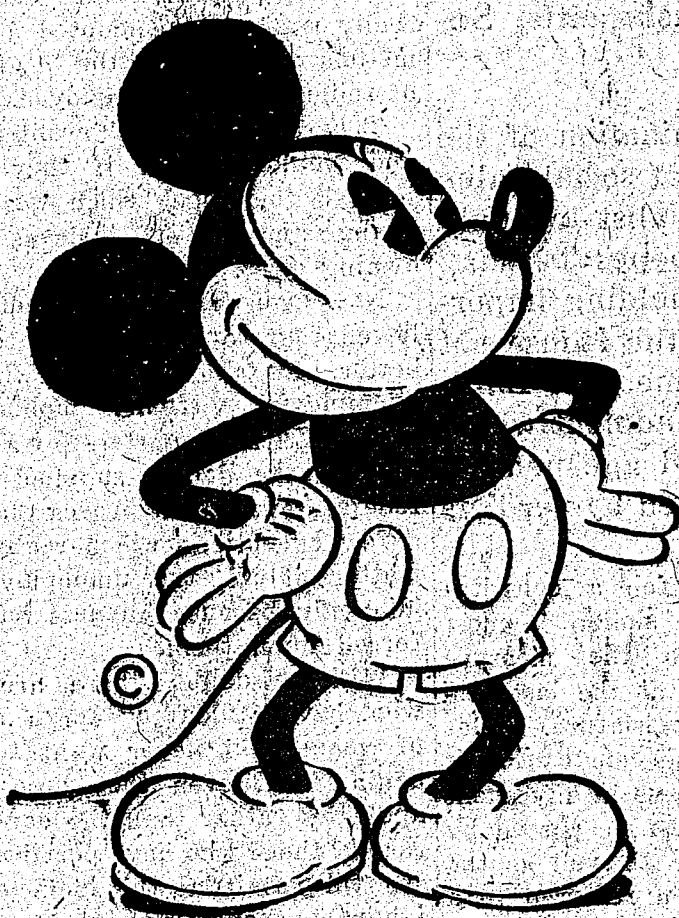
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only when we learn how to produce for social welfare and not with private profit as the motivating factor of human activity. The suffering which millions are experiencing today is absolutely needless. Mankind can enjoy the fruits of science and industry whenever the human family unites in the co-operative commonwealth for which Socialists through-

out the world are striving. Unless we adopt the Socialist remedy we are confronted with the alternative of either Fascism or war—or both.

Socialist Women Sing

Preceding Henderson's address, a vocal program of thirty minutes was rendered by the Socialist Women's Chorus. James H. Maurer, veteran local Socialist and labor leader, introduced Henderson to the audience.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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However, no form of work relief or relief work will be satisfactory to Socialists. For Socialists want ALL industry to be public industry; they want workers to work for the general good and share in the high living standards which modern science has made possible for ALL. Just being used and fed will satisfy only the slave-minded.

HEADING TOWARD BANKRUPTCY

Once again School Director Hettinger warns his colleagues on the School Board that our local school system is heading toward bankruptcy.

However, Hettinger falls short of being a public benefactor by simply calling attention to this probability. If he is concerned and alarmed he ought to advocate a sane course of action to definitely avert the debacle which he sees approaching. But he won't do that because he still stands for an economic system which permits a few people to own all the sources of wealth and operate them solely for their own profit.

There is no real reason why public services should be diminished. The schools, like other human activities, are kept functioning by the consumption of goods which industries produce. Why not open the industries, produce for use instead of for profit and thus make all things available to producers and their schools?

"Oh," Mr. Hettinger would say, "that's Socialism!" And so it is. But what about it? What other escape is there from bankruptcy?

Taking his stand for the continuation of the system which causes wealth to accumulate and men to decay, the only thing that Hettinger and other apologists for legalized robbery can do is to raise warning fingers and try to show the people of this rich nation how to be cheap. But telling people how to cheapen their lives can scarcely be termed public service. Nor, for that matter, will it solve the economic problem which confronts the nation. The cheaper we are the fewer men will be employed and the greater will become the necessity of becoming still cheaper.

Determined as they are to save the profit system, it is inevitable that old line politicians should founder about like fish on dry land when they seek for an escape from Capitalism's dilemma. They simply won't do the right thing. So we find Mr. Hettinger praising the NRA at one end of a speech and urging reduction of purchases at the other, while Andrew J. Fink, his fellow Republican, seriously takes a full hour to tell the School Board to spend more money and—economize! Some statesmanship!

PEACE HOPES

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dy were on hand to participate in the discussion of grievances and assist in the preparation of an agreement under which the striking pretzel workers could return to their jobs. At the close of the afternoon session both firms appeared ready to sign up. However, neither firm sent a representative to the evening meeting at which it was hoped to come to a final settlement.

"Mr. Reddy called me on the telephone at 9 p. m., and I had to inform him that the union representatives had been here and already left. Mr. Krouse's legal representative phoned to say that the terms discussed in the afternoon would not be signed," Connor stated in explanation of why the negotiations failed to bring peace in the industry.

Seniority right were the chief item

Railroads Kill More Homeless Waifs

The homeless children of America are being killed off in greater numbers by railroad accidents, according to the safety section of the American Railway Association. "Trespassers between the ages of 14 and 21 years killed in 1932 totaled 333 compared with 212 in 1929," the safety section reports, while adult hoboes and tramps killed in 1932 totaled 685 compared with 413 in 1929.

