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## Hoopes Blocks Early Adjournment of House

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

THE EMERGENCY Conference of Consumers' Advisory Board, in Washington, associated with the People's Lobby, has told President Roosevelt that he is financing his poor-relief policies by placing the burden upon the wrong people.

"As administered at present," said the Conference's letter to the president, "the recovery program seems to be making the poor bear the burden of relief for the starving. Nearly the whole load has been put on the shoulders of the lower-income classes, including labor, home owners, white-collar workers, while wealth has escaped."

In contrast with what is being done in the above respect, the Conference urged that relief measures be financed by sweeping tax levies on invested wealth, including stocks, bonds and mortgages.

I AM HAPPY to know that there is a nationally-organized group to call attention to what is so evidently true; namely, that present unemployment relief policies are merely depressing purchasing ability all along the line. And I should also be happy to see the tax levies upon invested wealth which the Conference suggests. But I question whether even such levies would relieve the great mass of people from the burden of financing unemployment relief.

The owners of industry know how to figure costs. And if any unusual burden were placed upon the owning class, the owners would do what they have always done in the past—pass the buck to the consumer.

TO REALLY TOUCH the cause of the depression—and we must get at causes before we can effect cures—we must relieve any and all groups from the privilege of owning the means of wealth production.

Instead of taxing private incomes which are derived by owning the mills and mines and factories of the nation, the Government must take over the mills and mines and factories and use them to produce wealth for the benefit of everybody. Levies which can be paid out of profits are merely an incentive to pile on the profit. We must therefore go a step further and levy on actual capital. And after we have taken over the sources of wealth we must go the whole hog and set up commissions within the Government to operate the industries.

WHEN WE SHALL have taken over the industries we will see the folly of made-work projects. Then we will produce food, clothing and (Continued on Page Four)

### SOCIALIST WINS TIME FOR LABOR AND SOCIAL BILLS; WILSON MEASURES ADOPTED

Reading Member Answers Rule to Adjourn by Forcing Longer Session Upon House—House Approves Lilith Wilson's Measures For Old Age Security—Hoopes Declares Wilson Liquor Bill Would Have Added to State's Relief Revenues—Sees Pinchot as Grundy Official

Goaded to wrath by the evident determination of the reactionary lawmakers of Pennsylvania to kill by inaction all attempts to gain social legislation in the interest of the workers and unemployed of the state, Darlington Hoopes, Reading's Socialist member of the General Assembly, placed the House on the spot, Wednesday, and compelled an agreement to continue this week's session through Friday to act on important measures which some of the more liberal members have introduced.

Hoopes' motion, which was evidently aimed as a rebuke to the House for voting to adjourn on December 21, aroused the opposition of several of the do-nothing group. However, the Socialist member was

**BULLETIN**

As we go to press word has been received that the House rescinded its decision to remain in session over Friday, and acted to adjourn at the end of Thursday's session.

No details of this action were available as the Advocate was being made ready for the press.

supported by enough Democrats and Liberal Republicans to win his point by a vote of 101 to 89, after having secured the pledge of Speaker Talbot that the doors would be locked and the members herded into the chamber if there was evidence of a movement to bolt the session.

**Wilson Bills Approved**

In the same session the House voted approval of two resolutions introduced by Lilith Wilson, the second Reading Socialist member, providing for amendments to the Constitution which will legalize the payment of pensions to mothers with children and to aged persons without adequate means of support. Each resolution amended a separate section of the State Constitution. One, No. 144, was carried by a vote of 154 to 14 and the other, No. 145, by 169 to 13.

Mrs. Wilson made an eloquent plea for her resolutions. "No man (Continued on Page Six)

### XMAS PARTY FOR WOMEN SOCIALISTS SUNDAY NITE

The Women's Committee of the Socialist Party extends an invitation to all Socialist women to attend a Christmas Party to be held at Labor Lyceum, Sunday, Dec. 17, at 8 p. m. Entertainment will be furnished by the various branches.

Refreshments will be served. Lay aside your cares and worries for a few hours.

Ask dad to take care of the kiddies on Sunday night.

Come and enjoy the evening with your comrades and friends, and help make this an event long to be remembered. Esther Auman, Ella Massey and Bertha Tyson Weidner will be the committee in charge.

**Asks Platinum—Gold Money Base**

PHILADELPHIA—Robert Gray Taylor, chairman of the finance committee of the Meeting of Friends, oldest Quaker group in America, urged Pres. Roosevelt to return to sound money with a new metal base, made up of platinum and gold, in an address to the Friends.

Taylor offered his help in persuading labor and bankers that the suffering that will come with stabilization is better than the dangers of inflation. He promised support to Roosevelt in whatever decisions the president may make.

### BITTING TEACHES A LESSON

Despite the fact that the arrogance of Boss Bill Bitting of the Rosedale Knitting Mills is an affront to all who believe that workers are entitled to a voice in determining the conditions under which they shall work and live, Bitting has succeeded in teaching a lesson which workers need to learn. Hosiery workers should now know that economic organization is only part of the equipment which workers need in order to win industrial justice, that labor unions are seriously hampered and effectually sidetracked by the use of that POLITICAL POWER which the majority of workers have always surrendered to the owning class.

In the case of the Rosedale strike the importance of political power has been made especially plain. At a hearing in Washington, Gordon Merritt, attorney for the anti-union Rosedale concern, bluntly stated the intention of Bitting and Company to refuse to accept the National Labor Board's suggestion that two unionists, whose discharge had precipitated the strike action, be re-employed.

Thereupon the NLB notified hosiery union officials that hearings were at an end, that the Board would now proceed to make a decision.

The decision has not been made at the moment of writing. Nor need it be to acquaint the Rosedale strikers with what is going to happen. Bitting is going to get away with his discriminatory tactics. That is, he is going to get away with those tactics so far as the Federal Board is concerned. Regardless of the Board's ruling, Bitting will continue to make good his off-repeated boast that he and no one else is running the Rosedale mill. It now remains for the employees of the mill to settle the matter without Government assistance.

Bitting is encouraged by the certain knowledge that the political power of the nation is wielded by people and parties who stand squarely for the owning class when class disputes reach a critical point. He would not be so cocky if a Socialist administration were enforcing the laws.

More and more it becomes apparent that workers are fooling themselves when they place their trust in the actions of the political representatives of the owning class. Every action taken thus far by the National Administration emphasizes the fact that the one purpose of the political rulers is to go just as far as may be necessary to preserve the Capitalist system. Whatever welfare measures have been given to labor are merely by-products of a plan to bolster and perpetuate the master and slave relationship which has always existed between exploiters and producers.

The arbitration clauses which characterize all union agreements which have been fostered and approved under the "New Deal" looks more and more like strikebreaking devices. To first get strikers back on the job, then hold lengthy hearings and then permit employers to ignore, defy and evade the terms of settlement is merely the latest way of giving workers a "run-around."

No wonder an increasing number of workers are coming to understand that they can get only what they have the power to take. What they need to understand now is that they will have no real power until they are able to either defy or control the Government. Defiance is dangerous and silly. Control is possible, sensible and necessary.

Bitting and his kind show that they value political power by making generous contributions to the campaign funds of the political parties of Capitalism. But many workers, be it said to their shame, still help to defeat their own party, the Socialist Party, at every election. Both groups are getting what they voted for.

### LOCAL BERKS TO ELECT OFFICERS, COMMITTEES NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

When the press of routine business last Thursday night prevented the election of officers and committees for the coming year, Local Berks, Socialist Party, decided to adjourn until next Thursday, December 21, at 8 p. m., when the entire evening will be devoted to that important matter.

The officers to be elected are as follows: Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Librarians (two to be elected), Organizer.

The following committees are now functioning: Advisory, 11 members; Educational, 3 members; Literature, 5 members; Naturalization, 3 members; Picnic, 11 members; Radio, 3 members; Referendum, 3 members; Willow Glen, 5 members; Women's, 12 members; Lecture, 3 members; Auditing, 3 members.

### PRET'L WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST 10% WAGE SLASH

Strikers Declare Arbitrary Reduction by Superior-Supreme Violated Contract Made With Organization

### SPURNED ARBITRATION

Superior-Supreme, Krouse and Reddy, Pretzels Still Sport Blue Eagle Although "Unfair" to Labor

Violation of contract is claimed by union pretzel workers as justification for a strike of 28 men and 17 girls against the Superior-Supreme Pretzel Company. The strike was authorized by a vote of the employees of the company at a general meeting last Saturday and is now rounding out its first week.

Officials of the Pretzel Workers' Union state that the direct cause of the new walkout is a 10 per cent reduction of wage rates agreed upon. They declare that the strike is the culmination of a disagreement which started October 18, when Domenick Chafee, manager and treasurer of the Superior-Supreme concern, notified the union shop committee of his desire to arbitrate his intention to make the wage cut and then promptly put the lower rate into effect without further action. According to the agreement with the union, a 30-day period must elapse before alterations in the agreement between workers and firms become effective. In the 30-day period all disputed questions are to be arbitrated.

