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## NRA-Labor Crisis Approaches in Washington Hoopes Scores Old Party Inaction At State Capital

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

IT IS NOT in the spirit of sympathy for the underdog that I venture to say a kind word for Alfred E. Smith at this time. Smith has fallen pretty low in public esteem as a result of his recent criticism of President Roosevelt's recovery policies. But, discounting his reasons, I verily believe that, in raising his dissenting voice, Smith did something that needs to be done.

NEVER HAVE I seen a public figure so completely surrounded by a roseate aura of sanctified perfection as this president of ours. "He is putting millions back to work," shriek the newspapers. And that, to those who are suffering from the collapse of Capitalism—and who is not?—is enough. How he is providing jobs and what the social consequences of his policies are likely to be are questions which are being ignored by almost universally popular consent.

It may be quite natural for people who have been doing nothing for the past four years to be pleased by the prospect of employment. It may likewise be expected that small business men, who have been busy counting the losses of trade, will not stop to question the whys and wherefores of any policies and practices which will put their former customers on some kind of a payroll. It is logical to expect that people who have no economic philosophy which extends beyond the periodical pay envelope should compare the "something" which Roosevelt is doing with Hoover's "nothing" and by slipshod reasoning, come to the conclusion that Roosevelt is ALL right.

Al Smith is not of the latter class. Neither am I.

SMITH MAY SPEAK for himself, this column is mine. And I wish to make clear why all who are really Socialists will view the prospects of Roosevelt's success with alarm rather than hope.

What I have to say won't take much space. I oppose Mr. Roosevelt, not because of what he is doing but because of what he so evidently aims to accomplish by what he is doing.

What the NRA aims to do is to rescue private Capitalism and maintain the master and slave relationship which has always enabled owners to profit from the labors of workers. What Socialists aim to do is to destroy the Capitalist system and inaugurate a social and economic order under which all the means of wealth-production will be the property of all the people, with only those who perform useful service in a position to enjoy the fruits of labor.

THE GAP BETWEEN what Roosevelt is driving toward and what Socialists propose is wide enough to give the latter a clear perspective of what is going on.

The two outstanding results of NRA activities are: First, price levels have been pushed higher, and second, some millions of unemployed are to be put to work. Now, what about these results?

Viewed together, it seems clear that those who are able to spend are being taxed in order to provide the necessary funds to meet payrolls for the newly employed.

And what kind of jobs are being (Continued on Page Seven)

### LACK OF REPRESENTATION CONVINCES UNIONS CARDS IN NEW DEAL ARE STACKED

Administrators, Selected From Ranks of Capitalists, No Longer Inspire Confidence—Labor's Partnership in Industry Now Appears to Be Another "Skin Game." Government Influence Against Workers

By HARVEY O'CONNOR.

WASHINGTON (FP).—The crisis in the relations between the American Federation of Labor and NRA is due to come to a head within the next few weeks on at least three major issues. The two leading issues are labor representation on the code authorities, set up to administer the codes, and minimum wage scales for skilled as well as unskilled workers. In both cases NRA authorities have decided against labor.

These issues are involved in the all-important construction code, over which unions and contractors have been battling for the past month. The refusal of Gen. Johnson to name President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers to the soft coal authority provoked another open break between A. F. of L. officials and the NRA in the past fortnight.

**Labor Mistrusts Rulings.** Another issue, a constant and chronic irritation, is the fact that NRA code hearings have loaded the dice against labor, and the tendency is becoming more pronounced rather than less. In theory the administrators at code hearings are supposed to hold the scales evenly between capital and labor. Actually most of the administrators are themselves capitalists or managers of statistical and other agencies serving the corporations.

Heckling of labor spokesmen by these administrators, and their failure to heed labor protests against low wages and long hours in the executive conferences, that actually determine the provisions of the code, are prominent grievances by labor men. The cards are stacked against them in the phase of the "new deal," they complain. The hearings in most cases are nearly useless, except for the publicity advantages, and with a dozen code hearings going on at the same time, each day, publicity tends to be meager.

**Administrators Oppose Decent Wages.** Another prime objection is the growing anti-labor complexion of NRA itself. The supposed partnership of capital, labor and the government is turning out more and more to be merely the old skin game of capital and government agreeing against labor. Not only is this pro- (Continued on Page Seven)

### INSTITUTE ON LABOR EDUCATION HERE DEC. 23

The active interest in Labor Education shown by Reading trade unionists has prompted the Reading Labor College, in cooperation with the educational department of the Federated Trades Council, to prepare a treat for the Reading workers. This treat will take the form of an institute on Labor Education to be held on the afternoon of Saturday, December 23, at a place to be announced. Here will take place a discussion of the place of Labor Education in the labor movement as well as a discussion of what sort of Labor Education is most effective.

The speakers at this institute will most likely be Tucker P. Smith, director of Brookwood Labor College, and Fania Cohen, of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Both are well known in the field of Labor Education. Miss Cohen is head of the education division of her union and has been associated with the Workers Education Bureau since its foundation. Mr. Smith was called to head Brookwood Labor College last June to succeed A. J. Muste. Previous to that time he was head of the Committee on Militarism in Education.

### RADIO FORUM WILL DISCUSS UNEMPLOYMENT

An event of interest to all professional workers will be a radio program of one hour tomorrow (Saturday) beginning at 1:30 p. m. over WJZ and other Blue Network stations.

"Essential Unemployment Legislation" is the topic announced, and the speakers will be Prof. John Dewey, Dr. Sidney E. Goldstein, Dr. Edward L. Israel, Rev. R. A. McGowan, Rev. James Myers and Prof. Colson E. Warne.

### ROSEDALE CASE WILL TEST NLB STAND ON UNION

Local Workers Await Ruling To See How Cards Are Stacked in the "New Deal"

**Adverse Verdict Seen as Signal For General Attack by Bosses—Johnson For 'Open Shop'**

Is the Rosedale strike hearing before the National Labor Board in Washington going to give the hosiery unionists of this district a decision which will increase the prestige of the Hosiery Union? Or will the results of the confab do nothing more than convince Berks County's workers that the cards are stacked against them in the "New Deal"?

Those questions are uppermost in the minds of thousands of workers who view the discriminatory tactics of Boss William Biting as a skirmish which awaits only the verdict of the Labor Board to become a general onslaught all along the Labor battle front.

**NLB For Open Shop.** Organized Labor has not been given any new reasons to believe that the NLB is determined to back up Sec. 7 of the National Industrial Recovery Act. While the right of workers to organize has been admitted, NRA officials from Hugh S. Johnson down, are explicit in their declarations that individual workers shall be safeguarded in their preference to remain out of the union. In effect, the principle of the open shop is thus given official sanction and approval.

With a working force divided on the question of union membership, the right to organize becomes a joke. Under such conditions the employer has an ever-present opportunity to drive a wedge in the ranks of the organized workers. That, indeed, was the attempt made by Biting (Continued on Page Three)

### SOCIALISTS BATTLE FOR SHOWDOWN ON SOCIAL AND LABOR MEASURES

Hoopes Interrupts Adjournment to Press Demand That Committees Consider Important Bills—Wilson Urging Ratification of Federal Child Labor Bill—Two Socialist Bills Approved by House

Representative Darlington Hoopes dramatized the inaction of the corporation-controlled State Legislature in the closing seconds of the lower house when, after a motion had been made to adjourn, the Reading Socialist rose to a point of parliamentary inquiry and asked the speaker for a parliamentary inquiry of the word "immediately."

### REPORTS LOCAL FIRM TO N R A

**Worker Laid Off by Sharp Construction Co. Files Complaint—Victim of Company Stock Deal**

Declaring that he was laid off by the Sharp Construction Co. of this city a few days after his wages were increased from 30 cents to 33 cents per hour as a result of NRA influence, and that other workers are still receiving under the 30-cent labor rate, Peter Lellig, 55, 1208 Windsor street, has filed complaint against the Sharp Co. with Harry K. Sorensen, district manager of the NRA, with offices in the Commonwealth Trust Building, Philadelphia.

Lellig told the Advocate this week that the Sharp Construction Co. "has hired other workers since I was employed, and have told me that I was not put to work because I talk too much."

Prior to the lay off, Lellig worked for the local firm for more than 14 years. He denies that he wasted time on the job and stated that he had worked beyond the time for which he was paid on numerous occasions.

**Holds Sharp Stock.** Lellig, who has grown old in the service of the concern which now casts him adrift, exhibited finger nails which were bleached snow-white. "That comes from the time I froze my hands while working for Sharp," he explained.

A sad feature of this worker's plight, typical of many wage earners who invested their savings with their employers before Capitalism's collapse, is the fact that he holds two shares of stock in the Sharp company. He showed receipts totaling \$291.85 which he declared was paid for the "securities." However, he said, "when I asked for the return of my money I was told that the company could buy all such stock it wanted for \$40 per share."

Left without a means of earning money and confronted with the loss of his savings, Lellig has turned to the NRA for justice. He hopes that the Sharp Construction Company will be forced to increase wages to at least the 40-cents-per-hour which the (Continued on Page Six)

### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

WHAT? NO POLITICS?

Having made his appointments on School Board committees, some time should elapse before President Hettiger again ventures to declare that "politics don't matter in the management of the Board."

That politics really do matter has been a fact for many, many years. They matter in the naming of janitors. They matter all the way from the basement to the roof. And they particularly mattered when Mrs. Hazelette Hoopes was relieved as Chairman of the Committee on Health and Medical Supervision and Mrs. Fox installed in that capacity.

Mrs. Hoopes more than any other director regardless of partisan affiliation, took her directorship seriously. She visited schools regularly. And, as Chairman of the Health and Medical Supervision Committee, she transformed that end of the school administration from a mere paper department to a going and actually important project. It was Mrs. Hoopes who first suggested that the people be acquainted with the business of public schools by means of radio broadcasts which have since won the approval of state educators and the general public. And it was she who brought to the Board's attention many new and progressive ideas which came to her as a result of tireless study of school problems.

But Mrs. Hoopes is a Socialist member, while Mrs. Fox was elected as a Fusionist. So Hoopes had to be demoted and Fox, able perhaps but untired, had to be elevated.

Politics? Of course it was politics! And Socialists will not cry about it. We call attention to it here merely in order that the committed appointments, and subsequent actions of the Board may be better understood.

**HOSIERY'S PROPOSED 30-HOUR WEEK.** The announcement that the American Federation of Hosiery Workers will launch a drive for a universal 30-hour week in that industry is important because such a demand is truly progressive.