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of the terms under which settlement was proposed at the Krouse plant. The agreement prepared by the unionists and Mr. Connor provided for the return to their jobs of all strikers without discrimination. The workers, in turn, agreed to remove the Krouse plant from the "unfair" list and to issue a letter which would remove any hindrance to the Krouse plant by reason of the strike. An 8-hour shift was to be the working time and means were provided for discussion and arbitration of future grievances by either side. Unionists declare that Krouse and Reddy expressed satisfaction with the proposed terms of settlement in the Tuesday afternoon session. However, their failure to make an appearance at the evening meeting in the rooms of Mediator Connor prevented anything definite from being done.

Superior Settlement Looms
That the arbitration used in the dispute at the Superior Supreme pretzel plant will avert further trouble was expressed as a hope by Walter Riegel, president of the Pretzel Workers Union on Wednesday after an interview with Dominick Chaffe, manager and treasurer of the concern. "Chaffe told us that he would live up to the suggestions of the arbitration committee and also agreed to halt practices which the union considers as attempts at intimidation of union employees," Riegel stated.

Will Appeal Against Firms
Discussing the disappointing outcome of negotiations with the Krouse and Reddy managements, George M. Rhodes, president of the Federated Trades Council, condemned their failure to complete negotiations as "a direct defiance of the spirit of the National Recovery Act." Rhodes intimated that the matter may now be carried to the National Labor Board and that that body may be asked to bring pressure upon both Krouse and Reddy.

In the meantime the Krouse and Reddy strikers are planning to intensify their drive against both firms by appealing to the buying public for support of such firms as are recognized as "fair" by Organized Labor.

S. P. Gains in Arkansas

Renewed and greater interest in Socialism by the workers and farmers of Arkansas is reported by Edward and Martha Johnson, national organizers, who have spent the last two weeks in the state. In the eastern section especially, Socialists are active among the share-croppers. Norman Thomas will spend the day of Saturday, Feb. 17, speaking to meetings of these workers.

H. L. Mitchell, of Tyrone, has just been appointed state representative. Local Tyrone has doubled its membership since last year, and is branching out to form locals in the surrounding territory. Socialists in Arkansas are urged to write to Mitchell immediately about organization work in their neighborhood.

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BRANCH REPORTS

Those branch secretaries who failed to send in their report as requested, do so at once! Complete report of all branches is desired for our local meeting December 7th.

LOCAL BERKS

One of the most important meetings of the year is that of Local

Berks, next Thursday, when all committees and local officers are to be elected. Failure to attend this meeting will mean that you miss your chance to select the comrades whom you want to serve the organization for the coming year. Be on hand.

FASCISM

Comrade William Schweren will give talks on Fascism at the following branches: Friday, Dec. 1, at the Southern women's branch; Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Kenhorst; Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Lorah's carpenter shop for the Jacksonwald Branch. Comrades and friends who are interested and want to know the facts of Nazism and its growth should attend these meetings as Comrade Schweren recently returned from a visit to Germany and knows the German situation.

NORTHWEST WOMEN

The women of this branch will have as their speaker Tuesday, Dec. 5, Miles Williams. This live-wire branch is making it interesting and entertaining for all who attend its meetings. They urge all women to bring their friends to Gordon and Green streets every Tuesday night.

SOCIALIST QUARTERLY

The American Socialist Quarterly, just received at the Lyceum library, is a beautiful example of the printer's art. Filled with expertly written articles on Socialist theory and the Socialist movement, the magazine will make a valuable addition to your library. The current issue includes articles by Clarence Senior on the "International Socialist Conference"; Ernest Bates, "Picture of American Literature, 1933"; David Saposs, "Populism, Socialism and Labor."

In addition to the above issue, we have on hand copies of the Spring and Summer quarterlies. Price 25c.

Y. P. S. L. CALENDAR

Circle 3—Business meeting Dec. 3.
Circle 11—Found Party Dec. 4.