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### PROGRAM COMPLETED FOR LABOR COLLEGE INSTITUTE

Arrangements have been completed for the institute on labor education to be held by the Reading Labor College and the educational department of the Federated Trades Council. The speakers, announced in last week's Advocate, Tucker Smith of Brookwood Labor College and Fania Cohen of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, have accepted and are anxious to come out and meet the Reading labor movement. The meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2:30 p. m., in the Knights of Friendship Hall, 113 North Eighth street.

While Brookwood Labor College is known to Reading workers through the Labor Chautauqua last spring, and many know Mark Starr of the Brookwood extension department, this will be the first time that Brookwood's new director has been in Reading. Mr. Smith took the place of A. J. Muste as head of Brookwood after Mr. Muste resigned last spring. Before that he had been head of the Committee on Militarism in Education and active in the labor and Socialist movements.

Fania Cohen is as noted for her work as a trade unionist as well as an educator. She has been an active member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union almost since it was organized and is at present head of the educational department. She has long been interested in labor education, being one of the founders of Brookwood Labor College and of the Workers Educational Bureau. At present she is one of the labor directors of Brookwood and on the executive committee of the Workers Educational Bureau. Miss Cohen has a special interest in coming to Reading because of the new local of the Ladies Garment Workers Union that has just been organized in Reading with the help of former mayor J. Henry Stump.

### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

#### HANDLING THE NEWS

In times past we have taken occasion to differ violently with the Reading Times; if you have been a regular reader of the Advocate you may have noticed that.

Nevertheless, we take this opportunity to give credit where credit is due by commending the Times upon the manner in which it handled the story of how Rep. Darlington Hoopes forced the lower House of the State Legislature to delay adjournment this week.

That was a first-page story in any man's newspaper—particularly in the newspapers of Hoopes' home town. For a Socialist to even create a favorable impression in so reactionary a body as the Pennsylvania Legislature is news. But when he takes a commanding position and leads a successful battle for needed social legislation even to the point of preventing early adjournment, that's a sensation.

Congratulations, Abe; we're ready to battle you at the drop of a hat when you attack our leaders or conflict with our economic viewpoint, but we are also ready to say "well done" when the occasion warrants. Hoopes' exploit this week deserved the prominence you gave it, at the top of page one with a full line streamer.

#### GILES STILL KNOWS HOW TO USE COPS

During the past week Police Commissioner J. Stanley Giles has been demonstrating that he has not forgotten how to use policemen in the interest of the employing class.

At the plant of the Superior-Supreme Pretzel Company Stanley has a detail of officers whose business it is to escort strikebreakers to and fro between the plant and the trolley cars.

Making it safe to scab is one of the best ways to break a strike. Even when such action by the police is explained as "protection to citizens" it is appreciated by employers who grind citizens' wages below decency levels. Perhaps it is that appreciation which causes the big employers of Berks—both in and out of Reading—to give so lavishly to Fusion campaigns.

#### CWA PROSPERITY

Folks who are permitting their hopes to be raised by the promise of jobs for some thousands of people as a result of Civil Works Administration activities are due for a rude awakening.

Prosperity cannot be restored by the \$15-per-week wages which these newly-unemployed thousands are going to be permitted to earn. As a matter of fact, the increase in purchasing power thus created amounts to only the difference between that sum and the value of the food vouchers and other services which the workers would otherwise receive.

To say that \$15-per-week is "better than nothing" is to beg the question. The point is that it is being paid in exchange for the acceptance of a certain form of slavery to which no father should cheerfully condemn (Continued on Page Four)

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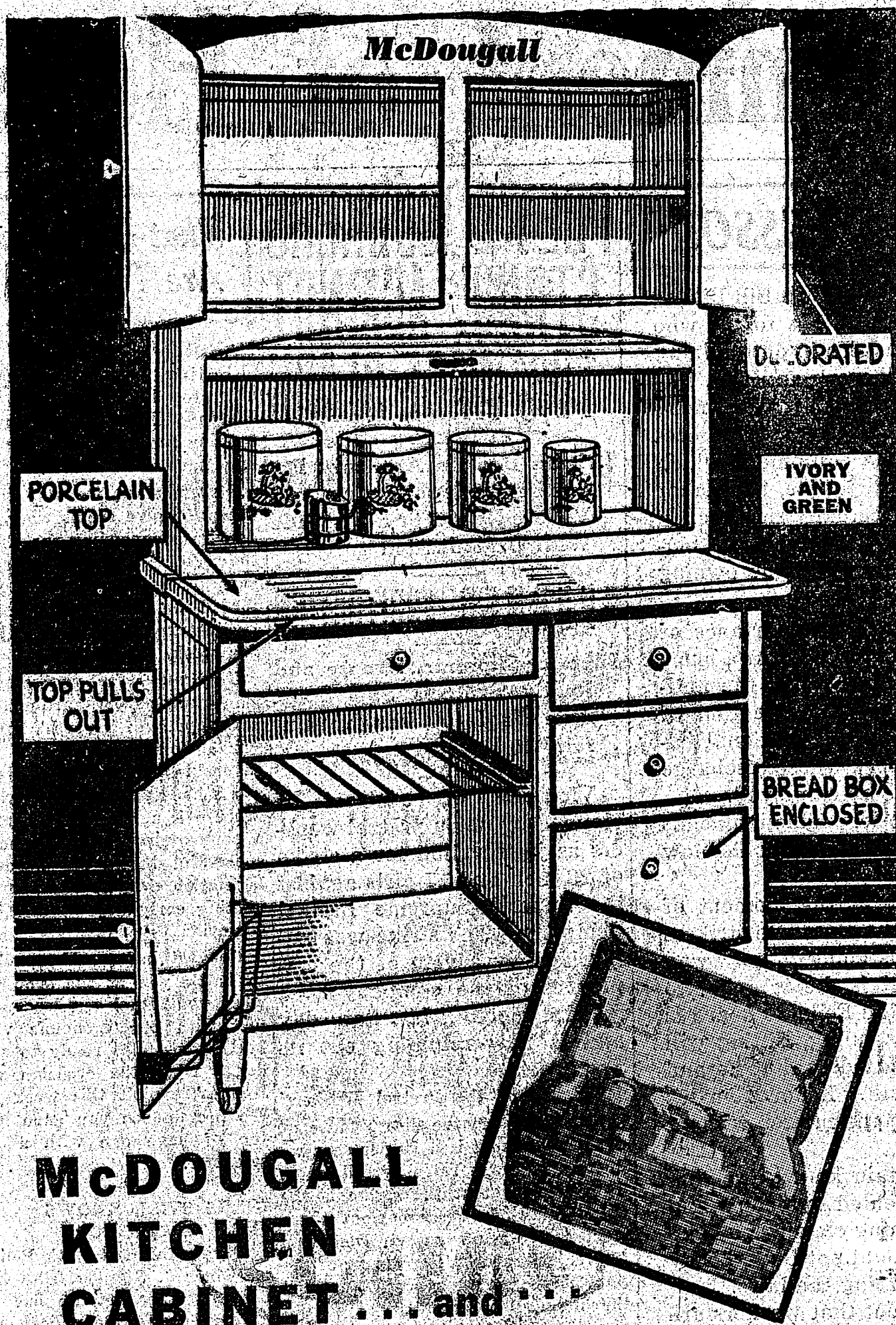
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**NRA INDUSTRIAL  
BOARD RULED BY  
LABOR EXPLOITER**

Munition Profiteer's Leadership of Advisory Body Explains Anti-Union Tendencies and Policies

**CHISELERS PROTECTED**

Other Noted Foes of Organized Labor Sway Actions of Body Which Considers Workers' Claims

WASHINGTON (FP). — When the question comes from Philadelphia, or Seattle, or Cincinnati, why has the NRA slowed down, why do its anti-labor tendencies become more pronounced every day, why is it failing in the job announced last summer of encouraging unionism, higher wages and shorter hours, the habit in Washington is to point to the NRA industrial advisory board. That's the real brain trust of Big Business in Washington.

The election December 5 of Pierre S. DuPont, who profits from the sale of war gases and other chemicals, as chairman of the board directs attention to the smoothest, slickest, most efficient machine yet set up in Washington to "stop unionism" and to lobby against measures directed at code chiselers and violators.

Bar Unions From Power  
The NRA industrial advisory board is the intellectual author of the campaigns which killed the efforts to put teeth in NRA enforcement. It choked the proposal that the unions be given power to check up directly on the violators. It has succeeded in hushing up the names of chiselers. It inspired the ballyhoo in the big business press against applying the boycott on NRA violators, with the result that the blue eagle sign has lost most of its usefulness.