There is no reason why any group of workers should work the same long hours as they did before the advent of labor-saving machinery. Not only common sense, but self-interest demands that workers in all trades should demand their share of the leisure which mechanical production brings.

It is because working hours have not been reduced that millions of people throughout the world have been compelled to suffer from unemployment while other millions worked too hard and too long. And it is because of those idle and needy millions that the owners of industry feel so certain of their ability to get scabs to take the jobs of strikers. Shorter hours of labor may have (Continued on Page Six)

### ONEAL SUCCEEDS HILLQUIT ON L. & S. INTERNATIONAL

CHICAGO.—James Oneal, editor of the New York "New Leader" since its establishment in 1924, has been elected as one of the two representatives of the American Socialist party on the executive committee of the Labor and Socialist International. He succeeds the late Morris Hillquit in that post, and becomes a co-member on the executive with Norman Thomas.

Oneal, now 58, left school at the sixth grade to become an iron and steel worker, but his trade union activities soon led him into the field of labor journalism. He became associate editor of the New York "Worker" in 1906, and has been active in Socialist and labor publications since that time.

A close associate of Eugene V. Debs, Oneal at first joined the late Socialist leader in the organization of the International Workers of the World. The two quickly disagreed with the syndicalist tactics of that organization, and Oneal wrote "Socialism vs. Syndicalism" in 1911 to offset the influence of "direct action" enthusiasts who were still in the party. Among his numerous other publications is the scholarly "Workers in American History" which traces the history of the class struggle in America back into colonial days.

## ANTI-COMPANY UNION MEETING SUNDAY IN CAPITOL THEATRE

Mary Van Kleeck, Former Roosevelt Board Appointee, and Assemblyman Hoopes Will Speak

Arrangements are being made to accommodate a record breaking crowd at the Capitol theatre on Sunday evening at 7:30, when an anti-company union mass meeting will be held under the auspices of the Federated Trades Council.

member of President Roosevelt's National Consumers' Board, will be the principal speaker.

Miss Van Kleeck is recognized as one of the most foremost authorities on company unionism and her talk will be of extreme interest to the workers in this locality at this time when employers are attempting to foster company unions upon their workers.

Other speakers on the program will be Darlington Hoopes, Socialist member of the State Legislature, and

**General Public Is Invited To Hear the Truth About Company Unions at 7:30 At Trades Council Rally**

George Rhodes, president of the Federated Trades Council, who will preside.

Admission to the meeting is free and everybody is welcome to attend. Industrial workers are especially urged to be present and learn the truth about company unions.

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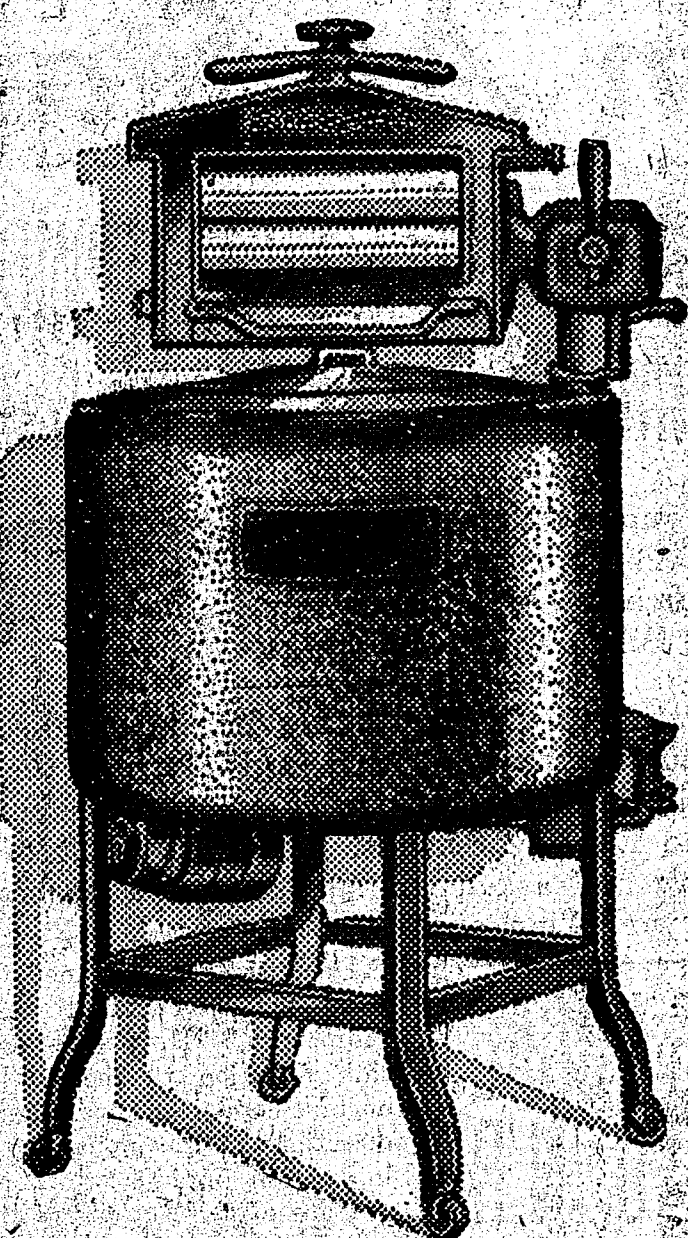
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Friday to the Embassy Theatre.

The new picture must not be characterized as a back-stage romance. It runs the gamut from a carnival side-show, through a swanky New York gambling club, out to the homes of Long Island's millionaire society folk and back to Broadway.

Dunn and Edwards are cast as side-show spielers who are not averse to making away with their patrons' pocketbooks and watches, when the occasion offers. Miss Roth and Miss Knight are entertainers at the show. The former finally abandons her friends because of their petty

grafting and goes to New York where she wins fame on Broadway.

The two speliars finally are induced by June, and the long arm of the law to go straight. The three set out for New York to make their fortunes in a legitimate manner. At first they are caught in the toils of Robert Gleckler, who plays the part of the owner of the crooked gambling club but through the good offices of Miss Roth and her producer, played by Charles "Buddy" Rogers, they escape.

All ends happily after Dunn, Edwards and Miss Knight win great acclaim as members of Rogers' new show.

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BALTIMORE, Md.—A large number of labor leaders and other prominent persons attended the funeral service of Henry F. Broening, president of the Baltimore Federation of Labor, who died here following his collapse at his office.

Mr. Broening was president of the Baltimore Federation of Labor for 14 years and was 53 years old at the time of his death. The son of a blacksmith, his name had been identified with labor organizations since he was a young man.

Electing Roosevelt was a stroke of luck. He's the only man who understands his gold buying scheme.

After all, the best test of fine manners is a dumb bridge partner.

**PACKING STRIKE  
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IN MIDDLE WEST**

Holding of Plant From Private Owners Seen As Bolshevism By Capitalism's Kept Press

**DISTRUSTS BOSSES' CODES**

Union Secretary Warns Workers They Must Win Concessions by Their Own Activities

CHICAGO (FP)—The rise from slavery of the packing-house workers in the middle west, signalized by strikes in Chicago and Minneapolis and the actual capture of a plant in Austin, Minn., is throwing a profound scare into ruling class interests.

"The Third International," writes the Chicago Tribune in a frenzied editorial December 1, "might note with satisfaction that a class feeling is arising where no class feeling existed. A new enemy has been created. Private direction of private property is barely within the law, if it is not entirely outside it."

Radicals Approve  
Papers and public men up and down the Mississippi valley have denounced the action of the Independent Union of All Workers at Austin, where the plant was held against its owners for several days until the owners agreed to arbitrate demands for a wage boost. Radical papers on the other hand seemed to think that the union should have gone further and started to run the plant in the interest of the working class. The Independent Union has no trade union affiliations.

The Chicago strike of stock handlers tied up the big Union Stockyards and practically no animals were unloaded during the three days of the strike except by consent of the union, in this case a local of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, the American Federation of Labor affiliate. By strenuous efforts of the NRA regional labor board a truce was patched up between the bosses and the union workers.

Accept Compromise  
A 10 per cent raise was accepted temporarily in place of the 50 per cent boost to the 1929 scale demanded by the men. The 10 per cent will be paid until arbitration settles the permanent scale. No strikers are to be discriminated against. Meat on the hoof is once more rolling toward Chicago after telegraph and radio stop orders had been sent to shippers by the stockyards management. Several thousand strikers were involved and an active picket line maintained.

Union activity in packing plants all over the country has more than doubled the membership of the Amalgamated, according to Secretary Dennis Lane with headquarters in Chicago. While a number of retail butcher shops have been unionized under the NRA, he reports, most of the gain of over 25,000 members has been in the stockyards. Lane does not fall for honeyed words from politicians about the NRA codes.

Warns Against Codes  
"After our experience at code hearings in Washington," Lane says, "we are convinced that the wage earner is not going to profit by putting his dependence in the codes submitted by the employers. The workers must organize and negotiate their conditions by contract with the employer. Do not lose any sleep worrying about the employers' code—forget it!"

In a number of localities the A. F. of L. union is meeting competition in organization from independent unions and from the Food Workers' Industrial Union, notably in South St. Paul. The Amalgamated was out of the picture when the Austin plant was captured but has some members there, according to Lane. About 200 new locals have been formed in the past eight months and many dead ones revived.

How times change! She used to run her fingers through his hair; now she's afraid to mess up his permanent.

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Ickes' Figures of Public Works Clash With Reliable Statistical Agency and A. F. of L. Reports

WASHINGTON (FP)—Construction men and statisticians in Washington rubbed their eyes with astonishment when they read the latest ballyhoo emanating from the Public Works Administration to the effect that 2,993,360 men have been put to work on PWA funds since June.

Sec. Ickes, PWA administrator, claims that 807,000 men are at work on PWA allotments, and that two men are working on indirect and industrial employment for every one on construction. That automatically boosts the figure to 1,810,000. To this Ickes adds 347,000 employed in the civilian conservation camps (CCC), mostly at a dollar a day. In addition 1,183,000 have been transferred from relief rolls to the civil works administration (CWA), he claims.

Statistics Differ  
Ickes' figures however are in direct conflict with those of the Dodge Corp., statistical agency for the construction industry, which shows contract awards of not more than \$5, 148,000 a day in October for all kinds of work, public and private, as contrasted with Ickes' figure of \$5, 200,000 a day on PWA jobs alone. The Dodge figures are accepted as the most accurate in the industry.