MARX BROS. IN 'DUCK SOUP' SHOWING AT EMBASSY

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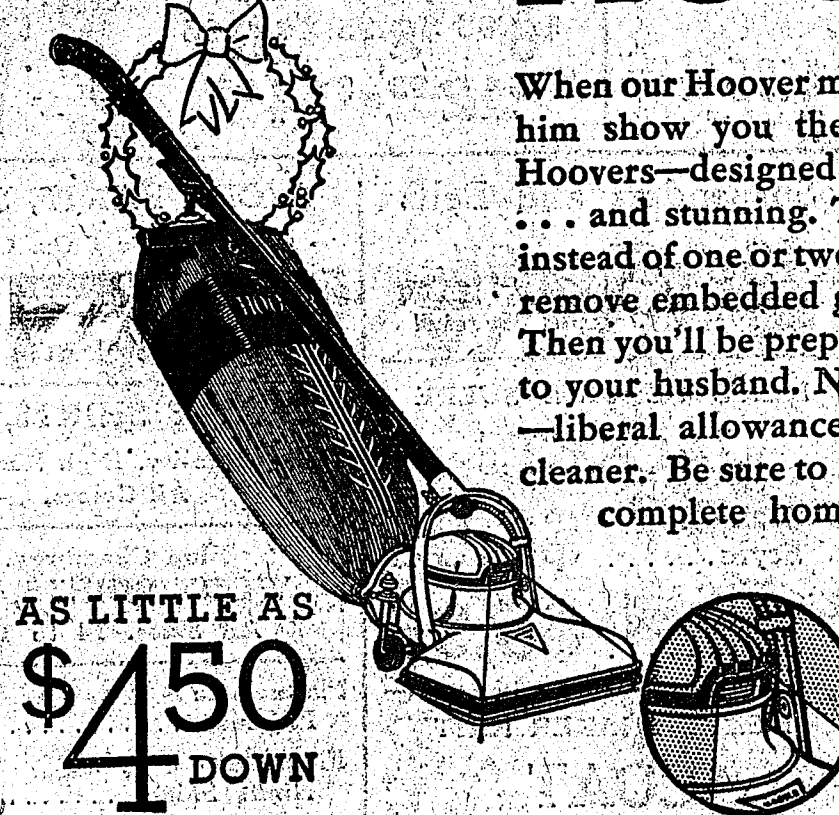
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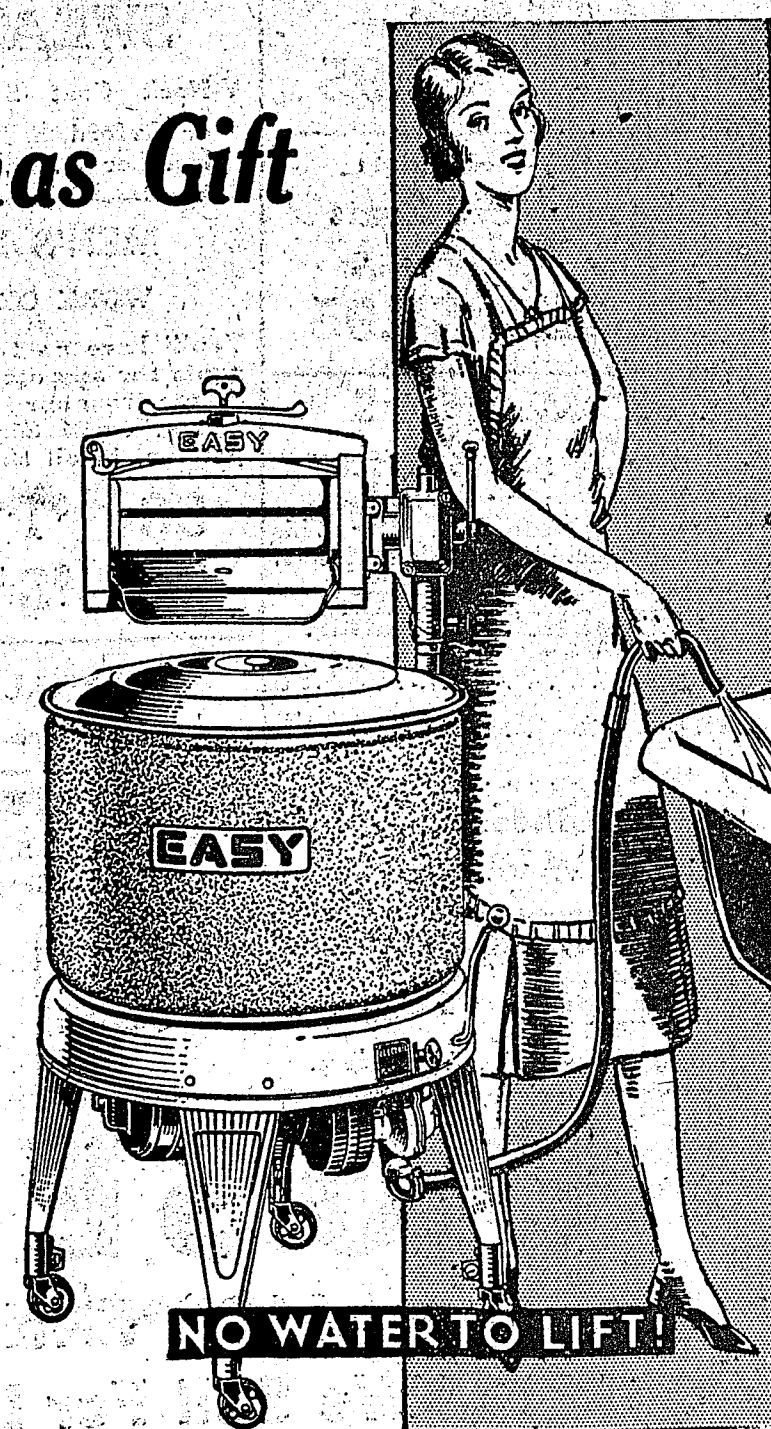
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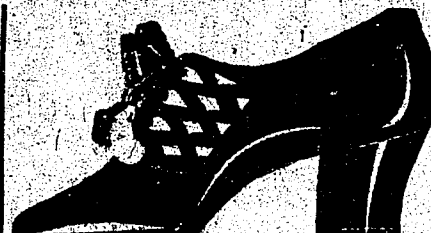
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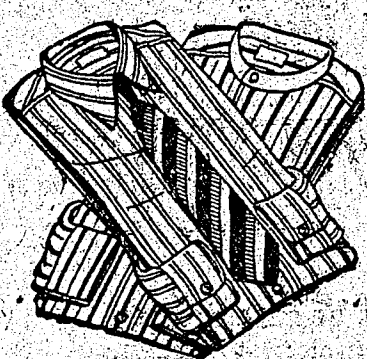
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GOV'T RED

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employment agreement and flew the blue eagle, wages went up to 85c. A strike followed.