DuPont, the new chairman, in addition to being an explosives and war gas manufacturer, is director of General Motors, which imposed company unionism on its workers through trick elections in defiance of NRA. Other new directors include A. Lincoln Filene, Boston department store owner and company welfare expert and William A. Harriman of Union Pacific, which is notorious for company unions. Myron C. Taylor of U. S. Steel, inveterate foe of unionism and Robert L. Lund of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers are among other members.

**HOSIERY UNION**

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phatic in demanding compensating wage increases. "The union contends," said Secretary Smith, "that it would defeat the purposes of the recovery program if piece rates were not increased in the same ratio that hours are decreased. The present slump in our trade is due in a great measure to the fact that purchasing power in the country at large has not increased rapidly enough."

The hosiery trade will continue to have crises such as the present one, which followed wild overproduction last summer. "Why not face the facts in the case now?" Smith asked, "and start at once to institute permanent remedies rather than take emergency measures?"

Hosiery manufacturers appeared before the code authority to oppose the union's contention. In general the manufacturers' line was: "We don't want the 30-hour week, but if it is adopted, then exempt us!"

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A revenue producing enterprise to save it has been granted a charter but \$75 more is needed to get started. The name of this enterprise is the United Workers' Association. Dues are 25 cents per year and refreshments are to be sold to pay the expenses of the headquarters. Socialists can join by payment of dues at the headquarters, first floor of 600 N. Ninth street. Open every day. If Socialists do their duty the license for this social club can be lifted in time to accomplish the purpose for which it was formed. Albert Ott, 1230 Green street, is secretary.

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Auth's election will help the Socialist administration greatly in that the president of common council is acting mayor in the absence of the elected mayor.

The 2-month strike of 800 Philadelphia can workers, organized in the A. F. of L. union, has also gone to the National Labor Board. The American Can Co. has refused to agree to collective bargaining.

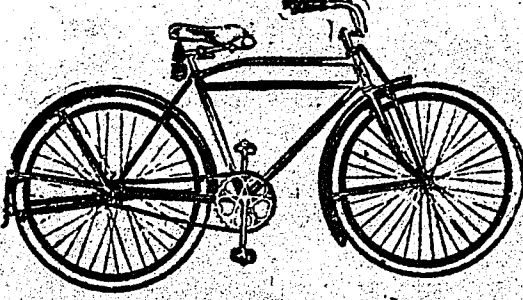


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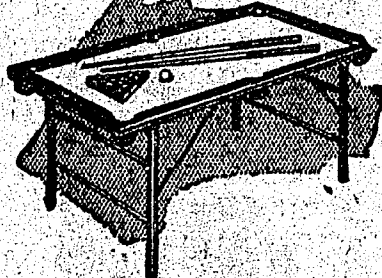
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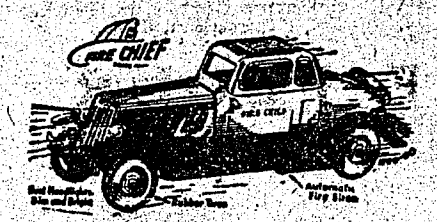
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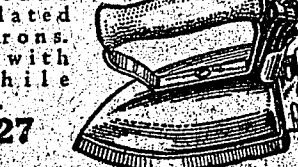


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## WILL BACK CODE FOR UNEMPLOYED

Ernest Lundeen, Minn. Farmer-Labor Congressman, Will Sponsor Measure For Continental Congress

CHICAGO—Ernest Lundeen, the Farmer-Labor Congressman from Minnesota, will sponsor a bill embodying the Unemployed Code formulated by the Illinois section of the Continental Congress of Workers and Farmers. The Legal Board of the Illinois section of the Congress is studying the legal form of the measure which, in its final form will be introduced to the coming session of the Federal Congress.

The code calls for strict observance of union wage standards on relief work where union rates are prevailing and a minimum wage of 50c per hour for unskilled labor, express right of collective bargaining for the organized unemployed and placing of unemployed relief on a permanent basis with worker representation on administrative boards pending the adoption of unemployment insurance.

Written Last August  
The code was formulated by the Continental Congress last August and presented to federal relief authorities, by the Illinois, Iowa and other state sections of the Congress. After a long period of "buck-passing" at Washington where officials referred it back to state authorities, the special Chicago meeting of the national committee of the Continental Congress in late October adopted the code and again made demand upon Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins for its adoption. Instead, the Civil Works Administration was called into being in November, which although superficially looking like a concession to the demands of the unemployed code, actually is another temporary expedient but one which could be made a tool for the establishment of the Unemployed Code.

Accordingly, an attempt will be made to get past the Roosevelt administration officials' checker playing by Congressman Lundeen asking adoption of the code as law by the forthcoming session of the national legislature. Lundeen, one of the six Farmer-Labor Congressmen, has been a staunch supporter of the Continental Congress of Workers and Farmers since its organization last May when its proceedings were franked out through the mails under his name.

### PRETZEL WORKERS

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Ignored Arbitrators' Ruling  
On November 25 a Board of Arbitration composed of Edward Carpenter, representing the firm; Birch Wilson, representing the workers, and Alexander F. Smith, neutral member of the board, handed down a ruling in favor of the union. However, the pretzel strikers now point out, the arbitrators' verdict was ignored by the firm and the reduced wage rate was continued.

A notice posted at the Superior-Supreme plant last Friday brought discontent within the plant to a head and precipitated the strike. In this notice the firm, among other things, told the workers that union officials were not telling the workers the whole story and notified all concerned that all who went on strike would be discharged. The Saturday meeting followed and strike action was then decided upon.

Ask NLB Action  
A request that the National Labor Board assume jurisdiction over the situation has been forwarded to Washington. The pretzel union has also asked the National Recovery Administration to forbid the use of the Blue Eagle by the firm.

With the strike at Superior-Supreme, there are now three local pretzel firms on Organized Labor's unfair list. The Krouse Pretzel Company and the Reddy Pretzel Company are operating under non-union conditions.

In the case of the Krouse and Reddy concerns, adjustment of differences was attempted by Federal Arbitrator Judge Connor, but neither firm was receptive to advances made by the arbitrator. All of the "unfair" firms are operating under the Blue Eagle of the NRA.

### CWA Flops In Cleveland

CLEVELAND—Workers who had hoped to get jobs in Cleveland's federally financed \$22,000,000 public works program are disgruntled over its almost complete collapse. Only 390 men have been put to work although 3,520 were scheduled to be at work by this time.

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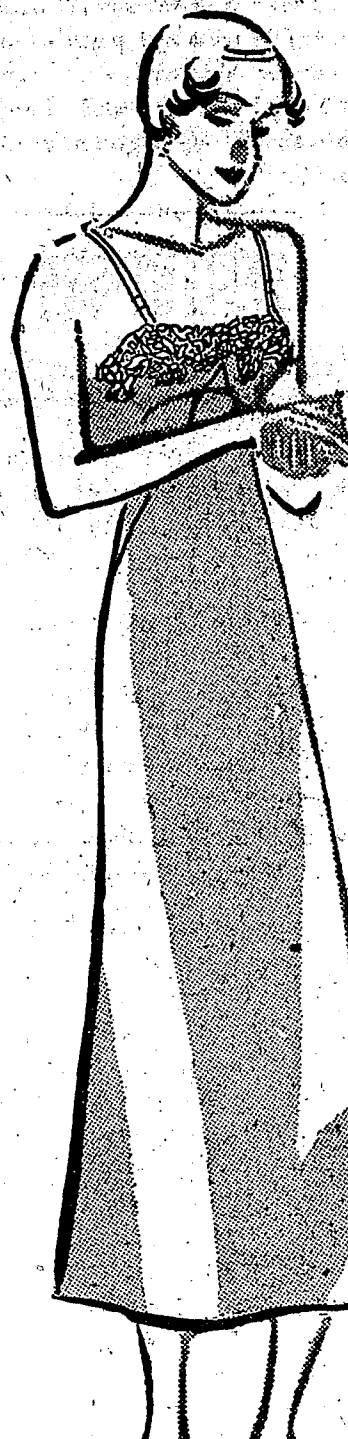