Others commented on the strange fact that while Ickes' figures show nearly 3,000,000 put to work, the American Federation of Labor job figures show a decline since October, when the PWA chief claims his program really began to be effective. The only way to reconcile the two sets of figures is on the assumption that there has been a catastrophic decline in industrial employment.

**Deadlock Continues  
On Construction Code**

WASHINGTON.—The deadlock on the construction industry code, as drafted and submitted by NRA Counsel Ronald Richberg, became tighter on December 4. Contractors, sworn to secrecy, held meetings over the weekend to discuss plans for flat rejection of Richberg's substitute for the code, which the employers had spent five months in drafting.

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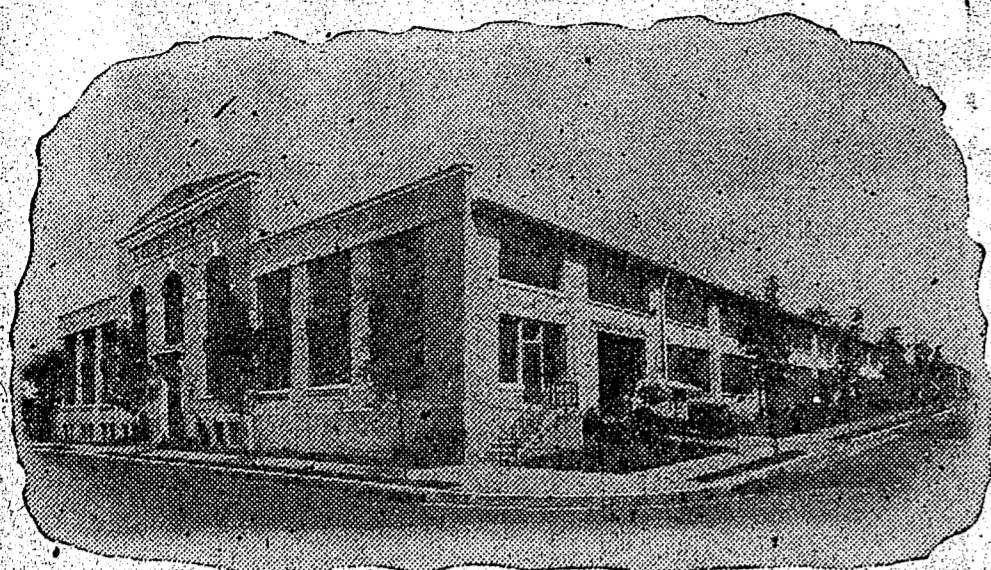
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employees to win them from the Hosiery Union to his own shop organization. When union officials spoke of their own organization and collected dues inside the mill Bitting discharged them.

### Other Bosses Await Verdict

If Bitting makes those dismissals "stick" more discharges and greater discrimination can be expected. That this danger is recognized by union leaders was clearly shown during the past week when Henry Adams, of the Rosedale Union Shop Committee, told the NLB that the other employers are "just sitting back to see what happens."

Regardless of the decision in the Rosedale case, however, the present controversy between Bitting and the Union is a lesson in the need for a strong and militant labor organization which all workers should learn. Indeed, other decisions made by the NLB justify the belief that the character and speed of their rulings is frequently determined by the strength of the unions whose cases they consider. With code minimums becoming maximums in many industries and with workers throughout the nation being forced to fight constantly for rights which they thought were to come to them as a direct result of NIRA, it becomes constantly more apparent that the only real gains which the workers ever will get will be those which they are strong enough to win by their own united power.

As we understand the financiers' criticism of the law governing securities, a shell game won't work if you have to show folks where the pea is.

## Y.P.S.L. LEADERS HAVE CONVENT'N

Youth, Executives Take Stand  
On Lynching and Mob Violence  
In Gathering at Allentown

The State Executive Committee of the Young People Socialist League concluded its second quarterly meeting in the Allentown Labor Temple early last Sunday morning after nearly an all night session. The entire State Committee was present. Austin Adams and Mark Brown of Reading; Anna and Althea Moyer of Allentown; Morris Gutkin and Walter Storey of Philadelphia; Sam'l. Weisberg and David Criss of Pittsburgh; William Leishman of New Castle and David Weisberg of Pittsburgh, the latter being State Secretary.

The Organization Committee reported an increase of ten new Yipsel Circles in the past two months in the state of Pennsylvania, with a membership of 293 new members. Recommendations were made to the National Executive Committee as to the best methods found to increase and build up local organizations.

### To Perfect League Structure

Following local organization methods in vogue in New York state, the SEC went upon record to adopt the same methods in Pennsylvania where by the present organization set-up will be divided into three different groups. First, the Red Falcons, boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 11 years. After the children reach the latter age they automatically become members of the Junior Yipsels whose ages are between 11 and 17 years. Following this the Senior Yipsel group from 17 to 25 years of age. After this age the members are qualified for membership in the Socialist Party.

The Director of the Industrial Department, Althea Moyer, reported the plans for the industrial activities of the state organization. The industrial director of each local Circle will be in constant touch with the state industrial director on matters pertaining to the organization's participation in strikes, lockouts, boycotts and picketing. The behavior and deportment of each member connected with these activities will be supervised, first by the local director who in turn will be responsible to the state director.

A Cultural Department was inaugurated. This will be in charge of Anna M. Moyer of Allentown. This department was made necessary by the fast growing membership. Activities will be centered in the production of labor plays, marches, songs, poems and presentation of public entertainments.

The Committee on Resolutions presented various resolutions on matters of National and International importance. After considerable discussion, the State Executive Committee sanctioned a resolution on the Scottsboro Case. Another resolution severely condemns the law enforcement authorities of the city of New York for their negligence in apprehending and punishing the real perpetrators of the shooting of one of their members in an anti-Fascist demonstration in the latter city.

### Condemns Race Hatred

The subjects of lynching and race hatred consumed considerable time and was one of the reasons for the prolonged session. One resolution condemns Gov. Rolph of California for his apparent approval of mob law in connection with the lynchings of the kidnapers of Brooke Hart and the continued imprisonment of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings. Another resolution was passed in favor of the League Against War and Fascism, demanding that every branch of the Socialist movement support the League 100%.

From present indications the next meeting of the SEC will be held with

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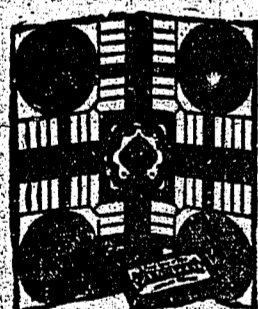
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## LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM

Resolution adopted by Pennsylvania Y. P. S. L. Executives at Allentown, Sunday, December 3:

WHEREAS, the danger of war which threatens to destroy Socialist organization and even more so now that capitalism is collapsing and looking for markets that are quickly vanishing; and

WHEREAS, Fascism is rapidly spreading throughout the world, even in the United States, where state capitalism, the forerunner of Fascism, is already being ushered in by the Roosevelt Government; and

WHEREAS, we have seen by the German experience that a divided working class cannot successfully combat a united capitalist class; and

WHEREAS, The League against War and Fascism is the only present

## CALIFORNIA LYNCHING

Resolution adopted by Y. P. S. L. State Executives at Allentown, Sunday, December 3:

WHEREAS, we believe that all criminals, whether they be kidnapers or bankers should be severely punished, we also believe that no person should be punished until he has been given a fair trial by an unprejudiced judge and jury; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rolph of California has barbarically, undemocratically and unjustly condoned the action of mob rule, which is the lowest form of civilization, portrayed in the lynching of the kidnapers of Brooke Hart; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rolph, in so doing has betrayed the citizens of California, who elected him on the platform that he would support the

American Constitution and the Declaration of Independence which guarantees a democratic government; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rolph represents the capitalist class which knows not the meaning of justice, in that it releases criminals of the upper class with a minimum of punishment and frames men of the working class like Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, or condones mob lynchings as in the case of Brook Hart kidnapers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Y. P. S. L. of Pennsylvania call upon all of the workers to fight these lynch methods against Mooney and Billings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the Young People's Socialist League of Pennsylvania do all in our power to persuade the Socialist Party to enter the League Against War and Fascism and to help make it a strong fighting organization, so strong and so powerful in numbers that it will be able to prevent war and Fascism until the working class of America has become strong and class-conscious enough to take over the political and economic machinery and thus outlaw war and Fascism forever.

RESOLVED, That we call upon all workers to fight for the overthrow of the capitalist system, which is the cause for kidnappings and in which is inherent much class injustice, brutality and lynching and establish a Socialist commonwealth, a classless society in which there can be true justice and real democracy.

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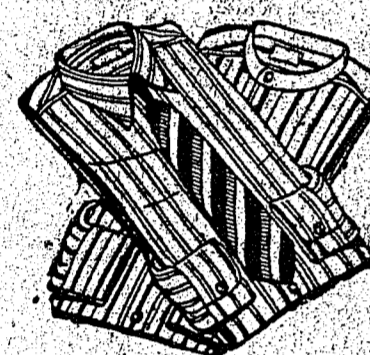
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## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

### CIVIL WORKS AND N. R. A.

Its program of public works having put very few persons back to work thus far, the Administration attempts to fill in the gap with a civil works program that is temporary at best, pays very low wages, and is much more like charitable relief than genuine employment. The best that can be said for it is that, on the whole, it represents some improvement, though not enough to be of any fundamental importance.

Meanwhile the NRA continues its downward path. The steel industry, after a brief period of operating at 60 per cent of capacity in the early summer, is putting along between 25 and 28 per cent. Unemployment actually increased in November, and the only comfort that Administration apologists can draw is that the increase was not as great as is often true of this time of the year. The number of unemployed in the country, according to the figures of the American Federation of Labor, has at no time this year been below the 10,000,000 mark.

We also learn from the National Industrial Conference Board that the average weekly wage in the United States rose from \$19.15 in July, before the NRA went into effect, to \$19.46 in October, after all the benefits from that remarkable piece of legislation had been made available. No one will deny that an administration must be remarkably resourceful to work up such a tremendous ballyhoo on an average rise in weekly wages of only thirty-one cents.

Even that, however, is found upon close examination to be no gain at all, for we also learn from the Conference Board that the cost of living rose to a greater extent. The result is that the average workingman in the country can actually buy fewer things now than he could before the blessings of the NRA reached him. We are not surprised, therefore, to learn that in the entire Federal Reserve District of New York, department store sales were actually 2 per cent less than in October, 1932.