"The people around Mounteagle," Jeff Rollings told Federated Press, "haven't had a lick of work for a year or more. We've had a drought for three years and so our crops failed. We used to work a few months a year cutting wood, but they cut us to 75c a day and that ain't enough."

Children are dying of malnutrition in the Tennessee mountain country, the workers' league group declared. The deaths are entered as due to flu and other causes, but the doctors readily admit the children wouldn't have died if they hadn't been weakened by hunger. An epidemic would sweep the highlands with a terrific toll of life, they said.

The cash income of the mountain people is hardly more than \$40 a year. The shacks they live in are worth about \$300. A little county relief has been given, but few have had a chance to share in it.

When the Tennessee Valley Authority announced it would hire men, a questionnaire for pick and shovel work was sent into the highlands. Groups of perplexed mountaineers gathered together to try to figure out what the questions were all about. In effect TVA was imposing a kind of intelligence test, such as is used in colleges to hire men for day labor. "But none of us have been through high school, much less college," William L. Brown, grandfather of nine children, told Federated Press.

Secretary Leiserson of the national labor board has asked for affidavits and promised direct negotiations with the Tennessee Products Co., with the threat that the blue eagle would be taken away if the company was found violating the reemployment agreement. But winter has come now in the mountains, and the people face bleak months with little assurance.

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the practice of variation. Welch's letter follows:

"Thank you for your letter of October 16, in regard to the new food schedule.

"It appears that your chief criticism of the new schedule is that it differs from the schedule now in use in Berks county. In order for your criticism to be valid, it would have to be shown that the schedule now in use in Berks county is superior to the one we propose.

"The new schedule which we have initiated takes account, not only of the size of the family, but also of the composition of the family. It therefore would of a necessity differ from a schedule which takes account only of family size.

Says Doctors Agree

"The new schedule was submitted to doctors, dietitians, and nutritionists throughout the state and to a representative of the Bureau of Home Economics of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All of these persons agreed that the new schedule of relief provides an adequate food allowance for families of varying composition. These authorities were particularly impressed with the practice of allowing differing amounts for food depending on the ages and composition of the family.

"We trust that this adequately answers the points raised in your letter."

Single Persons Ignored

In this letter the case of the single people was ignored entirely. It seems that Mr. Welch contends that we must show him that \$2.00 is superior to \$1.50. That is so self evident there should be no proof necessary.

Single people are unable to live on the present voucher; how can they live on less? Take the mission, for instance. There they have about 95 men sleeping in close confinement on boards and in cots, in the cellar and on other floors. With all the economy made possible by institutional methods, buying in bulk, etc., even there the cost is no less than \$2.80 per week per individual.

The answer is that single people can't live on the voucher. But they must be kept. If the State will not pay a little towards their direct keep they will later pay more indirectly. How the unattached unemployed will live we shall never know, but it is certain that our ignorance will cover up a grim page of social history, and it is certain that the advocates of "economy" will often be haunted by an uneasy conscience.

Will Check On Coal

League members also expressed much satisfaction over the receipt of a letter in reply to their protest of last week that they would accept no coal unless the coal receipt contained the price of the coal. The letter, from E. H. Heist, president Reading Coal Dealers' Association, was as follows:

"In answer to yours of the 22nd regarding the price of coal being shown on receipts given to the recipients of relief coal, we beg to advise that the writer consulted Mr. Selbert L. Witman and it was agreed that it was only right and proper that the price of the fuel should be shown as you requested.

"As far as deliveries from Kohl & Heist are concerned we wish to inform you that our prices always have been shown on our receipts and as president of the local association you may rest assured that after our next regular meeting on December 14th, all members of the association delivering relief coal will show the price of same, however, a great deal of coal is being delivered by non-members of the association, therefore the writer cannot speak for them. We appreciate your calling this to our attention and wish to again as-

