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Socialists Gaining; Fusion At Last Stand

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

"NOW THAT THE nation is definitely headed toward recovery," said President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the entire congress, in its opening session on Wednesday, applauded. Well, "harmony" is a nice-sounding word which rolls off the tongue and settles gently and amiably upon the conscience of most of us. But harmony among the representatives of the big business groups is likely to presage bad things for the voiceless and unrepresented masses.

SINCE LISTENING TO pledges of co-operation from leading Republican spokesmen, I am more certain than ever before that no fundamental changes are contemplated by the sponsors of the New Deal—no changes, I mean, which will challenge the right of those who own to ride upon the backs and exploit the great majority of American people. The "recovery" program means just what the word implies: That the aim of it all is to enable the tottering exploitation system to once more get going.

Mr. Roosevelt, himself, voiced that aim when he spoke to congress. The sequence of the thing, as explained by the president, is to take the unemployed off the dole and put them upon public works at bare existence wages. And from public works, the president let it be known, he hopes to see capitalism's jobless transferred once more to private industry. In other words, the New Deal aims to keep the unwanted slaves of big business alive in the hope that the masters will come to agreements which will enable private industry to profitably use the services of the millions who have been cast adrift during the past four years and more.

JUST HOW THE public works workers will finally be delivered back into the service of the private-profit takers the president did not mention in his message to the nation's alleged lawmakers. Probably his plan does not carry that far as yet. But I am convinced that the big owners of this nation are convinced that the president is speaking from the heart. Their (the owner's) little racket is not to be interfered with. And that, I believe, is why the dove of harmony is circling about the dome of the capitol at the present time.

MR. ROOSEVELT SPOKE of supervising and regulating business. He also described business policies of the past as being akin to the tactics of racketeers.

I like that simile for the very natural reason that I myself used it on the street corners of Reading during the last campaign. I like it, too, because, coming from the president of the United States, it may convince some people; better than any words of mine possibly could, that the codes which are designed to stabilize the business of production and distribution are nothing more than National Racketeers' Agreements.

THE PRESIDENT SEEMS to believe that, properly regulated, business can remain in the possession of a few private individuals under conditions which will enable the owners to provide for the needs of the masses and still leave huge surpluses for the use and pleasure of an owning aristocracy.

I am not ready to say that the president is a visionary and a dreamer when he entertains that belief.

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PRESENT COUNCIL SEEN AS LAST STAND FOR COMBINE IN CITY POLITICAL ARENA

Growing Strength of Fighting Socialist Organization Shows Old Parties "Headed Toward Last Roundup." Party's Advance Steady—City Victory In 1935 Predicted—Past Successes of Socialist Administration Have Definitely Destroyed Ancient Prejudices

With the induction of Emil Nuebling, Democrat, and Frederick Muhlenberg, Republican, as City Councilmen this week, Reading's city government passes once more into the absolute control of the old party representatives of big business. This statement, compared with the fact that only two years ago the Socialists held every councilmanic office in Reading, would tell a gloomy story if local political figures were not forthcoming. As a matter of fact, the Socialists of Reading are in a stronger position today than they ever were before in the history of the city.

The outstanding development in Reading politics since 1927 has been the growing strength of the Socialist Party and the absolute destruction of party identity in the Republican and Democratic ranks. For the ousting of the Socialists from public office was accomplished only by the Fusion of the Democrats and Republicans, while the Socialist vote, though not large enough to overcome combined old party opposition, has nevertheless been growing from election to election.

Figures Forecast Fusion Doom
The following figures offer conclusive testimony to the statement that the Socialist Party will triumph over Fusion opposition and definitely establish Reading as a Socialist stronghold.

In 1927, in a three-party fight, J. Henry Stump, Socialist candidate for mayor, was elected with a vote of 12,304. With him were also elected James H. Maurer and Geo. W. Snyder, as city councilmen and Walter R. Hollinger as city controller. Two years later, the old parties again tried to win in a three-way contest and were again defeated. This time the Socialists elected Jesse George and Wm. C. Hovatter, thereby gaining every office in city council.

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LABOR COLLEGE LAUNCHES COURSE ON UNION MEETING

In response to a demand by many trade unionists the Reading Labor College has organized a course in "How to Run a Union Meeting," class, which will pay special attention to problems facing the chairman especially, will also discuss the duties of the other officers and of the members of organizations who would like to see their meetings run smoothly.