Americans are also apt to forget that the rest of the world is likewise recovering from the depression without any NRA to help it along. As a matter of fact, both the League of Nations and the Royal Bank of Canada, after studying business conditions throughout the world, discovered that our rate of progress from the low point of the depression, as compared with conditions during prosperous times was actually slower than the average rate for the rest of the world. This does not mean, of course, that the standard of living in other countries is higher than ours, but merely that they have recovered more of the ground lost during the depression than we have. It is certainly true that some of the improvement for which we give the NRA credit would have occurred anyway, as conditions in the entire world improved.

This is not to say that the NRA has been of no value. On the contrary, it has helped enormously by convincing the people that social control over industry is essential if we are ever to be employed and prosperous again. It is making people more eager to learn what Socialism has to offer, particularly as Roosevelt's reactionary enemies denounce some of his experiments as "socialistic." It has also given new life to the labor movement, and proved to the world that a democracy can act just as quickly and as vigorously as any dictatorship.

In its efforts to put people back to work and increase the purchasing power of the masses, however, the NRA has miserably failed. And it has failed largely because the administration did not dare to put its theories to the test. Even in July, the banner month of the year for employment, the average working week consisted of only 42.6 hours. The president and his advisors should certainly have known that, if such was the case, maximum hours of forty and forty-four per week would put precious few persons back to work, except in cotton and several other industries. Had they shortened hours to thirty per week we would have really begun to make progress.

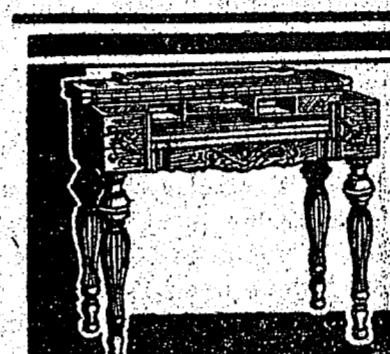
Similarly, they correctly asserted that higher wages alone could increase purchasing power, but again they lacked the courage to honestly raise them. All they attempted was to prevent wages below \$12 per week, with no effort to raise the wages of those already earning more than that sum. Had they raised wages to a minimum of \$25 or \$30 per week, with proportionate increases for all who earned more than those sums, we might by now have

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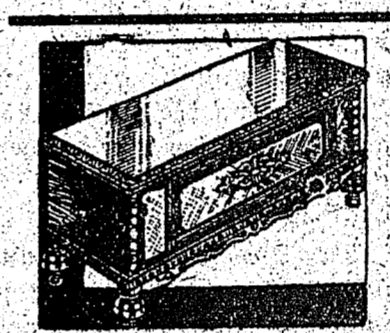
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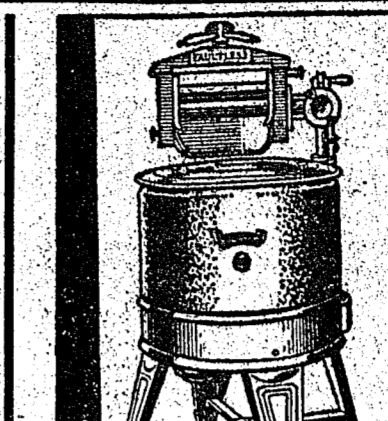
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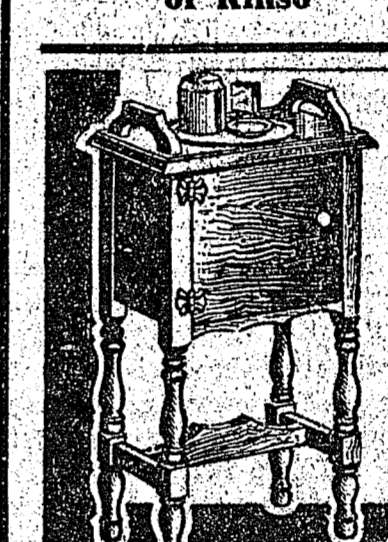
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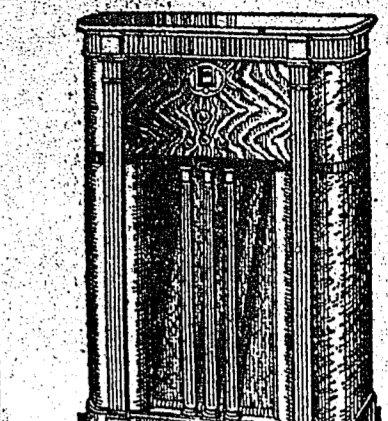
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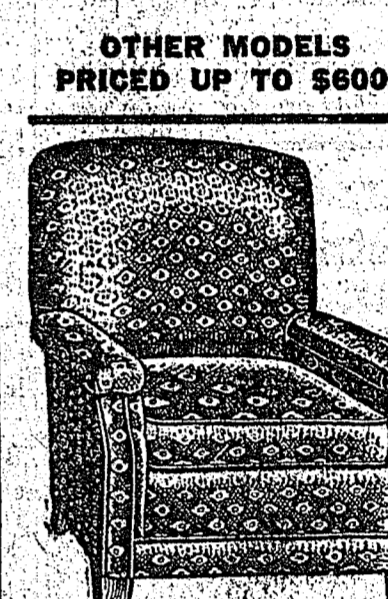
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WASHINGTON — Gen. Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff, is beating the tom-toms again for an army in "man-for-man effectiveness" to any in the world. Just whom the General intends to fight he did not make clear.

MacArthur wants a regular army of 165,000, a \$170,000,000 modernization and mechanization program, an organized reserve of 120,000 officers and an enlarged R. O. T. C. He said the unwieldy armies of the world war are passe now. What is needed now is a highly mobile force, thoroughly armed with every device of scientific ingenuity for the extermination of human life.

### Chicago Stockyard Strike

Referred to Local Board

WASHINGTON — The sudden strike of 6,000 Chicago stockyard workers, which has tied up the unloading of livestock in the world's biggest cattle receiving center, has been referred to the Chicago regional labor board by the National Labor Board. The A. F. of L. meat cutters union and an independent union are involved in the walkout.

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### DAWES' BANK DEFAULTS

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WASHINGTON (FP)—The U. S. government is left holding the bag for part of the \$90,000,000 which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation lent Charles Dawes' Chicago bank back in June, 1932, two weeks after he resigned a chairman of RFC. Tucked away in a RFC report are the figures showing that the loan to the Republic Bank and Trust Co. had matured Dec. 23, 1932, and had not been renewed. The unpaid balance, \$62,157,000, is considered in "technical default." The bank is now in process of liquidation.

At the time the RFC bailed out Dawes' bank, 32 other banks in the city of Chicago were allowed to collapse, although \$10,000,000 would have saved them, Rep. Sabath charged. Hoover apologists said the loan to Dawes' bank averted a panic, such as later swept the country in the closing month of Hoover's administration.

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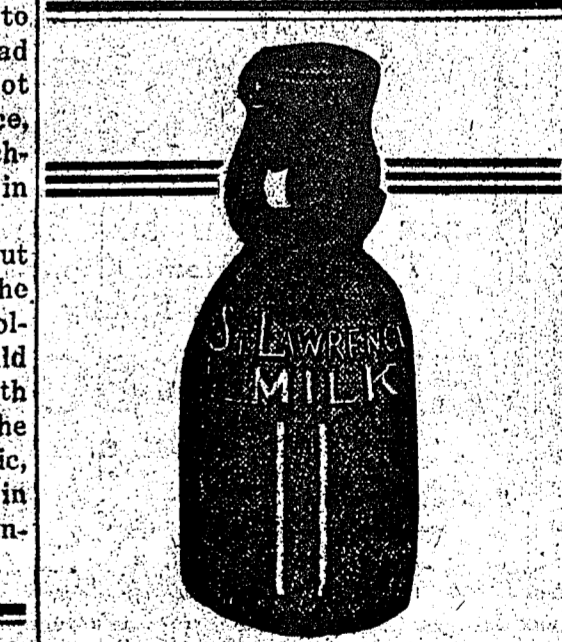
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### Socialist Party To Put

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### Million Negro Children

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WASHINGTON — One million Negro children do not attend schools, reports the U. S. office of education. More than one-third of Negro pupils never go beyond the first grade and three-quarters never advance beyond the fourth.

A special survey of Negro education reveals that two-thirds of the pupils are over-age, due to being retarded. This is caused by the shortness of the school year, poorly prepared and overburdened teachers and lack of equipment. The average

### salaries of teachers is \$346-478 a

year.

Nearly 40% of Negro schools still use benches without desks. Some have no blackboards. Ordinary stoves heat half the buildings.

### Women Janitors Get 40-Hr.

Week Without Wage Cut

BUTTE, Mont.—Women janitors at the Fox-Rialto theater are enjoying the 40-hour week without reduction in their weekly wage through negotiations with the Women's Protective Union. A drive to put all women janitors in Butte on the same basis is under way.

### Pipe Line Investigation

May Pinch Oil Companies

WASHINGTON—Rockefeller and Mellon oil companies can be expected to squeal like stuck pigs if Secretary Harold L. Ickes, the oil administrator, goes through with his plan to investigate the earnings and operations of the oil pipe line companies. Most of them are subsidiaries of the Standard, Gulf and other major companies. They soak up tremendous profits through forcing independent producers to pay high prices to pipe their oil to refineries. Under NRA, oil pipe line rates can be fixed by the government.

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**NRA Consumers Advisory Board Hits Price-Fixing**

WASHINGTON—The Consumers' Advisory Board to the National Recovery Administration militantly opposed the price-fixing scheme set out

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in the fair practice code for wholesalers presented to General Hugh S. Johnson, Recovery Administrator, by 277 trade associations representing nearly 200,000 wholesalers. In some instances the price-fixing extends to retailers and consumers as well as to manufacturers and wholesalers.

The code empowers the code authority to fix price differentials and then declares that it "shall be an unfair trade practice for any wholesaler or distributor to buy any such merchandise from any primary seller who does not maintain such differentials."

The representative of the Consumers' Advisory Board of the National Recovery Administration opposed the price-fixing section on the ground that it would prohibit economies from reaching the consumer and "freeze" the distribution system.

Certain manufacturers' associations and trade associations also opposed the price-fixing section because it "authorizes wholesalers or distributors or other functional groups to initiate and practice boycotts against other groups."