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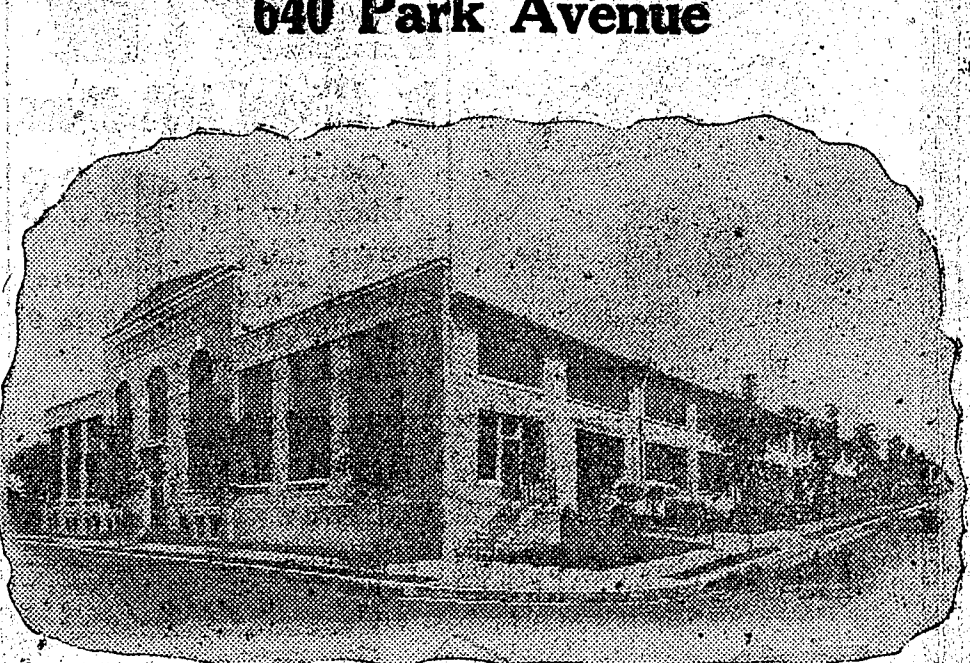
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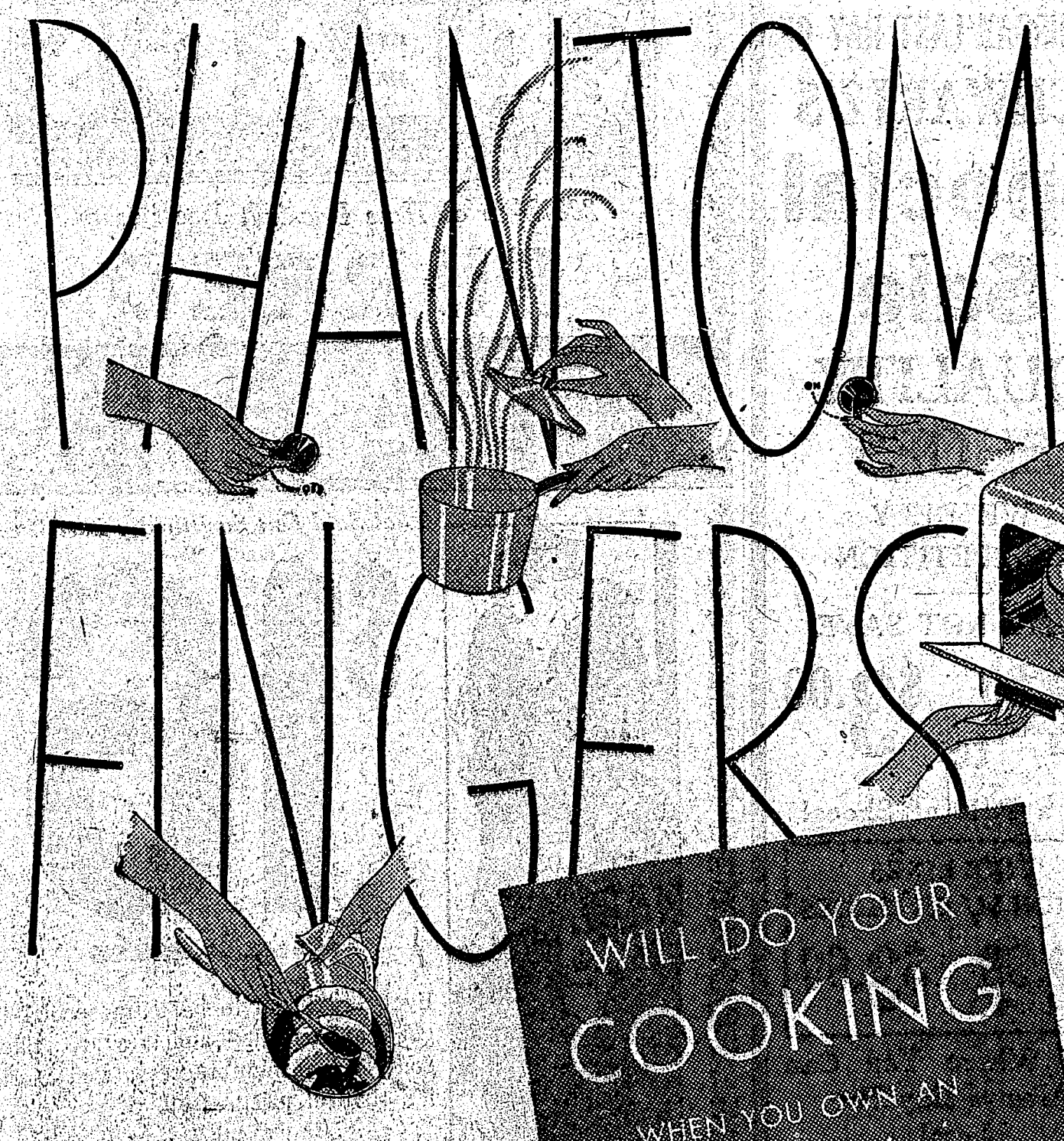
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RED TAPE DELAYS HOSEIERY UNION'S BUILDING PROJECT

By HARVEY O'CONNOR.
WASHINGTON (FP)—Caught in the interminable maze of bureaucracy in the Public Works Administration in Washington is the \$1,000,000 housing project of the Full-Fashioned Hoseiery Workers' Union of Philadelphia.