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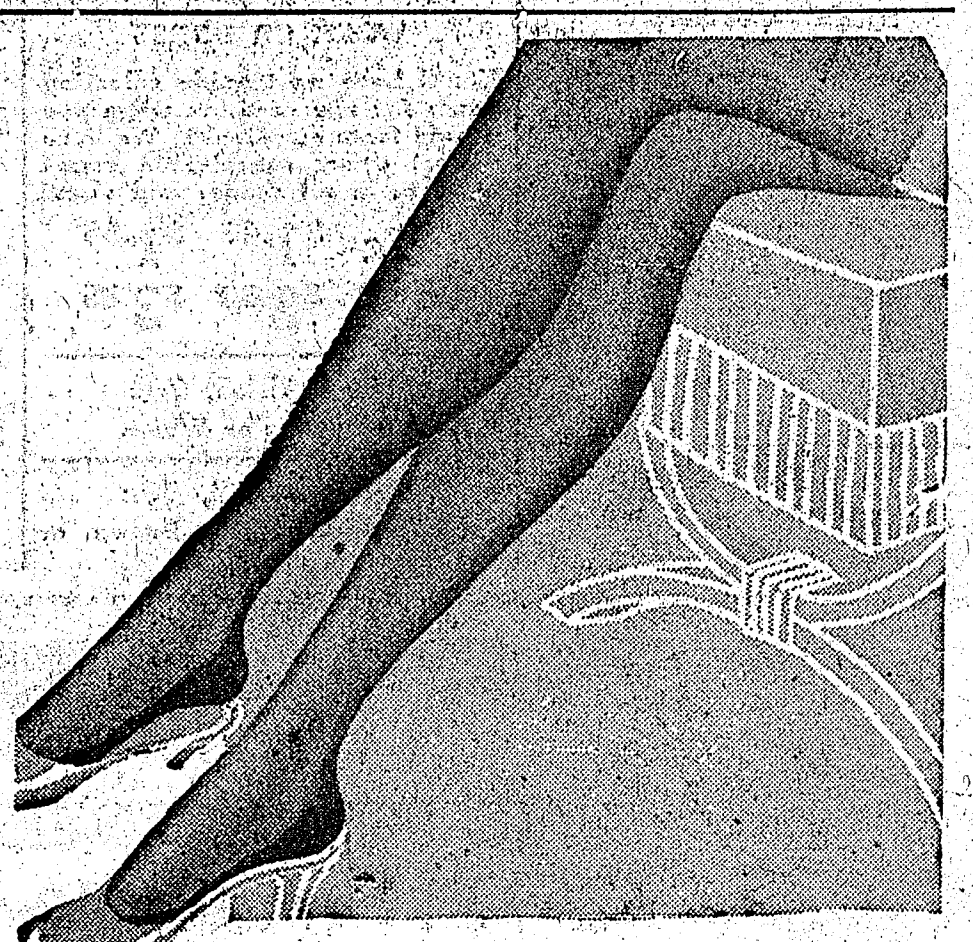
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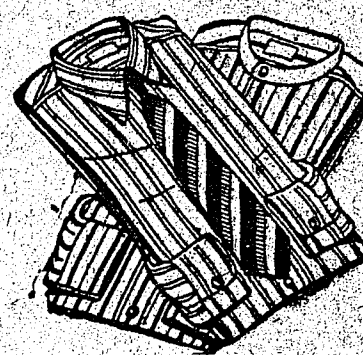
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## WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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his sons, CWA wages will not maintain family life. Neither will they satisfy the ambitions of people for the better things which modern civilization could make possible for all. Nor will such wages make good customers for the large industries upon whose activity the prosperity of even the rich depends.

What must be done some day is to make all work public work. Instead of building dykes and roads, why not make shoes, clothing, automobiles and tooth brushes for public welfare instead of for private profit. That would be Socialism. The CWA plan is merely substituting the name "Relief Work" for the hated "Work Relief." The longer it lasts the more the workers will hate it, and you can clip this statement for future reference if you like.

### "PAINLESS TAXES"

A speaker at the 22nd annual convention of the Berks Township Supervisors made a plea this week for more painless taxes.

What are painless taxes? They are, the speaker explained, such taxes as gasoline tax and sales tax—as contrasted with direct taxation of real estate.

Well, without doubt, we need those kinds of taxes. Why do we need them? To maintain the growing number of people who are being cast aside by private industry.

What will be the effect? To reduce the purchasing power of everybody in order that millions who cannot be profitably used by privately-owned productive industry may be paid to do non-productive work.

Sales taxes are "painless" only for a time. Before long, however, they are going to hurt many people. For they will have to be continued and increased to do the job which they are designed to do.

To escape these "painless" taxes it will be necessary to adopt the Social-suggestion. Take over the productive industries and operate them for use. When that is done there will be no take-off for a parasite owning group, but all adults will be given the opportunity to be useful and to enjoy the fruits of productive industry. Until it is done the number of unemployed and the number and size of taxes, both "painless" and otherwise, will constantly increase.

### AN APPROPRIATE WAR MEMORIAL

The suggestion that the old Berks County Prison be dedicated as a war memorial suits our sense of the appropriate.

During the war for "democracy" jails were symbols of what the war promised to radical economists who refused to forsake the privilege of explaining what the killing was all about.

It has been suggested that the Berks County Jail be known as "The 'Gene Debs War Memorial'" in recognition of the manner in which that glorious class warrior was treated during those stirring times.

We add a suggestion of our own: Why not embellish the memorial with two inscriptions, as follows:

"This was a commercial and industrial war; it was not a political war."

"Obey the law and keep your mouth shut." — Attorney General Gregory.

## REFLECTIONS

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shelter because we want those things. And after we have produced a surplus we will not consider it degrading to the producers to permit them to consume the things they have produced.

To me, the most vital factor in the CWA and PWA and CCC unemployment relief set-ups is NOT who pays the bill. Far more important is the PURPOSE behind those Government activities.

Are men being put to work in order to cure the depression? Not at all. A real cure can be had only by abolishing the Capitalist system of wealth-production for private profit.

What then is the PURPOSE of these various relief programs for which all of us are paying? The answer is: To save the system which enables the owning class to reap profits from the labor of workers.

AS CAPITALISM TOTTERS to its final collapse I have no doubt that the rich will be taxed more and more. That, however, as certain very rich men have already confessed, will be done merely in the spirit of paying an insurance premium against revolt and social disaster.

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WASHINGTON — Boycott all goods bearing a "made in Germany" label, the American Federation of Labor urges, in a statement to its affiliated unions. The Washington A. F. of L. convention voted the Nazi boycott in protest against the Nazi suppression of the German trade unions.

"Now is the time for local and branch treasurers to begin to stress payment of 1934 dues, as well as payment of back dues to clean the slate for the new year," is the suggestion of the National Secretary of the Socialist Party.

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## Activities of the Reading Socialists

### SOUTHERN BRANCH CARD PARTY AT LYCEUM

Again the Southern women will be hostesses at the regular Saturday Night Card Party at the Labor Lyceum. For weeks the women of this branch have been sewing, making useful and pretty things for the prize table which are far above the usual ones in quality. Of course, there will be attractive things for the men, too. In addition, a delightful menu is being planned. Remember, folks, card playing starts at 8 p. m.

### CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LAURELDALE

And here's still another card party for your choosing on Saturday night. It's at Laureldale in the branch headquarters in Yerger's hall. There will be fine prizes and good "eats." And the fee for players will

be only 15 cents per corner. You'll make no mistake by spending your Saturday night at Laureldale.

### CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

The T. P. L. will hold a card party at the Northeast Branch of the Socialist Party, 1311 North Ninth street, Saturday night, December 16. Fine prizes are being secured and lunch will be served all evening.

Card playing will start promptly at 8:30 p. m.

### SOCIALIST STUDY CLASSES

Local Berks is planning the establishment of classes in Socialism for Socialist party members. These classes will be of two grades, an elementary course and a more advanced course. The present plan is to hold the advanced course on Friday nights

at a place to be fixed. The time and place of the elementary class have not yet been fixed. The classes will start the last week in December. Those interested in either class can leave their names and addresses with Organizer Bigony at the Labor Lyceum. Further information about the courses can be obtained from him.

### CENTRAL WOMEN TONIGHT

All members of Central Branch Women are urged to attend the next regular meeting at Labor Lyceum Friday night (tonight) at 8 o'clock to participate in the election of the officers who will serve us during the coming year.

### CENTRAL BRANCH ELECTION

All members are requested to attend the meeting of Central Branch next Monday night, Dec. 18, at which time officers will be elected for the coming year. Fred M. Merkel will deliver a discourse on "Socialist Tactics Toward Fascism."

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY SOUTHERN WOMEN

The annual election of officers of the Southern Women's Branch will take place tonight. A full attendance is requested.

### WOMEN'S CHORUS, ATTENTION!

All members of the Socialist Women's Chorus are asked to be at the Labor Lyceum, Monday, December 18, at 7 p. m. for a short rehearsal, before proceeding to the City Hall.

### PEACE PAGEANT AND MIN- STREL SHOW

Junior Y. P. S. L., Circle No. 9, and Flight No. 3, Red Falcons, both of the Southern Branch, have joined forces to present one of the best performances of the year, Wednesday, December 20.

This program will be held in the Southern Branch, and will start at 8 o'clock. No admission will be charged, but cakes and candy will be sold. Everyone is welcome to attend, and those who remember last year's show know they will not be disappointed.

Any donations of cake, candy, etc., for Wednesday night's social at the Southern Branch will be appreciated by the committee.

### POULTRY SOCIALS

Do you want some cheap Xmas poultry? If so, visit the following branches on these dates:

Berkshire Heights, Friday, Dec. 22, at Peterson's barber shop.