The first job of a diplomat is to learn that unimportant countries have important feeling people.

Another difference between sexes: As a female gets older, she no longer judges a party by the refreshments.

**Activities of the Reading Socialists**

**CARD PARTY TONIGHT AT LAURELDALE**

Tonight (Friday) the Laureldale Socialists will hold a card party in their headquarters, Yerger's hall, with the women of the branch in charge. Fine prizes and refreshments are promised. A corner charge of 15 cents will be levied and all proceeds will be used as a Christmas fund for the needy of the borough.

**CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LABOR LYCEUM**

Central Branch women will hold a card party at Labor Lyceum Saturday night, Dec. 9.

Exceptionally fine prizes are being secured. Roast beef supper, vegetable soup and delicious pastry will be served all evening.

Card playing will start promptly at 8 p. m.

**WOMELSDORF**

Members are urged to attend their meeting Monday night at their headquarters, and hear Charles Sands talk on "Why Workers Must Organize." Bring along your friends, comrades.

**NORTHEAST**

Monday, Dec. 11, is the date for election of branch officers. Failure to attend this meeting will mean that you miss your chance of selecting the ones you want to serve you for the coming year. Be on the job, comrades.

**ALL BRANCHES**

To all branch secretaries: Send in the names of all branch officers and changes of meeting time to Organizer Bigony. We are getting ready to start our branch lectures. Your co-operation is needed.

**SEW ON WEDNESDAY AT SOUTHERN**

The Southern Women's Branch are still sewing each Wednesday afternoon of the week, making card party prizes, etc. Everyone is invited to come and join them. Tea will be served during the afternoon.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT SOUTHERN**

The Southern Branch is asking for a full attendance of its membership next Tuesday evening, as the annual election of officers will take place at that time.

**JACKSONWALD**

Fascism, What Does It Mean?

William Schwenen will tell you Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Lora's carpenter shop. The meeting will start at 8 p. m. Everybody invited. Bring along your questions.

**WILSON TO SPEAK TO SOUTHERN WOMEN TONIGHT**

Comrade Birch Wilson will address the Southern Women's Branch Friday evening after the regular business meeting. All members are urged to be present, as there will be important business to transact.

**Y. P. S. L. ACTIVITIES**

Circle 2—Discussion of War (Continued).

Circle 3—Speaker, Albert Hartman.

Circle 11—Speaker, Charles Yerger, Burgess of Laureldale.

Circle 12—Speaker, Stewart Tomlinson.

**Attention Yipsels!**

Our semi-annual election of officers of the Local Berks Y. P. S. L. will take place on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 8 p. m. at the Labor Lyceum. Those officers to be elected are: County Chairman, Executive Secretary, Financial Secretary, Educational Director and Industrial Director. All committees with the exception of five members of the Organizer's Committee are to be elected. Remember these people are to represent you the next six months! Make wise choices and nominations and don't forget to attend. If you were not there, don't howl afterwards.

Circle 11, Laureldale Branch, recently organized, has stolen a step on the older circle of the league. They have printed cards to advertise themselves and their meeting nights which they are distributing throughout the borough at points of vantage.

The first issue of "Rebel Youth," organ of the Berks County Y. P. S. L., will appear around December 15. Those who wish to contribute material for the first issue should hand or send it to Kenneth Smith, Forest Jones or William Stauffer no later than Sunday, Dec. 10. Subscription is 25c per year or 15c for six months. Every Yipsel should subscribe. See one of the above members for subscriptions.

Circle secretaries are reminded that at the end of December their quarterly reports on dues stamp sales, new members, suspended or expelled members, general activities of the circle and miscellaneous items for the month of October, November, December are due. Start collections, dated now and make three copies of it, one for each of these: County officer at the Labor Lyceum; State office at 122 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; National office, 549 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill. Failure to comply will mean removal from office.

**LYNCH GOVERNOR ALARMS CAPITOL**

Washington Views Rolph's Approval as Signal For Nationwide Reign of Mob Violence

WASHINGTON (FF)—Public approval given the San Jose lynchings by Gov. James Rolph, jr., of California is viewed in Washington as a calamitous blow at the structure of capitalist law and order. The whole movement against lynching, built up laboriously as the result of years of patient effort, has been dealt a staggering blow and an unparalleled outbreak of mob murder can be expected, it is held. Little surprise was expressed, however, that Rolph approves lynching. His attitude in the Mooney-Billings case precluded that.

Immediately following Gov. Rolph's statement on the San Jose murders, a Negro was torn from jail in Missouri and lynched. When Gov. Ritchie sent troops to Princess Anne county, on the eastern shore of Maryland to arrest four suspected lynchers in the Armwood case, the militia was attacked by a mob and blood shed was narrowly averted when it withdrew under a barrage of bricks, water from fire hoses and the curses of the mobsters. The mob had been inflamed by Gov. Rolph's justification of lynching.

The view held in Washington is

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**UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOUCHERS REDEEMED**

that the country is on the "raw edge" due to continued unemployment and appalling mass destitution. The authorities are in deadly fear of an outbreak of bread riots and uprisings by farmers and the unemployed.

In this situation Gov. Rolph tossed a bomb by approving mob violence, just when clever and conservative defenders of the status quo, such as Gov. Ritchie, were trying to restrain mob violence.

There is no assurance, it is held, that the next victims of mob fury will be only Negroes and kidnappers. In view of the widespread anti-Wall Street propaganda, lynch parties may choose defenders of business and financial racketeering as their next victims.

**Vets Not Thankful**

WASHINGTON—Notices to 34,000 veterans that they were cut entirely from federal disability compensation rolls were mailed out by the Veterans' Bureau Thanksgiving week. Since October the Bureau

employees have been worked extra shifts and overtime at this job. The next push will be directed toward "presumptive cases" on which state boards are reporting.

**Roosevelt Didn't Stop 3,672 Evictions in Chicago**

CHICAGO—There were about 200 more evictions in Chicago in October than in July of this year, according to the notices in the Daily Law Bulletin. The October evictions totaled 3,672. In July, before President Roosevelt's home-saving campaign in swing, evictions totaled 3,478. Tax

sales of 60,000 pieces of property in the city have also been ordered.

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## WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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The immediate effect of reducing the earnings of everybody. But once the principle is recognized that all should share in the business of wealth production and distribution, the surplus of humans will disappear. Then, with no glut in the labor market, workers will be in a good position to make and enforce demands for higher living standards.

Machinery has increased production. Let everybody have more. Machinery has lightened burdens. Let everybody work less. Machinery can be made the servant instead of the competitor of human beings. Let humans unite with the Socialists to make all industry the possession of humankind.

### KARL MARX OR CAMERON BECK

During the recent campaign—and in the campaign of two years ago—Fusionists sought to prejudice the people of Reading against Socialist School Board candidates by declaring that Socialists would drive the

teachings of Thomas Jefferson from the schools and substitute the doctrines of Karl Marx.

Well, the Socialists lost. And now—

We presume that Thomas Jefferson will still be mentioned—without bearing too heavily upon the fact that he was a revolutionist. But when some really peppy program is needed, the school authorities call upon an economist who is more modern than either Jefferson or Marx.

Thus we find Mr. Cameron Beck, director of the New York Stock Exchange Institute, addressing an assembly at the High School on matters of "Honesty" and "Character."

As Socialists, we object to that just as heartily as the "Daughters of No More American Revolution" would object to a propaganda address by a disciple of Lenin.

Mr. Beck's personal honesty and character may be above reproach for all we know. But he stands for a system which is so immoral that it compels millions of people to await the pleasure and profit a few financial kings before they may earn an honest living.

Nor do we think it a good afternoon's work to permit an exponent of a dog-eat-dog economy to tell our young people that "Character is Your Capital." What must the more glib students think of their parents, who probably have no capital at all? A fine mess it is when we use our public schools to convince boys and girls that their poverty-stricken parents are failures because they are characterless!

And when Mr. Beck told the youngsters to "Carry On," he may have started a long train of trouble for them. What if some of them were to learn about Capitalist injustice—and then carry on. Why, before long they'd be jailed as agitators.

But enough! The schools are not in the hands of Socialists. So the men who are held up as great will not be those who work the most, but those who have the most.

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NRA blanket code prescribed. "It may do somebody else some good even if I am out of a job and have lost my investment too," he says.

## SOCIALISTS BATTLE

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Amendments and Railroads and Railways had met when the motion to adjourn for the week was presented Wednesday night.

Hoopes Calls for Action

It was then that Hoopes asked for his definition of the word "immediacy." Upon being answered by the speaker, Hoopes launched into a condemnation of the committee chairman who had flouted the orders of the House. He declared that committee chairman had informed him that they would take social and labor bills under consideration "in due course."

"This," Hoopes said, "I consider tantamount to a refusal to heed the mandates of this body."

When Hoopes urged the adoption of his resolution Rep. Wilson L. Yeakel, chairman of the Labor Committee, who hails from Bucks county, home of the famous anti-labor boss Joe Grundy, and who is recognized as one of Grundy's henchmen replied to an interrogation by Rep. Hiram Andrews, Cambria, that he would call a meeting of his committee "when I see fit." This defiant answer placed the legislature squarely "on the spot," and was plainly the reason why Hoopes' resolution was given almost unanimous approval.

Members of the House who feel that last Wednesday's adjournment is going to settle the matter of action on badly needed legislation are going to be mistaken," Hoopes declared yesterday. "Reading has sent two Socialists to the state lawmaking body and both Mrs. Wilson and I are going to do all in our power to get action. The only way they can stop us is to throw us out of the House."

During the past week Lillith Wilson has been seeking without avail to get action on her resolution to ratify the Federal Child Labor Amendment.

In pressing for action on various social measures which are now lying in inactive committees, Hoopes declared that unless the living and purchasing standards of great masses of people are raised municipal and school administrations would soon be unable to function.

"Every city and school district in the state knows what it means to function without taxes coming in," Hoopes pointed out. "Other nations such as England, for example, have adopted unemployment insurance systems which enable the jobless to pay rent and home owners to pay taxes. As a result social services are maintained by city and school governments. American cities are running to seed and school services are being curtailed because the people who pay the taxes have been forced to exist on mere subsistence doles."

Socialist Bills Passed

Two bills introduced by Hoopes were approved by the legislature at this week's session. By a unanimous vote the House authorized executors, administrators, etc., to exchange mortgages for bonds issued by the Federal Home Owners' Loan Corporation, making such bonds legal investments. The other bill, considered of more importance to the workers of the state, authorizes cities to build homes and raise money for that purpose by selling bonds to federal agencies. The vote on this measure was 162 to 20.