This project, for which the PWA has allocated \$1,000,000, awaits only the approval of its detailed plans by the bureau.

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PWA architects and other technical advisers. But each time that officials and architects for the hoseiery union come to Washington, there is a different bureau to deal with, new questions are raised and old ones settled all over again to the satisfaction of the new personnel.

The hoseiery workers' experience is typical of the jam in PWA that is nullifying its \$3,300,000,000 program for construction work throughout the country. PWA has allocated more than \$2,000,000,000 of its funds but work has actually started on only a small fraction of these projects because of the bureaucratic toils that entwine each one.

The hoseiery union's housing project in Philadelphia is the first to be approved by PWA. If the union can only get the \$1,000,000 actually put to use, it is felt that it will be the first of a long line of similar slum clearance and model housing projects that will put thousands to work and help clear out slums in industrial centers.

The Philadelphia project is to house 300 families of union hoseiery workers—former home owners whose

houses were foreclosed by the sheriff. These workers, under Pennsylvania's laws, can never again own a home unless they go through formal "bankruptcy." A thousand hoseiery unionists in Philadelphia alone have lost their homes during the economic crisis, John W. Edelman, editor of the Hoseiery Worker, told Federated Press.

The union's housing project provides 1,100 rooms for 300 families, with top rent of \$9 a room per month, including electric range and refrigerator and all electrical current included. This is the lowest price ever made for modern housing.

Morris Llewellyn Cooke, noted power expert and head of the new Mississippi Valley Authority, similar to the Tennessee Valley Authority, is a member of the union cooperative's board and worked out the plans by which electric cooking is made available. If necessary, the co-op will have its own electrical generating plant. Architects are Kastner and Stonorov.

When the project came before the Philadelphia city council recently, it met determined opposition from private realty interests who shouted "bohshevism." These interests built 300,000 of the 400,000 "row houses" that disfigure the Quaker City. Tens of thousands of workers who tried to buy these houses have been foreclosed. The city council approved the closing of mythical streets needed for construction of the hoseiery union's housing.

The utter futility of war is brought home by the fact that elimination of the kaiser gave the world Hitler.

The sexes may dress and smoke and drink alike, but they will never have the same opinion of a church wedding.

KRZYCKI URGES RECOGNITION OF RUSSIAN IDEAL

Socialist National Chairman
Declares Socialized Industry
Is Necessary In U. S. to
Avoid Chaos

ABOLISH PRIVATE PROFIT

Krzycki Says Soviets Are Prosperous Because of the Absence of Parasite Owning Class There

"Roosevelt's recognition of Russia is a necessary and inevitable step forward, but recognition by the American people of Russia's ideal—an economic order without private profit, must follow soon if we are to avoid chaos."

This is the view expressed by Leo Krzycki, chairman of the Socialist Party of America, in a statement issued from the national headquarters of the party.

"The Socialist Party of America has continually urged the recognition of Russia since 1919, not because we need Russian trade, not because we want a place to which to deport Russian aliens, but because we believe in the ideals and ideas of a state which has abolished the profit system."

Roosevelt Action Late.
"The recognition of Russia is a forward step for the United States. The fact that President Roosevelt made the move at this particular time in order to divert attention from the failure of the NRA does not make it any less so. Recognition of Russia cannot make the immense difference in trade conditions that is promised, for one important reason—American business recognized Russia long ago."

"Ford, DuPont, General Electric and U. S. Steel were not misled by the ranting of Hamilton Fish. They knew that Russia had the strongest government in Europe, and was a much better credit risk than France, Germany, or even England. And they went ahead and did business, without waiting for the formalities of diplomatic relations."

"Hence, the claim that recognition will start up trade is a little weak. Russia may buy a little more, but she will not increase her orders by the fabulous sums promised."

Russia Abolishes Profit
"The next step that must follow government recognition of Russia is recognition by the American people of the Russian ideal—an economic order without private profit."

"In fifteen years Russia has built herself up from a weak and poverty-stricken nation to a strong and prosperous one, by concentrating on one principle—the elimination of private profit. Trodden under the feet of a powerful, unscrupulous and incompetent owning class, torn and ravaged by years of war, burdened by ignorance, her people were considered the most backward in Europe at the end of the war. Today she is the one nation who has not suffered from the depression."

"While the so-called 'victorious nations' count their unemployed in millions, her people are busy. While the basic industries languish in Europe and America, Russia is steadily moving forward. Russia has done this by cutting out the luxury of an owning class."

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over a war-torn nation in a war-mad world, they had to exert control by means which would not be necessary in America. Because their electorate was uneducated and untrained in democratic methods, they had to exercise that control not merely against the dispossessed aristocracy, but against those members of the working class who had not enough vision to understand what they were doing.

"We Socialists regret that the Third International has marred the Russian success by its dogmatic and unrealistic insistence that all the rest of the world is exactly like Russia in 1917 and should therefore follow exactly the same course of action.

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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

WHAT PRICE MONETARY POLICY?