Jacksonwald, at Loran's carpenter shop, Friday, Dec. 22, at 8 p. m.

These events will be poultry socials and it will be your own fault if you miss them. The Berkshire Heights comrades have added a 150-pound hog to their prize list and if you like pork it's up to you to get it. Refreshments and a good time is assured.

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### UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOUCHERS REDEEMED

### Milwaukee Leader Is 22 Years Old

The Milwaukee Leader, Socialist daily founded by Victor L. Berger, last week observed its twenty-second birthday. "There is no way of estimating the tremendous value of this paper to Milwaukee," said Mayor Daniel W. Hoan. "It has been in the forefront of a continuous battle on the part of the working class. It stood guard during the war to maintain our constitutional liberties. It

has assisted in every fight to improve the condition and lot of the common man."

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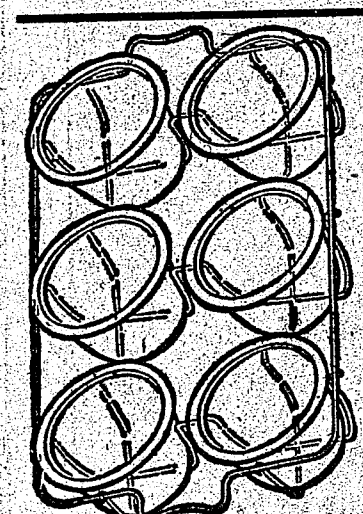
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## CLARA BOW IN 'HOOPLA' SHOWING AT EMBASSY

Clara Bow, the ever-fertile, makes her latest screen appearance in "Hoopla," her second starring film to be released under the banner of Fox Film. The production is slated for a week's engagement at the Embassy Theatre beginning today.

In this story of carnival life that dramatizes the hatreds, the desires, the romance and the loves of the "big top," Clara Bow is said to reach the highest point of achievement in her colorful career. The role she plays is reported as so well suited to her capabilities, that it promises to be the most important portrayal she has ever undertaken.

In "Hoopla," Miss Bow depicts the part of a fiery carnival dancer, and the environment of the open air show forms a kaleidoscopic background for her constantly-changing emotions and the fire of her personality.

The story is built around this young dancer who makes a wager that she can win the love of a certain young man. The young man happens to be the son of the carnival's chief Barker. He is a youth whose nature is far removed from the hectic surroundings of the carnival and he falls an easy prey to the well-polished wiles of the dazzling dancer. It is his sincerity that his naive manner, however, that work a change in the nature of the girl. For the first time in her life she is confronted with the real meaning of love.

The boy's father objects to the affair, and there follows a series of incidents in which these three attempt to straighten out their tangled lives. The climax is reported as one of the most ingenious of all the Clara Bow classics.

## SOCIALIST WINS

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or woman has been more insistent than I to secure for the old men and women of this State some means of support during their declining years," she told the Legislature. She pointed out that "most of these old men and women have worked all their lives. They have toiled in mines and mills and sweatshops to make the world a better place in which to live. We can not evade our social responsibility; these aged dependents must continue to be provided for; either in poorhouses or as charitable wards, or in a more decent manner, by financial assistance."

## Hoopes Bill Killed

A bill introduced by Hoopes to regulate the payment of wages by private employers and establishing regular pay days was killed by a vote of 112 to 61 after the House attacked the measure from the viewpoint of its constitutionality.

Hoopes vigorously advocated the measure, and mentioned cases of girls who had to wait for weeks before receiving the wages due them. He showed that similar laws in other states are working out well. Opponents of the measure pleaded that the law would embarrass small employers, while the Socialist member argued the case for the workers.

"It's all right to talk about employers being broke and not able to meet their payrolls," he exclaimed, "but how about the employees? If they give their time and labor they are entitled to their pay."

## Little Hope for Workers

Despite the success of Reading's two Socialists in forcing the House to consider at least a few of the social measures which otherwise would have died in committees, Hoopes was not optimistic this week that much real relief would come to the people of Pennsylvania as a result of anything which the House might do.

"There is still the Senate to deal with Labor and social legislation, and that body may be expected to kill anything which is not satisfactory to the big business interests of the State," he said.

The Socialist spokesman pointed to State control of liquor distribution and the revenue it will bring as an example of what could be accomplished if the Socialist program

of making all industries social property were adopted.

## Refers To Wilson Bill

Even the complete socialization of the liquor industry, extending it to manufacture and retail sales as well as wholesale sales, would have greatly added to the income which the State could have for the relief of the unemployed," he pointed out. "All this was provided for in House bill No. 11, introduced by my colleague, Mrs. Wilson. Why should we not socialize the industry? Why not socialize all industries and do away with taxes as we now know them by producing for use instead of for private profit?"

Asked about Pinchot's professed anxiety for social legislation, Hoopes declared that, while the Governor had opened the door for a great deal of social and labor legislation, it still remains a question how sincere the Governor is.

"Pinchot's most loyal supporter in all his previous campaigns has been Joseph R. Grundy, leader of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association," Hoopes pointed out. "Today Pinchot's most consistent followers in both the House and Senate are reactionary Grundy men. There is more than a suspicion that his call for social laws in this session will prove to be his platform in a campaign for nomination for the United States Senate. Pinchot has never broken with Grundy."

## T. P. L. ACTIVITIES

By ELLERY OCKSKIDER, Jr.

## Pre-Christmas Warning

Once again we wish to warn the merchants and business men of the city and county that there are certain men going about the city asking for donations for the unemployed members of the Taxpayers Protective League.

We have received several complaints from business men in the past week and are taking this means to warn all merchants that no person has the authority to solicit for this League without the proper credentials, signed by the chairman and the secretary of the Executive Board.

Certain persons of the American Citizens League are still in possession of old credentials, and are asking for donations under false pretense.

There will be a meeting at the Universalist Church, Franklin street near Fourth, on Wednesday, at 2 p. m., on Birth Control. Capable speakers will be present, women only.

The Taxpayers' Protective League is holding a card party on Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, at 1311 North Ninth street. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy themselves.

On December 18 and 19 at the new city hall the Taxpayers' Protective League is putting on a show called The Heine Schmidt Old Country School, and numerous vaudeville acts and singing by the Women's and Men's Chorus. Don't forget to see this show, it is great.

All members of the League are requested to attend the regular meeting at city hall on Friday at 2 p. m., serious matters to be acted on.

On Thursday evening the Black and White Minstrels are putting on their show at the State Sanatorium

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## SOCIALIST ACTIVITIES

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sured by the committees in charge to all who attend.

## EXETER AND BERKSHIRE BRANCHES TO ELECT

Branch elections will be held on the following night, Exeter and Berkshire Heights, Friday, Dec. 29, at 8 p. m. Every member is urged to be present and help select the comrades you want to serve you for the coming year. Do not fail to attend these meetings comrades.

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## Y. P. S. L. ACTIVITIES

Circle 7—Speaker.  
 Circle 2—Discussion on "Parable of the Water Tank."  
 Circle 3—Moonlight hike. All circles invited. Leave the Labor Lyceum at 8 p. m. sharp.  
 Circle 11—Question box.  
 Circle 12—Current events.  
 Circle 6—L. Rogan speaks on the "Socialist Labor Party."

Circle No. 2 juniors' meeting at 1311 North Ninth street, is going to have a Xmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 19. We can all expect to have a good time. No admission will be charged.

Study classes still meet at the Labor Lyceum. Junior classes, Monday night, and seniors on Wednesday night.

The following officers were elected to serve for a six-month term beginning in January by Local Berks, Y. P. S. L.: Robert Seiders, County chairman; William Hertzog, Executive Secretary; Frank Hamel, Financial Secretary; Mark Brown, Educational Director; Evelyn Shirk, Industrial Director.

Circle No. 1 senior meeting at the Southern Branch will have election of officers at their next meeting, Thursday, Dec. 21. All members are asked to bring their dues books with them.

Circle No. 9 juniors will have a Xmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 20, for the benefit of the Southern Branch. All invited!

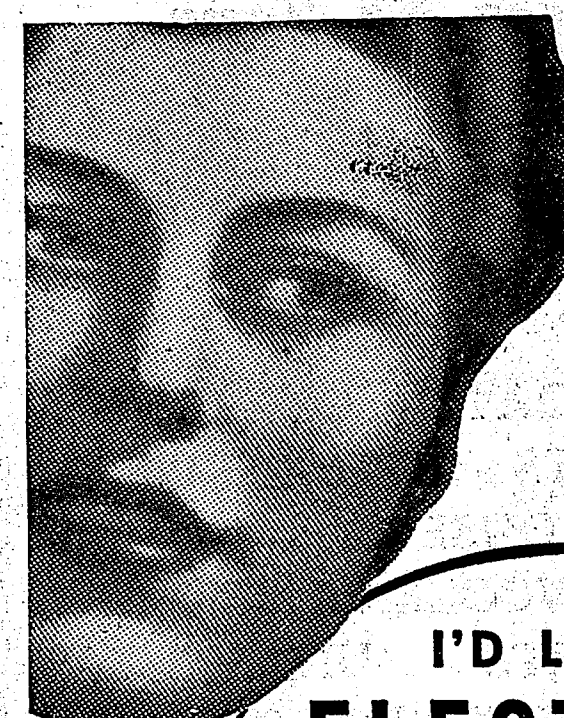
Circle No. 1 seniors will begin meeting from next Thursday, Dec. 21, and thereafter on the same night.

## LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By LARRY ROGIN

Labor College students are now busy choosing officers for the new term. Election had been held up for a week until the students got to know one another better, but nominations were made for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer during the past week. Election will be by ballot and will be held during the classes next week. There will be at least one change in the officials as the present president, Stuart Tomlinson, thinks that someone else ought to have a chance and is therefore refusing to run.

Nominations are not completed yet and so we are unable to list those who have the possibility of being the



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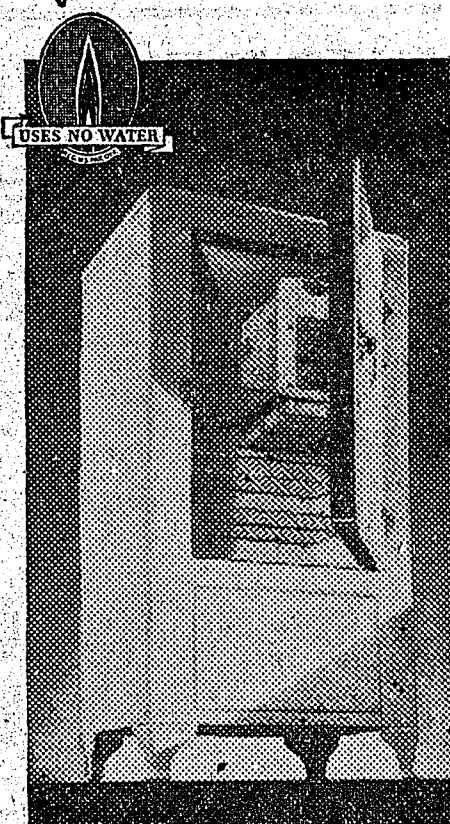
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## ADMITS NRA IS OUT TO ORGANIZE EMPLOYERS

WASHINGTON (FP)—Here is what Gen. Johnson said about labor provisions in NRA, speaking before the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers: "I know what distresses some of

you—your fear of organized labor, and here I want to point out one thing. We have a mandate under this act (NRA)—positive and direct—to foster the organization of industry for cooperative action among trade groups. But we have no such mandate as to labor. The only thing that labor gets here is a right to organize (if they so desire) and to bargain (as it may elect)—either individually or collectively—without employer interference.

"As a matter of fact, I cannot see how industry being given, not only the right (long denied it) but full governmental assistance for organization to the ultimate, can greatly object to the naked right of labor, without any assistance at all, to organize also."

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## WINGS OVER WASHINGTON

More than a thousand "industries" are preparing or have submitted codes to NRA. There is the horse-hair dressing and curled hair industry, the sawdust shavings and specialties industry, the beaten Jordan and allied equipment industry, and so on. And then there is the wooden heel industry. Some wag has suggested that in reality there is need for only two industrial classifications in this

country—one code to govern the "wooden heel industry" and another code to govern all the rest, to be known as the "iron heel industry."

The government's ambitious slum-clearing program may come to naught because of the greed of the real estate operators who are seizing the opportunity to jack up prices on plots needed to complete the ground sites for new low-cost housing projects. Such an effort was discovered in Detroit, with a realty association openly advising its members to "hold out" for prices higher than the market value.

The hotel owners got a code with the 54-hour week, the 10-hour day and liberal loopholes, to say nothing of a \$10 minimum wage, which with deductions for room and board will bring the weekly minimum down to \$2.25. Now they have got a stay from Gen. Johnson, delaying from Nov. 27 to Jan. 1 the application of the labor provisions. This gives them time to think up new ways to cut wages and lengthen hours. And right at the time when hotel men in the bigger cities are making more money than ever before, due to repeal.

An awful squawk is going up from employers' groups against the Civil Works (CWA) minimum wage scales of 40-50c an hour for common labor and \$1-1.20 for skilled workers. They claim that workers in many codified industries are quitting their jobs and applying for CWA work, which pays much better. Perhaps no more damning indictment, unwittingly,

has yet been made of NRA code wages.

There was a definite federal offer of \$700,000 to help complete the so-called Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh. But when the Mellon-dominated board of trustees learned that the government insisted that the board would have to be changed to permit a majority of public representatives, they turned down the \$700,000 gift. Private control of Pitt is worth more than that to the Mellon-men who run it.

NRA employees, not subject to regular government wage and hour provisions, are organizing into A. F. of L. unions to fight against unpaid overtime and irregular wage scales. The secretary to Leo Wolman, of the NRA labor advisory board, has refused to join. She declined to give her reason, but it is known that the word has gone down from NRA headquarters that it would be "embarrassing" to them for their workers to unionize.

The NRA planning division has submitted a new \$16,000,000,000 brain storm to Gen. Johnson, based on the proposition that 800,000 houses need to be built each year for the next few years. It would put 4,250,000 men to work.

The only fitting answer is, "So what?" Who's going to pay for the new homes? Certainly not the wage-cut and out-of-job workers; nor yet the half-million middle class. The experts could better turn to figuring out how to get \$16,000,000,000 into the hands of purchasers, and then perhaps the problem of how it will be spent would take care of itself.

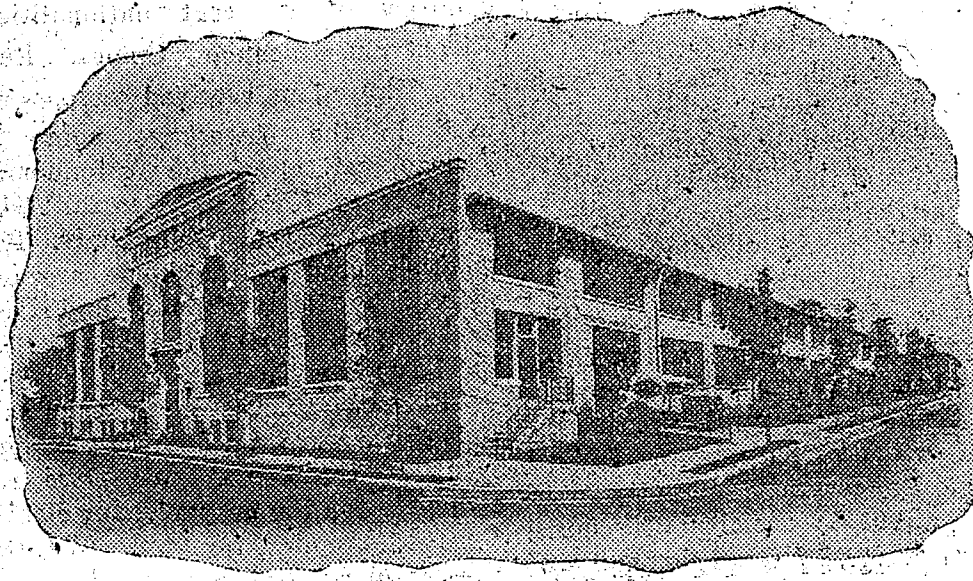
## ORGANIZED UNEMPLOYED GET JOB PREFERENCE

DENVER (FP)—Members of the United Front, Denver unemployed group, will be given preference on CWA jobs by the Denver city administration, it was revealed when the classification of workers was made public.

Although some relief officials announced this preference was extended to rid the United Front members of their "communist attitude," labor observers viewed it as due to the persistent pressure exerted by the organization to gain relief or jobs for its members. Harry I. Cohen, United Front organizer, has been arrested several times for protesting low relief for unemployed workers.

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## WASHINGTON SCENE

By HARVEY O'CONNOR  
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

Advance reports seeping into the national capital indicate that the next congress is going to be "radical." There will be a substantial group pointing to prosperity by way of the printing presses. Another group will demand "teeth" in NRA. A proposal for the flat 30-hour week will be thrown into the hopper, the chairman of the house labor committee promises. Income taxes are to be jacked up, if a group in the house ways and means committee has its way.

If these groups are looking for a blueprint of plans to attack the unemployment problem and the continuing paralysis of the "capital goods" industries—machinery, construction, etc.—the joint committee on unemployment has it ready for them. The committee, composed of outstanding liberals in the labor unions, the universities and social welfare agencies, held its pre-congressional session in Washington the second week in December to draw up a 10-point program.