## BRUTAL SPEECH STIRS BRITAIN

British Officer Sponsors Publication of Suppressed War Appeal as Warning to Action-loving Youth

Young people in Great Britain are as much opposed to a New War as those of any country in the world. Yet drill, military tattoos, inflammatory text-books, and the rehearsal of ancient imperialist glory have their effect. To dispel the glamor of adventurous warfare, a renowned officer, Lt. Colonel Arthur Osburn, D. S. O., has written a frank introduction to a sensational document which is being sent broadcast through the British Isles by the No More War Movement, a militant peace organization with a membership approximating seven thousand, many of the members distinguished for public service in one field or another.

The document, which has begun to arouse resentment in certain military circles, but which has provoked widespread interest on the part of the liberal public, is a reprint of a speech delivered in time of war by Coy. Sgt.-Major Franklin, M. C., to the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps on July 19th, 1918. After the address had been passed out, in printed form among the students, an attempt was made to call in all copies. The effort failed, and today, after all these years, the No More War Movement has brought out the speech in full, with all its stark details, not to reproach its author but to counteract the constant representation of wars to youth as heroic or full of romance and idealism.

Colonel Osburn does not conceal his horror of such a document, yet he states that it is by no means untypical. And Colonel Osburn has seen warfare at close hand, having been cited five times for military prowess in India, on the Rhine, and in Ireland, during three wars. Well might he or even anyone still possessing illusions about war idealism recoil from the unrestrained advice offered to the youth under training by the outspoken Major Franklin:

"It was a good thing," said the Major, "to show Tommy how to kill a 'boche' and to get that delightful feeling of putting him out with a bayonet—to feel that he had finished off one of those dirty creatures that we call Germans. You've got to get down and hook them out with a bayonet; you will enjoy that. I can assure you (laughter). Don't think, as the Rev. Meyer says, 'two blacks don't make a white.' Get sympathy out of your head. We go out to kill. We don't care how so long as they are killed. . . . And I say to you, if you see a wounded German, shove him out, and have no nonsense about it. . . . Kill them, every mother's son of them. Remember that your job is to kill them—that is the only way—exterminate the vile creatures. . . . When a German says 'Kamarad,' you know that he wants to be put out of his agony (laughter)."

"I remember a corporal saying to me, pointing to some German prisoners close by, 'Can I do those blokes in, Sir?' I said, 'Please yourself.' He did. When the corporal came back he said, 'I felt something that I never felt before. . . . and I have been in Dartmoor (prison) too. (Laughter). I felt what it is like to kill; but it's damned hard to get it out. God! He had a belly like iron! (Laughter)."

"Now a closing word. Don't be afraid to die. Go forward, chance your luck; you will come out in the end. Keep your mind employed and you won't think of what might happen."

Commenting on this harangue, Colonel Osburn declares, "The 'suppressed speech' does no surprise me. So many equally vile or worse things were said and done during the Great European Brawl. But the case against resort to the Mass Murder which we dignify with the name of war does not rest so much upon the physical suffering as upon the injury to the character and temperament of the nations concerned."

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## NRA NO AID TO TEXTILE LABOR

Cotton Industrial Relations Board Approves Blacklist of Workers Who Waged Fight For Union

WASHINGTON (EP).—Settlements that settle nothing seem to be the order of the day when the national industrial relations board of the cotton textile industry. By decisions December 4 it approved the blacklist of several hundred locked-out union workers and ordered the remainder of 4,600 mill workers in South Carolina and Tennessee back to work without ruling on the issue of intolerable stretchout which is the basic issue behind the lockouts and strikes.

The mills were ordered to give the strikers preference before hiring new employees, insofar as work is available. No cognizance was taken of employees locked out or those active unionists who were "eased out" of their jobs before the strikes were called.

Future disputes were referred to the state industrial relations boards of the industry. The state board in South Carolina is under the thumb of the cotton mill barons while in Tennessee none has been set up yet.

The national board's decisions merely aggravate a thoroughly rotten situation in the southern textile mills, where workers have been deluded into thinking they could unionize with the support of NRA agencies. After the unions were set up, employers began firing active members.

Then the workers struck against discrimination. They turned to the state industrial board set up by the textile barons' NRA code only to find them the sheerest sham. These boards have limited their decisions to ordering the strikes off—decisions ignored by many mill owners—and telling the workers to go back into the mills where unendurable speedup awaits them.

Minimum Wage Intolerable  
As explained to Federated Press by strikers' delegations, NRA has brought about an intolerable situation in southern mills. The minimum wage, fixed at \$12 a week, is becoming in effect the maximum, beyond which workers have little hope of forcing their income. The tasks are fixed so high that only by superhuman effort can they be attained. If a worker "earns" only \$10 in a week's work, the boss "advances" him the \$2 needed to complete the minimum and then takes it out of his wages if he exceeds the minimum in a succeeding week.

Five Recovery Aims  
And How To Get Them

MADISON, Wis.—Ex-Gov. Phil LaFollette of Wisconsin laid down five recovery planks before the American Labor League and explained in a few words how to get them into operation. They are: 1. Give surplus food to unemployed who will be put to useful work and sell unused balance abroad; 2. Replace all outworn equipment; 3. Employ every able-bodied worker on public works at decent wage; 4. Pay all bank depositors 100% if depression and not crooks wrecked their bank; 5. Old age pension.

To pay for this program LaFollette says: "The money would come from the people who've got it."

Thomas Radio Speech Available By Mail

CHICAGO—The radio speech of Norman Thomas, given Sunday, Nov. 5, over seventeen stations on the "Blue" network of the National Broadcasting Company, is available for 8 cents by mail from the Socialist Party headquarters, 549 Randolph st., Chicago. The speech commemorates the work of Eugene V. Debs.



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BUTTE, Mont.—Cooperation between organized farmers and organized city workers made another step forward when the Farmers Union promised special prices on turkeys, flour and dried fruits to members of trade unions. Fraternal delegates will be exchanged between the Farmers Union and Silver Bow (Butte) Trades and Labor Council.

Misdirected Intelligence

"Nothing but misdirected intelligence would ever seek to uphold a system which decrees that millions must live in material want and spiritual poverty simply because there is so much money in the world that 98% must remain penniless so that the remaining 2% may live like pagan kings," declares The Minnesota Union Advocate, organ of the

St. Paul Trades and Labor Council of the American Federation of Labor.

Labor Board In

"Rat" Los Angeles

WASHINGTON—A regional labor board has been set up in Los Angeles, bitterly anti-union center, with five unionists, five employers and an impartial chairman. Sen. Wagner of the National Labor Board announces.

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## POSTAL SAVINGS BOOM, BANKS LAG

NEW YORK (EP)—Despite the efforts of the administration to increase confidence in the banks, the people of the country still have little faith in them, as is shown by the reports coming into Wall Street of lagging deposits in some centers and falling deposits in others.

A result of this situation is that the banks are still calling their loans and economist observers point out that the Roosevelt inflation program about which there is so much talk is being offset steadily by declining bank loans—a deflationary move hard to combat and very effective. The amount of payment by check has changed little in the last six months.

There is little better barometer of the people's attitude toward the banks than postal deposits, one economist said. "And you will find that they have been growing steadily all during the depression—and they are still growing."

Let U. S. Mailed figures bear this out. In millions on deposit in postal savings during the last few years the figures are:

1913	34
1918	153
1923	133
1928	153

Then came the depression and the

figures, again in millions, for the Septembers in the years 1929 to 1933, tell the story:

1929	160
1930	190
1931	469
1932	858
1933	1,180

Here is a graphic picture of the fear of those whose little savings are endangered by the panic. In three years a billion dollars have been put into the postal savings accounts. This has been against a campaign of ridicule by the big city papers, which have pointed out truly enough that the government re-deposits the postal savings money right back in the banks from which it was drawn—but fail to add that in the meantime the promise of the government that the depositor will get his money on demand has been added. During the bank holiday postal savings were always available, for example.

Several limitations are put on postal savings and there is a campaign going on in Congressional circles to remove those limitations. Let depositors check against postal accounts and take off the low limit on how much can be deposited, western progressives are saying. The bankers in Wall Street fear this desperately because they believe the average gain of 300 to 400 millions a year for the last three years would zoom upward if these provisions became law.

Deposits in postal savings are no protection against inflation, it is pointed out. The government simply agrees to pay back in dollars with no provision as to how much those dollars will grow. But whether baloney dollar, rubber dollar or greenback, Uncle Sam always hands out something to his depositors—something besides weasel words about frozen assets, too.

## Squeeze More Rail Workers Out Of Jobs

ST. LOUIS.—Railroad telegraphers and station agents are being squeezed out of their jobs and others are relentlessly speeded up, it is charged in a complaint to President Roosevelt by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. The complaint was referred by Roosevelt to Railroad Coordinator Eastman. The railroads are accused of ousting telegraphers, whose pay is fixed by union agreement, and putting in at lowest wages "so-called custodians, caretakers, merchant agencies or other titles."

## WASHINGTON GOSSIP

By HARVEY O'CONNOR  
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

War's heat lightning, forerunner of another catastrophe to the human race, is flashing on horizons east, west and south of the United States, and in the heart of the nation's capital.

That the nations are in deadly earnest in preparing for the next holocaust and have everything in readiness—bombing planes, new and terrible gases, highly motorized army units—is evidenced by the soaring military budgets in every nation. Only the date of the outbreak remains to be set. In what obscure corner of the world the match will be applied to the powder barrel is yet to be determined.

Here in Washington both the war and navy departments have issued clarion calls for heavier expenditures on the instruments of mass murder. Gen. MacArthur, chief of staff, demands \$170,000,000 to motorize the army, and a heavy increase in the training of reserve officers.

Calling attention to the fact that the peace-making apparatus of the capitalist nations—the disarmament conference at Geneva—has been tossed on the scrap heap, Secretary of the Navy Swanson has called for a huge increase in warship construction. Significantly Secretary Swanson said that this nation already, due to the \$300,000,000 allotment to the navy from NRA funds, has undertaken a naval building campaign unequalled since 1916 when President Wilson "sought to bring the navy to a position inferior to none." One year later the United States was in the thick of the first world war.

Secretary Swanson's program, which has every promise of sympathetic consideration from the next congress, naturally has helped the jingoism of both Britain and Japan, who advance his statements as proof that they too must build new ships. They are.