Mr. Sprague's resignation as financial adviser to the Treasury Department brings out in the open what will be a great and confused fight on monetary policies. In this fight, Socialist and labor folks want to keep their heads. Of course we are in a question which may affect our immediate welfare as much as the right or wrong sort of monetary policy, but we cannot too strongly insist that inflation nor deflation is characteristically Socialist. Both are capitalist devices often employed. Neither of them in the long run has helped the working class.

It is impossible to cure the evils of the profit system simply by doing something about money; and it is impossible to do anything really satisfactory about money under the profit system which reaches even to the private ownership of banks. However, Mr. Roosevelt may decide to inflate, at the end of the chapter J. P. Morgan or his equivalents will be sitting at the top of the heap.

Having said this, however, it is worth while to give a look at the situation. The President's gold purchasing policy is extraordinarily unsatisfactory. It is not a good policy of inflation because in a country off the gold standard, where most prices are fixed in the domestic market, the mere purchase of gold doesn't make much difference. It does, however, alarm foreign nations, threaten an irritating struggle for the control of the visible gold supply, shake confidence generally, and perhaps assist what is known as the "flight of the dollar" from America to other countries. Should Mr. Roosevelt really want to inflate with proper control, he ought to look into the possibility of paying for public works, especially for self-liquidating public works, by issuing treasury notes to be retired in orderly fashion as the public works operate, instead of paying by interest-bearing bonds. To issue paper money to pay for the current expenses of government is a dangerous form of inflation. To issue it in carefully regulated amounts for addition to the real wealth of America without incurring the burden of interest-bearing bonds merits careful consideration. The process would probably tend to raise prices, so that debtors would not have to pay back their debts in dollars that will purchase much more than when they incurred them. If a clause is written into all the codes providing that wages and salaries shall rise automatically with the increase in the cost of living, not only will labor be protected but some sort of extra control on the whole process will be set up.

TRY A CAPITAL LEVY!

If the United States were resolved to go Socialist instead of to remain capitalist, and if it wanted to reduce a crushing burden of debt and facilitate the transfer of privately owned resources and great industries to public ownership, its main dependence should not be any blind inflationary policy, but a capital levy, scientifically assessed and scientifically applied for the reduction or elimination of the worst portions of our debt burden. A capital levy on the living and a drastic increase in inheritance taxes would go far.

For instance, consider the monstrous absurdity of a system which permits Barbara Hutton or Doris Duke to inherit so many millions. Capitalism talks about profit as an incentive to work. Yet in fact under the law of inheritance it operates to remove all incentive and to subsidize conspicuous waste. It isn't the character of Doris Duke—who at 21 is called by the newspapers "the wealthiest girl"—it is the character of the system which matters.

RECOGNITION BELATED

We owe Russian recognition to Roosevelt's common sense, to the hope of American corporations for more trade, and to a certain community of Russian and American interests in the Far East against Japanese imperialism. We owe it also undoubtedly to the fact that Stalin has been pursuing a pacifist international policy and bothering little about "world revolution." Recognition will mean something for peace in the Far East and possibly something for prosperity. It will not mean for peace and economic wellbeing what it might have meant in any of the previous sixteen years during which the Socialist Party has been demanding it. Still we are entitled to rejoice that even belatedly the right thing has been done.

WE MUST STUDY SPAIN

Most European elections have recently shown encouraging gains for the Socialist Party. In Spain the election showed a strong conservative reaction which imperilled much of the re-

cent progress in that country and may lead to violence. Socialists the world over want to study the Spanish situation for the light it may shed on tactics in revolutionary situations. We had reason to rejoice in what has been gained in Spain by orderly and democratic means. The world cannot afford to see those gains dissipated by temporary clerical and conservative reaction.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT

The estimate of unemployment for the month of October, made by the American Federation of Labor, is 10,076,000, which represents an increase of 11,000 over September. In the light of these figures the failure of the NRA is obvious. The most that can be claimed for Roosevelt's recovery act in the way of employment is about a million and a half—not the four million about which he and General Johnson speak.

This does not mean that the theory of the NRA with respect to unemployment is incorrect, but rather that the theory has not yet been put to the test. President Roosevelt has said many times that reduction in the hours of those now working was necessary to create employment, but in practice he has signed codes that for the most part represented no reduction. He could make a real contribution towards putting people back to work by enforcing a thirty-hour week upon all industry.

His theory as to purchasing power was likewise correct, and likewise has been ignored rather than followed. Had he really increased wages by a substantial amount we might now have been rapidly recovering from the depression; but instead weekly minimum wage were set that yield only six or seven hundred dollars even if one works all year round. And as for the employees who already made more than the minimum, whatever slight increase in hourly rate they received was about compensated for by a reduction in the number of hours worked, so that employees on the average had their wage increased by about fifty cents.

The volume of production continues to fall rapidly. In the early summer we were producing as much as in the years 1923-25, but by September production had fallen to 84 per cent of the 1923-25 average, and in October it declined farther to 77 per cent. The NRA, widely heralded as the solution to our unemployment problem, has in reality solved only about one-eighth of that problem. Meanwhile the other nations of the world, without the benefit of any NRA, continue to make more rapid progress than ours toward normal production and employment. Indeed European governments are being warned against embarking on similar experiments on the ground that the progress of recovery would thus be checked.

CHINA

The best news heard from China for many months is that Fukien has broken away from the Nanking government and declared its independence with a long list of necessary reforms as its program. The once-promising Nationalist movement in China has long since degenerated into a group of reactionary politicians and militarists, lacking the courage to resist Japanese imperialism and the will to abolish feudalism and establish freedom in China.