Basic in the committee's proposals is the demand for redistribution of social income through taxation. In other words, the group headed by John Dewey and officered—among others—by Sidney Hillman of the clothing workers, Emil Rieve of the hosiery workers, A. J. Kennedy of the lithographers and A. Leikwitz of the teachers, wants stiffer taxation on millionaires and corporations with high cash reserves. This will create purchasing power when used by the government to speed emergency projects, the committee holds. Other points in the program are:

1. Federal housing program, credits for public works, accompanied by an adequate wage scale.
2. Federal aid to state old age pension systems.
3. Federal aid to state unemployment insurance systems.
4. Federal aid to states for education, including scholarships for children.
5. Reduce principal and lower interest long term debts.
6. Federal marketing corporation to bring the farmers' "surplus" to the unemployed and underpaid who can't afford to buy.
7. The 30-hour week with no decreases in the weekly wage.
8. Teeth in NRA to protect labor and consumers.
9. \$1,000,000,000 for direct federal cash relief to the unemployed, in addition to PWA and CWA appropriations.

To back up its argument, the joint committee on unemployment had this to say, through Dr. John Dewey: "In spite of the efforts of progressive elements in the Administration, little improvement in economic conditions has been recorded during the nine months since it took office. A substantial increase in the purchasing power of the masses is fundamental. For three years this committee has urged upon two successive congresses and two presidents, measures to eliminate unnecessary unemployment. Inadequate relief appropriations and delayed and insufficient credit for public works and housing have resulted. Government has increased the public debt, through assuming debts of banks, railroads and other business enterprises.

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injustices of our economic system through taxation. Instead of taxing concentrated wealth, unearned income and liquid corporation surpluses, they have put more taxes upon consumers. They have compelled the poor to pay for the starving."

The committee winds up with the significant remark: "Congress is the only legislative body with power to act effectively in this crisis. Its failure to enact such measures would be an incitement to extra-legal measures."

To which R. A. McGowan, of the national Catholic welfare council adds: "Not enough employees are joining the unions to make the NRA a sure success or to make its future development what it ought to be. Part of the failure is the unions in that some of them are not on the job to help organize those of the unemployed over whom they have jurisdiction. And the danger is that unless employees join the unions, the whole program will fail."

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This considerable slow-down in buying power was with slight effect on government expenditures; the Clerk maintains, in that only 4c out

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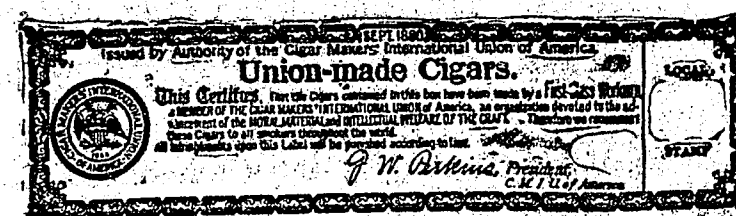
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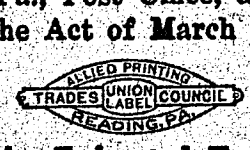
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## EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

## LYNCH LAW

Lynch law has been writing some new and terrible chapters in America. In California a mob recruited largely from speakies, led by an eighteen-year-old boy, horribly lynched two men already under arrest for kidnaping and murder. One of them unquestionably was guilty, but there seems to be some question of the sanity of the other. Of course, of such questions mobs are the best judge! This act was applauded by Governor Rolph of California, himself a chief actor in the continued lynching of Tom Mooney.

The contagion of this sadistic terror spread. Missouri was next with a lynching. Again, in the usually peaceful east shore of Maryland a mob fought with troops sent by Governor Ritchie to arrest lynching suspects that local authorities had refused to touch. The next day the court released the men the troops had arrested. Governor Ritchie's order cooled.

Alabama was next in line, this time with a legal lynching, for that is all the latest Scottsboro trials have been. If there is any justice or semblance of justice in American judicial proceedings, the conviction of Patterson and Norris will be immediately overruled if for no other reason than on the basis of the judge's charge to the jury.

Against all this, of course, there is protest. But there is no sign that California will ever consider impeaching that arrogant law-breaker and inciter to riot, Governor Rolph. Judge and jury in Alabama simply represented the hideous race prejudice of the community. No foreign nation, not even Germany in its treatment of Jews, can quite equal our record of legal and illegal violence in the name of race and class prejudice or of mob passion. Yet with this record spread before the world we wonder that Britain and Japan do not regard our sudden interest in first building up our navy to treaty level, and then in increasing our ratio, as purely defensive acts as a lover of peace. We wonder sometimes that our protests against Hitlerism have no more effect. And we even dare to boast that there is something in America that makes us immune to Fascism.

## REPEAL AND LAWLESSNESS

One of the most dangerously superficial bits of optimism about American lawlessness is the professed faith of some of the enthusiasts over the repeal of prohibition that now, that an unpopular and unenforceable amendment has been repealed, the American people will settle down to more law-abiding ways. It is true enough that unenforced prohibition did breed an extension of lawlessness and of hypocrisy. But lawlessness in America was born long before prohibition and it will live long afterwards. Repeal has its decided merits, but it will no more stamp out lawlessness than it will bring prosperity. It will not even solve the liquor problem, as the troubles that states are now having in wrestling with that problem abundantly prove.

## CHISELING

Wherever I go I get some new story to prove the universality of chiseling under the codes. They are being reduced to a hypocrisy worse than the hypocrisy of prohibition. They are so nearly toothless, so lacking even in false teeth, that no longer can they scare anyone. Silk manufacturers sabotaged the Labor Board's decision interpreting the code for weeks on end in the hope that hunger and cold would reduce workers to submission. They didn't succeed because of the strength of the workers themselves.

In Maine the other day I heard the latest story from some shoe workers in open-shop towns without union protection. Eight men, known to my informant, lining cutters, were working 45 hours a week. They got \$8 or \$9 a week. The first week they found this sum in their envelopes, two of them, and only two, had the nerve to protest. That week they were raised to the code level. The next week it was the old story over again—\$8 in the envelopes. This time when they protested they were told that they would be paid the code minimum, but they would then lose their jobs. They knuckled under. They had to. If they had complained it would have been to a board in that district entirely dominated by the Chamber of Commerce.

There is no town and no industry which does not repeat this story. A friend of mine heard a manufacturer on the train boast the other day that wages under the code were costing him less than before. Perhaps he was an exception, but I am not so sure as things are now going. The one answer, of course, is effective unionism, and in the shoe industry, to which I have

already referred, the approaching amalgamation of the independent unions is one of the most encouraging signs on the labor field.

## CRAZY ECONOMIES

The poor mental deficient who thinks he is Napoleon harms no one. Yet we rush him before an insanity commission and subject him to an examination by some trained specialist who pronounces the man insane and then hands the county a bill for his services. The man is insane, irresponsible and in-offensive. So we put him in a madhouse and then go about the business of effecting economies.

We slash salaries and drive good and competent workers from the public service; we cut school budgets and thus retire competent teachers from service; we close schools to save tax money and then later build bigger and better jails to house the children to whom we denied the right of an education; we curtail budgets which were intended to provide for sewage and garbage disposal and then wonder why epidemics occur; we slash the wages of firemen and then wonder why the house is half burned down before the department responds to an alarm; we lay off police officers and then call down the wrath of the Almighty on the city because there is a crime wave; we close the libraries to save a few more tax dollars and then wonder why juvenile hoodlums break street lights and commit a hundred and one other depredations; we lay off a few inspectors in the name of economy and then complain when we get gyped by coal dealers with crooked scales; we shave off a few municipal expenses by laying off a few more firemen and then wonder why our insurance rates double; then we save a few more tax dollars by retiring a few squads of street workers and then pay some garage \$15 or \$20 to take the dents out of the car after it has skidded into another car because the icy down grade had not been cindered; we demand further economies and turn out every other street light, after which we are amazed that there are so many more hold-ups; we demand a balanced budget and in order to bring this about someone puts a taboo on all repairs for the city schools, and then in a couple of years we have another bond issue to rebuild a few schools which could have been saved if we had not been pennywise and pound crazy.

And then, when some other poor mental weakling mounts the post office steps and proclaims himself Napoleon—we rush him before the insanity commission and insist that he be sent to an asylum. He's crazy.

And so are we! The only difference is that he calls himself Napoleon while we call ourselves economists.—Minnesota Union Advocate.

## IMPEACH GOVERNOR ROLPH!

Two low creatures—products of an anti-social environment—kidnap a young man, murder him and try to collect ransom. Arrested, they confess to the crime and would be executed if the law were allowed to take its course. But a mob gathers with the knowledge of the governor of the state and lynches the two men. The governor approves the lynchings as "a fine lesson to the whole nation." If any persons are arrested for participation in the lynching he adds, "For the good job, I'll pardon them all."

We put aside for the moment the responsibility of capitalist society—of which the governor is beneficiary and for which he is apologist—for the state of mind of the two kidnapers. We call attention to the fact that Governor Rolph gives his official approval to lynching despite his oath of office. He would even pardon any person arrested for participation in it. Is it any surprise that this same governor will not pardon Tom Mooney—this governor who was as much a part of the San Jose lynchings as though he were personally present? Governor Rolph should be impeached!—The New Leader.