The Japanese cabinet has just authorized a \$467,000,000 budget for war purposes, more than half of which goes to the navy. England is busy building newer and better warships. Hitler's Germany is building and so France has answered with a rush order to her navy yards. This stimulates Mussolini to intensify his naval program. Under it all the peoples groan.

Next year's Japanese naval maneuvers again will be held in her farthest islands, near the Philippines and within striking distance of Hawaii. She has only one rival in the Pacific—the United States. The U. S. navy answers by holding the Atlantic fleet in the Pacific, increasing its size and conducting world-wide maneuvers to stop Japan's drive for mastery of the tremendously rich Chinese and Far Eastern markets.

Hostilities, none the less real because there is no roar of cannon in the halls of Montevideo, are being waged at the Pan-American conference between the United States and the Latin American nations. Both Cuba and Haiti are trying to raise the issue of U. S. domination of the Caribbean. Supporting them are most of the Latin-American countries, led by Argentina. The U. S. delegation is flanked by Colombia, National City Bank, United Fruit and the Mellon and Rockefeller oil companies, and some of the Central American dependencies such as Nicaragua.

To balance Washington's dominating position, the Latin American countries succeeded at Montevideo for the first time in having Spanish and Portuguese representatives present. Haiti, most intransigent of all the Latin countries, is seeking to have France, her "mother" country, represented.

The Haitians, smarting under U. S. domination of their financial affairs to enforce National City Bank debt payments, are raising as many embarrassing questions as possible. They want a resolution adopted

aimed at all "extra-territorial occupation, both financial and military."

The Cubans, as hosts to the last Pan-American conference in Havana in 1928, were to make the official response to the Uruguayan address of welcome. They submitted an address which hit directly at U. S. intervention in Cuban affairs through the Platt amendment. Delegations from Colombia and other nations under the state department's thumb managed to squelch the objectionable parts of the address.

## IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

By JOHN PAINE  
Federated Press

President Roosevelt, in opening the Red Cross drive for funds, declared that we must do our part to keep the Red Cross ready for "service."

He did not specify what kind of service—strikebreaking or otherwise.

These Americans surely kowtowed to Litvinoff and the U. S. S. R.

Why, even the august U. S. Sec. of State wore a business suit instead of striped pants and cutaway when he went to meet the Soviet commissar.

## OUR GREAT MINDS

"Our currency system must support business on a scale that will insure profits,"—Sen. Elmer Thomas.

Sir Arthur M. Sufel, British Conservative M. P., had cards printed for his friends on his return from the U. S.:

"I do not understand the Roosevelt Plan."

"Nor does Mr. Roosevelt."

"So please don't ask me to explain it."

"Ask the Brainstorm Trust."

## MORE SOFTSOAP

"Farm revolt may be useful, but it is no part of wisdom to revolt against our friends," said Gen. Hugh Johnson at Minneapolis.

German workers who listened to the hour-long speech of Adolf Hitler during the German election campaign had to make up the time lost by working overtime.

We trust the German workers were pleased with that.

Under the proposed bill to reform the British dole, able-bodied dole applicants could be sent, at the discretion of a government board, to "vocational training centers."

To "train" for what?

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE Philadelphia voters on Nov. 7, 1933, ended some 174 blue laws which prohibited baseball on Sundays.

Asked the reason for the funnel between the White House and the State Department (cost of surveying, \$18,000), Secretary of Interior Ickes replied: "To go back and forth."

Said Premier Mussolini after he had rescued the Piedmont Hydroelectric Co. from crashing: "It appears to be of special interest to educate the investing public to participate directly by possession of shares in productive enterprises."

Why not import Sam Insull from Greece, Benny?

"We of the war and navy departments had to be realistic," says former Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams.

And so the navy department got \$238,000,000 of public works funds for warships.

MRS. ROOSEVELT SEES GRAVES OF 200 SLAVES; VISITS TRACT FOR HOUSING MINERS' FAMILIES IN WEST VIRGINIA, read a New York Times headline.

Living slaves on top of dead slaves?

Had the U. S. been informed two months ago that there was an epidemic of amebic dysentery in Chicago, perhaps the liabilities of the fair would have exceeded \$4,876,000.

But old Rufus Dawes needed 13,000,000 more people to make the show a go.

A large, prominent monkeywrench was thrown into the works of the R. F. C. when, after a secret session of the Pittsburgh Clearing House at which Andrew W. Mellon was present (for the first time in years), it was decided that the Mellon National Bank and the Union Trust "would not need any of the government's money."

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ilence and famine," said Gov. Lehman of New York in proclaiming Thanksgiving.

"We got nearly everything else, didn't we?" asks Breadline Benny.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

## REFLECTIONS

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found for the jobless? Clearing swamps, reforestation, road building, etc.—all activities which have nothing to do with the normal production and distribution of commodities which people consume in their day-to-day lives.

Carried to a point which will end unemployment, this Rooseveltian program will result in a vast army of workers who will be virtually government slaves. For enough to keep them in fodder and harness the disinherited will be left to the world which the few now own—and the few will continue to do the owning of everything including the surplus-producing industries.

THE "NEW DEAL" aims to utilize the people who have been cast aside by private capital. Socialists aim to utilize what is now private capital for the people. The "New Deal" may provide enough jobs to keep the disinherited occupied. Socialism would give people the fruits of industry and end unemployment by changing it to leisure and plenty for all who work.

We Socialists are therefore not grateful for innovations which permit the few to exploit the nation's resources for their own enrichment, and then tax everybody for the funds to finance slave camps. Nor will we be satisfied to reflect that something is better than nothing. We were opposed to the wage and profit system even while it functioned. We will be opposed to it when and if Franklin D. Roosevelt puts it in working order once again. We want the Cooperative Commonwealth of free workers. We want wealth to be produced for the benefit of producers. We want to end the racket which permits some people to exploit other people. And we must continue to strive for what

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nounced in the code hearings, where administrators openly support employers, but the very men named to high positions in NRA, supposedly to represent labor, are proving big obstacles to obtaining decent minimum wages and maximum hours.

Donald Richberg, former railway union counsel, now chief of the NRA legal division, is probably the most important casualty. In a series of rulings, principally that barring minimum wages for skilled workers, he has knocked the props out from the efforts to get NRA backing for real wages to restore purchasing power. Leo Wolman, formerly with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, is another casualty. He is fighting the 30-hour week demand.

Not much was expected by labor men from Gen. Johnson as NRA administrator-in-chief. They knew his record as an open shop employer and a militarist. His organization is chock full of lieutenant colonels and majors and whatnot, and his old friends who are active or retired bosses in corporations which fought unions re-

morselessly during the entire decade of Harding to Hoover. In private code conferences many openly express their opposition to the anti-child labor provisions of NRA and the setting of any minimum wage.

Y. P. S. L. To Study History Of Party

The circle program outlined for December, sent out by Gus Tyler, national educational secretary of the Young People's Socialist League, deals with the history of Socialism in the United States before 1901. January and February educational outlines will deal with the movement during the 20th century.

Anyway we have learned that dominating personalities were 10% personality and 90% ill-gotten cash.

ARTHUR SCHWEMMER

Optometrist

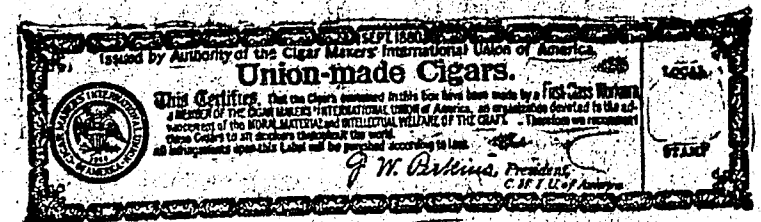
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## EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

## DON'T BE FOOLED BY "FLATION"!

Al Smith and the rest who talk about "crack pots" and "baloney" dollars or rubber dollars will have to do a little explaining to convince the average man that their beloved gold standard dollars, which will buy so much more now than in 1926, aren't also really made for rubber or baloney. No inflation will do what its enthusiasts claim for it. Uncontrolled inflation will do immense damage. For reasons I have previously given, I am very skeptical of the value of the President's gold purchasing policy in reference to the dollar.

Yet if I hated inflation as much as Al Smith, or most of the bankers, or Matt Woll, I might reflect that perhaps President Roosevelt was doing them what we might call a good turn by trying an exceedingly mild form of inflation in an effort to stimulate a rise in price of certain agricultural commodities by means of increased European demand for them in cheaper dollars, and to forestall a wholesale inflation for which Congress is said to yearn.

My main hope is that Socialists and workers generally will not get so excited about this battle between Smith and Roosevelt, Matt Woll and Father Coughlin, that they will forget that the roots of our trouble are in the disintegrating capitalist system, not simply in money, and that our salvation depends upon the cooperative commonwealth, not upon any scheme of momentary reform.

## DON'T FORGET ARMAMENT MAKERS!

No political realist can expect very much from the Disarmament Conference now. Apparently Great Britain and France are divided as to what to do. There is a logic in Germany's demand either to be allowed to re-arm or to have the Allies disarm. If it had been made by some of Hitler's nominally democratic predecessors as vigorously and as effectively as Hitler made it, the world would have been better off. But to allow Germany to re-arm now under any pretext—that of fighting Bolshevism or of equality with other Powers—would be dangerous. France doubtless thinks it would be equally dangerous for her to disarm.

Yet there is no denying that French armament itself is a danger to the world. The commercial aspect of French militarism was never worse illustrated than at the International Press Conference recently held in Madrid under the auspices of the League of Nations. A Russian delegate introduced a resolution to end the practice of subsidizing newspapers by munition plants, which, of course, have much to win by all stories of wars and rumors of wars. This resolution was defeated primarily by the French delegates with the support of delegates from the Little Entente countries on the ground, stated by a French delegate, "that his nation would not accept any proposals if this were included."

Could any commentary on the low ethics of the French in regard to newspapers, newspaper subsidies and armament profits be more striking or more alarming? Friends of peace should pay far more attention to the mischief done by armament makers throughout the world, emphatically including the United States, who seek profits from preparation for war—yes, and from war itself. It appears that the Russian and American delegates were together on this press resolution, which is a good omen, perhaps, for what the two countries may do for effective disarmament now that Russia has been recognized.