The new state seems to be a radical-democratic state, with leanings in the Socialist direction. Land is to be redistributed in accordance with the needs of each family, we are told, with the government retaining control of the mines, forests, and other public resources. Freedom of speech and assembly has been declared, and right to form unions and go on strike is expressly guaranteed. The new regime has as the basis of its military power the famous Nineteenth Route Army that put up such a heroic defense against the Japanese assault.

It is to be hoped that the so-called Communist section of China, which stand not for Communism in reality but for the redistribution of land to the peasants, will cooperate with Fukien to resist the efforts of Nanking to subdue it.

MONETARY TINKERING

We seem to be witnessing now the collapse of the latest experiment of the government, an effort essentially to raise the price level in the country by artificially increasing the price of gold. The plan has of course failed in this objective, for the price of gold has no more influence than that of steel or cotton upon the general level of prices in the country.

Nor is much to be accomplished by the re-establishment of the gold standard with a smaller gold content

in the dollar, or by an increase in the volume of paper money. Our troubles are far more fundamental than that, and can be cured only by a remedy that goes to the root of the evil. That evil is an economic system founded upon a false profit principle, that inevitably brings inequitable distribution of wealth, depression, and unemployment in its wake. No amount of tinkering with the monetary system can remedy this fundamental defect.

REFLECTIONS

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shelter required to keep them in working trim when the masters needed their labor and enough to keep them from starving too quickly when no way could be found to use workers.

IF CURRENCY IS inflated the meaning of the thing will be no different—so far as workers are concerned. A few people who now think they belong to the owning class may be ruined. Others who weather the financial storm will become the owners of more of the nation's real wealth. But through it all, those who are needed to work will be kept in working condition, while those who are not needed will be bribed by doles or imprisoned if they object too violently against slow starvation.

WHAT WORKERS HAVE not yet learned is that they must stop waiting for the owning class to do things for them and begin to do things for themselves. The masses will never be any more than the hewers of wood and the drawers of water until they make the means of life the property of all the people and operate industry with less regard for any money system which may be satisfactory under a Capitalist set-up.

In other words, the welfare of the great majority of people requires that the entire economic system be changed. And it is significant that the present Rooseveltian policies—baloney or no baloney—are intended to safeguard the system and make it function once more in such a manner that workers may be kept working for their bread, beans and baloney while owners reap satisfactory profits by exploiting those who produce.

The success or failure of present policies will not change the master and slave relationship which now exists; nor is it intended to do so. The "Recovery" in National Recovery Administration merely means that the owners will recover their balance and work out some way in which they can again exploit workers to their own advantage. It is because Socialists wish to end the system which compels workers to serve the convenience of parasites that we are in fundamental disagreement with the plans of Capitalist politicians.

SOCIALISTS STRIKE

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liquor legislation and the soldiers' bonus bill and to make a few appropriations and then to quit without attacking the problems which affect workers and unemployed."

Mrs. Wilson expressed similar views and expressed the belief that an effort was being made to adjourn the present legislative session on or before December 14.

The Hoopes resolution, calling attention to the need for social legislation to alleviate the suffering of workers under the industrial collapse, and demanding speedy action by the House, follows:

WHEREAS, the depression has emphasized the necessity for labor and social legislation such as old age pensions, unemployment insurance, prevention of evictions, minimum wages, restriction of hours of labor, abolition of child labor, regulation of wage payments, and railroad safety measures, and

WHEREAS, our Joint Committee to investigate wages and labor conditions of children in the Commonwealth has recommended the adoption of many of these measures, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has included all of these subjects in his call for this special session, and will have us on the spot if we fail to act thereon, and

WHEREAS, bills along these lines have been introduced and referred to committees of this House,

WHEREAS, although this session is now in its third week, and it is a generally expressed hope that we may conclude our labors within the very near future, several of these

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committees have held no meetings, and the chairman thereof, despite repeated requests, have failed and refused to call such meetings, and

WHEREAS, our calendars have been very light with the result that the members have been compelled to waste a great deal of time that could have been spent profitably in considering legislation beneficial to the workers of this Commonwealth, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the chairmen of the Committees to which these bills have been referred are hereby directed to immediately call meetings thereof, and to report measures covering the aforesaid subjects to this House not later than Wednesday, December 6, 1933.

The Socialist members expect their measures to be given first reading next Monday night. Among the other measures are two introduced by Hoopes, one of which provides for slum clearance and municipal housing by municipalities, and one authorizing executors, administrators and trustees to exchange mortgages for Home Loan Bonds and making such bonds legal investments.

No Thanksgivng
For Sammie Insull

Sam Insull's monthly check of \$1750 will not travel to him in Greece anymore. His retirement pension of \$21,000 a year from the utilities he looted and wrecked has been stopped. When the stockholders objected at the annual meetings last spring the directors, headed by Jimmie Simpson, refused to act. Now when over a dozen fellow directors are to go on trial for using the mails to defraud investors, they thought it would look bad to continue pensioning a crook who refused to stand trial with them. It is widely stated that none of Sam's fellow defendants want him to come back. He might tell too much of what he's got on them. But neither do they want to stand up in federal

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