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

## SOCIALIST METHODS

Two recent events, though important in their own right, should be particularly valuable to us for a lesson as to tactics to be pursued by Socialists. One of these events was the Spanish election, in which a widespread drift to the right was evident, and the other was the meeting of the new Nazi Reichstag.

In Spain the promise of a revolution has not been fulfilled, and a disillusionment with the parties of the left is the not unnatural result. The anarchist revolt there may well strengthen rather than weaken the forces of reaction. Primarily, of course, the Spaniards are dissatisfied because they have achieved little concrete, material benefit from the revolutionary outbreak that replaced the decadent monarchy with the republic. It is true that the Socialists have not been in control of the government, but it is also true that they have not conspicuously pressed for measures of socialization. Socialist parties must learn that mere support of democracy is not enough; to justify their existence they must always press vigorously for socialization of the means of production.

In Germany the convening of the dummy Reichstag, after the recent mock election in which only Hitler's candidates were allowed to be on the ballot, but serves to remind radicals of what might have been. Even after Hitler's crushing victory in the election of last March, only 288 of the 647 deputies were of his party, while the Socialists and Communists together numbered about two hundred. Nevertheless Hitler was able to crush

all opposition, dissolve all parties but his own, and transform German institutions as he desired. The radical parties, who might by joint action have prevented the Nazis from assuming power, merely stood by and watched, and submitted to dissolution without furnishing any opposition worth mentioning.

This turn of events is particularly tragic when we recall that for some years the Social Democrats were at the helm in Germany. True, they governed only by the consent of other parties, but had they shown any true resolve to change the economic system they might have caught the imagination of the German people sufficiently to win a majority. We must remember that Hitler's appeal to Germany, as Roosevelt's to the United States, was based fundamentally on a promise to act vigorously. Few people have the intelligence to properly understand what type of action will be of greatest benefit to them, but when times are bad they insist upon action of some sort. To stand still, as the German Social Democrats did, is to forfeit the confidence of the people.

The British Labor Party made the same mistake when it took office. Again, it was only a minority government, and the Liberals served notice that the first attempt to socialize would lead to an overthrow and a new election. But it is futile to hold office, as MacDonald and his associates did, as the price of inaction; and when the overthrow came the defeat was more crushing than it would otherwise have been. Indeed, had the Labor Party promptly introduced a bill to socialize the mines and railroads, for example, and welcomed an election fought upon that issue, the result might likely have been the most sweeping victory in its history.

We in this country, of course, are not responsible for the mistakes that Socialists have made abroad. But what we can do is to study their

experiences so that we can avoid making the same errors when our chance comes.

Their history teaches us that, the moment we get a little power, we must strike with all the force we can command. It is not enough to fight for higher wages, shorter hours, and social insurance. We must press relentlessly for socialization of the basic industries, for liquidation of a class society, for transformation of the entire economic life of the country. We must be always on the offensive, never content with what has been achieved, but always pressing forward with more daring measures. We must show energy and courage, to give enthusiasm to our own followers and capture the imagination of the entire people. We must never rest until the industries have been socialized; a high standard of living given to all the people, and the old capitalist society dead beyond hope of revival. This is the lesson of the failures of our comrades in Europe.

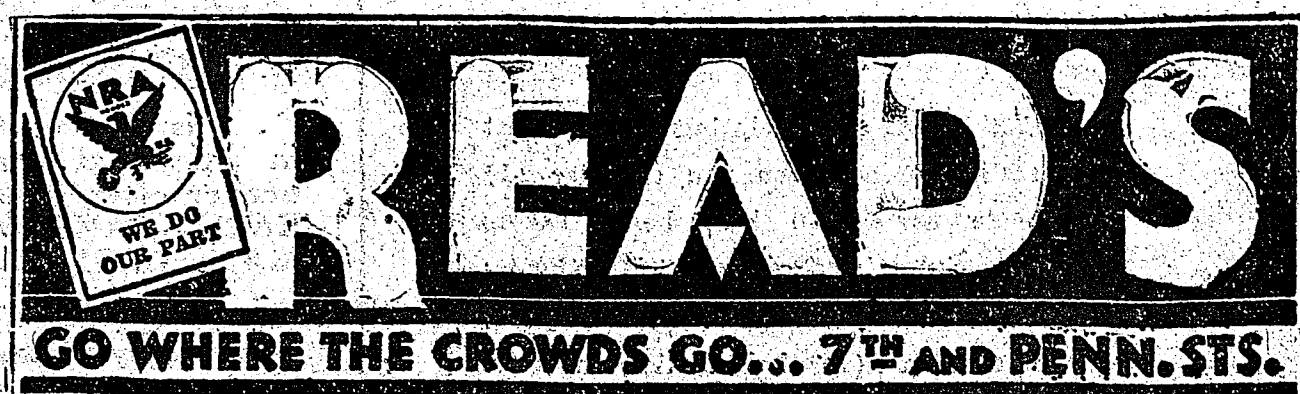
## KIDS WIN "PASS TO LIFE"

MOSCOW (FP)—Sixty homeless children of different nationalities, Kirghesian, Kazakian, Chinese, Russian, Ukrainian, received "a pass to life" in the Krupskaya home in Frunze, capital of the Autonomous Republic of Kirghizia, Central Asia, reports the Moscow Daily News. The methods used in the home are explained by Boris Fedotov and Ivan Anfilofov, two of the inmates of the Krupskaya home.

"Former thieves and criminals though we were, we had the management of the home. We were responsible for the property, for clothes, for food supplies, for food." We, the thieves of yesterday, were given the keys of the storehouse," they wrote.

"This caused a revolution among the children. 'How could we steal when we were trusted, how could we steal from our comrades, from ourselves?'"

"Of course things did not run smoothly at first. Among some of



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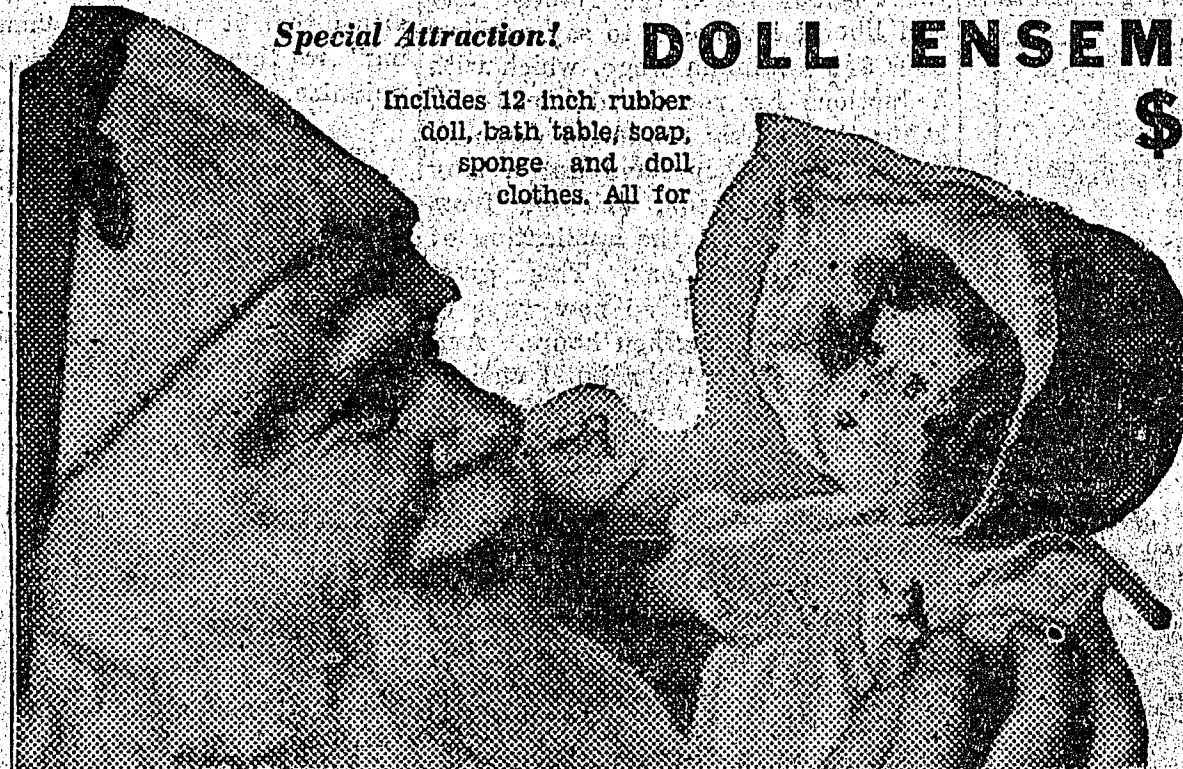
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