## HAIL "PEACE ON EARTH"!

While we worry, not without reason, about our own troubles—shall we inflate or not inflate? How shall we take care of the unemployed in a cold winter? and the rest of it—the world continues to drift toward war. Indeed, some of the tariff and trade wars and the new war of currencies just launched tend to increase the rate of drift toward the second World War. If that new war can be prevented, it will be by the effective determination of masses of the people that they will not fight. Especially necessary it is that workers should be organized so that the general strike against war can be made effective. In arousing the people to the danger of war, nothing is more effective than drama, for few situations hold in them such powerful elements of drama as does the drift toward war and the fight against it.

Therefore I hail with all my heart the appearance of that powerful and moving anti-war play: "Peace on Earth" at the Civic Repertory Theatre on West 14th Street, N. Y. It was

written by George Sklar and Albert Maltz and is being presented by the Theatre Union, Inc., an exceedingly interesting and hopeful venture. I should like to see "Peace on Earth" given in every town in America. It is drama, good drama, powerfully conceived and well acted.

## TWO EXAMPLES OF SOCIAL FOLLY

Two American women celebrated their twenty-first birthdays last week by coming into control of gigantic fortunes.

Princess Mdivani, who was Barbara Hutton until she married a princelet from the Asiatic side of the Caucasus Mountains, got \$20,000,000 from the estate of her grandfather, F. W. Woolworth, founder of the "five and ten" stores.

Doris Duke took over the main part of the estate left by her father, James B. Duke, the "tobacco king," and estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$85,000,000.

It would be hard to find two more flagrant instances of social folly. Probably neither of these young ladies ever earned a dollar; certainly they have not earned millions. The benefits of such a system, even to the heirs, are more than doubtful.

Miss Duke is known as the "poor little rich girl" because her fortune so far has seemed more a burden than a blessing; of Princess Mdivani it is enough to say that she has taken as her life partner one of the "marrying Mdivanis" and that international marriages in which a title is on one side and a huge fortune on the other have a high percentage of wrecks.

Both fortunes come from industries in which the workers were poorly paid, and in the case of the Duke fortune, sweated for all they could bear.

America does not allow the inheritance of political power. Then why should America allow the inheritance of such blocks of economic power?—Labor.

## A MARKET FOR FARM PRODUCTS

There is a chart in The News Digest of the agricultural administration for November 4 which should be closely scrutinized not only by the milk farmers but by responsible officials of the government itself.

One line traces the course of cash income from dairy products, the other, factory payrolls. There is a remarkably close correspondence between the two, from the beginning of the chart in January, 1924, to the present time. Cash income of the dairy farmers sank steadily as payrolls went down during the depression. It sank approximately the same amount, being at the end of 1932, 50 per cent of the 1924-29 average. Meanwhile cash income from other crops like cotton and grain, which depend more on the international market, sank to 20 per cent of the former level. This year, when factory payrolls started to rise, receipts of the dairy farmers almost immediately started up again.

It is a little dangerous to ascribe a cause-and-effect relationship to curves which happen to coincide on a chart, but in this case it is reasonable to infer that the prosperity of the milk raisers depends more directly on the prosperity of the milk drinkers than on anything else. The way to rescue the milk industry is to increase the purchasing power of the workers. If every child drank all the milk, if every family ate all the butter, which a decent standard of living demands, all the cow owners would be contented. The farmers ought to insist that the NRA create a market for their products. The New Republic.

## SO THE COW DIED

The family is a thoroughly communistic institution, but once two rugged individualists got married. They didn't have enough money to buy a cow apiece, so the "he" of the happy couple bought the front end of a cow and his wife bought the rear.

The next day he started out to milk Bossy, but his wife came out in a great rage and told him not to trespass on her property. As he respected the sacred rights of property, he acknowledged his error and sneaked away. However, his property at once became a frozen asset in his eyes, so he quit feeding Bossy's front end. When his wife started to feed her, he in turn ordered her not to trespass on his property. Being a rugged individualist, there was nothing for the wife to do but obey, and so the cow died.

Of course they might have owned Bossy in common and shared more or less equally in the milk she gave, but that would have been rank Socialism.

Did you ever think that the rugged individuals who make up the great United States of America are behaving just like those silly fools who invested in a cow? If that doesn't soak in quickly enough, get your pencil and figure how much the railroads of America would be worth if the only inhabitants of the country were their owners, the bondholders.—American Guardian.

## BUILD SCHOOLS, NOT BATTLESHIPS

Retrenchment in education continues, unabated, to undermine the foundation of free public education in America. Local governments are helpless before irresponsible economy drives that close schools, crowd classrooms and reduce the salaries of teachers. The federal government has failed to respond to pleas for aid to the schools in their present crisis. At the same time, it has embarked upon an unprecedented program of military expenditure.

Six hundred million dollars has been appropriated for the army and navy budget. Four hundred million more has been set aside from the public works fund to build battleships, army posts and bombing planes—all in the face of the disastrous decline in educational services!

This glaring contradiction has been neglected too long by teachers, parents and other sincere supporters of public education.

Let us raise this cry in defense of the schools:

For the diversion of funds from the mounting military budget to school budgets that have suffered in the crisis!

For a real public works program that will build schools not battleships!

Have your organization adopt this demand as part of its program!

Send resolutions embodying the demand to President Roosevelt and Public Works Administrator Ickes.

"Build schools, not battleships."—The New York Teachers' Anti-War Committee.



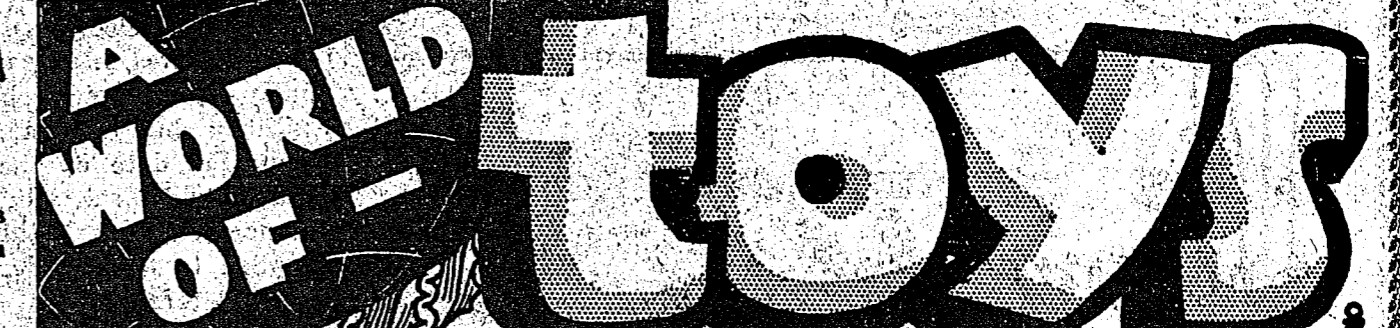
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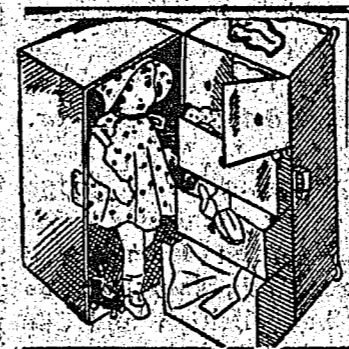


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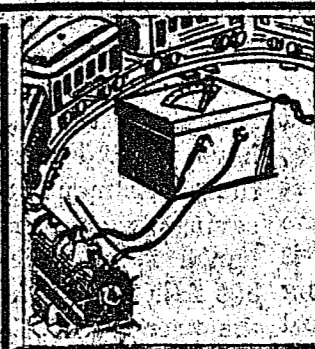


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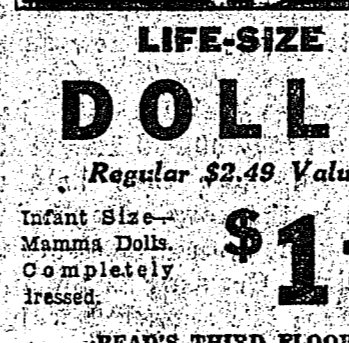


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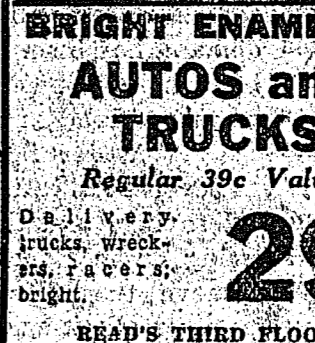


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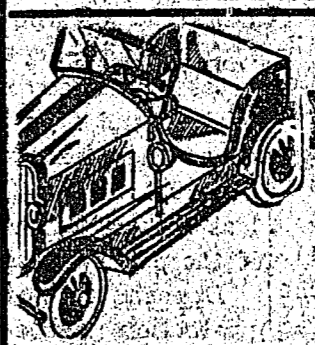


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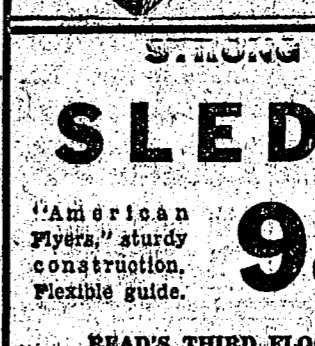


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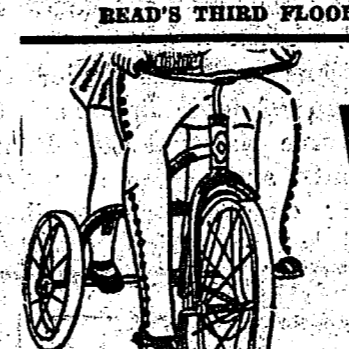


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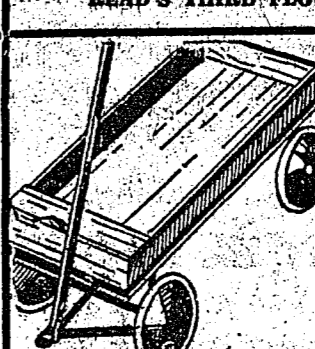


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cate to Puerto Rico Federal funds to build 1,000 model homes to cost up to \$500 each, according to a cable received here from Governor Gore in Washington.

Governor Gore's next problem will be to persuade the profiteering American capitalists who own most

of the industries in Puerto Rico to pay the workers wages enough so that they will be able to buy \$500 homes even on the 10-year plan. Past actions of this labor-exploiting bunch of avarice indicate that building the houses will be the smallest of the two jobs.