The class will start Tuesday evening, January 16, at 7:30, at the Southern Junior High School. It will meet for three or four weeks depending on the progress made. While it is designed mainly for union members, it is open to all. No charge will be levied to those attending.

New Students Enroll

The Labor College student body had some additions during the last week. Five new students came from the Busy Bee Division of the Hosiery Union, bringing the total number of hosiery workers near the fifty mark. Two recruits were also sent by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

The Monday night class was greeted by the new president of the Labor College, Ben Miller of the Musicians Union, who delivered a talk on "The Importance of Habit." Harry Gross, vice president of the college, was in charge of the student period in the Wednesday night class. The Wednesday morning class elected Leo Smith, of the Hosiery Union to be class representative.

To Elect Treasurer

Balloting for a new treasurer will take place during the coming week. Leroy Derr, Charles Fair, Wm. Swartz, John Kreska, and William Stauffer have been nominated. John Roslin, Eugene Gamby and Charles Clauser were appointed auditors.

UNION TO URGE LOSS OF EAGLE FOR PRETZ. COS.

Trades Council to Tell Government Reddy, Krouse and Superior-Supreme Have Violated NRA Policies

UNION MEETS SATURDAY

Affiliation of Organized Pretzel Workers With International Bakers' Union Considered—Public Cooperation Sought

The Federated Trades Council, at their meeting on Tuesday night, instructed Secretary Martin L. Wolfskill to get in touch with government officials to demand that the Blue Eagle be taken away from the Krouse, Reddy and Superior-Supreme pretzel bakeries.

All three firms have broken their word of honor and agreements with their workers besides violating the NRA, Council officials declare. Federal representatives who came to Reading to settle the differences between the workers and employers have severely rebuked the employers for their lack of faith and co-operation.

"The Trades Council will leave no stone unturned in having the Blue Eagle removed from these chiseling bakeries," declared President George M. Rhodes yesterday.

Consider National Affiliation
On Saturday, the members of the Pretzel Workers' Union will meet to discuss affiliation with the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union. According to union leaders, affiliation will give the pretzel workers outside contacts that will put them in a position to wage an effective war on these chiseling firms by going direct to the consumers in every city that these scab pretzels may happen to go. It will also mean that the pretzel workers will have the help of a strong, progressive union to assist in organizing the pretzel workers everywhere in the country.

Seek Public Support
Local pretzel workers are calling upon all members and friends of labor to remember that Krouse, Reddy and Superior-Supreme pretzels are on the unfair list. They also ask the help of friends in boosting union-made pretzels. There are still a large number of pretzels that are sold in Reading stores that are made under sweatshop conditions in Lebanon, Harrisburg, York and other towns.

Wages in the pretzel industry in union shops in Reading average from 30 to 40 cents an hour. Wages in other towns are even lower than these. Relief workers doing CWA labor receive 50 cents an hour.

CHARLES W. ERVIN WILL SPEAK IN MYERSTOWN

Shirt Workers Union, Local 140, of Myerstown has arranged a public mass meeting to be held in the Myerstown Auditorium, Wednesday, January 10, at 8 p. m., at which Chas. W. Ervin, former editor of the New York Call, Socialist daily, will be the principal speaker.

Mr. Ervin is being toured by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and his Myerstown meeting will be one of a series of educational functions which that organization is sponsoring. He is well known in labor circles, and is editor of "Advance," the organ of the clothing workers' unions.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting, and there will be no admission charged.

T. P. L. MINSTRELS WILL PERFORM SATURDAY

The Black and White Minstrels, in conjunction with the Polish Branch of the Taxpayers' Protective League, will hold a Minstrel Show and Dance at St. Casimir Hall, Saturday, January 6. All members of the troop are requested to be at St. Casimir Hall at 7:30 p. m.

The regular weekly meeting of the League will be held today, a 2 p. m., in City Hall Auditorium.

NRA Indifferent To P. R. T.

WASHINGTON. — NRA will do nothing about the Philadelphia Rapid Transit and Budd Manufacturing Company's defiance of the National Labor Board unless Senator Wagner demands action, General Johnson, announced December 29.

"NEGRO DEBS" WILL SPEAK HERE JAN. 26



FRANK R. CROSSWAITH

Frank R. Crosswaith, famous Negro Socialist, whose oratory has won for him the title of "The Negro Debs," will deliver a lecture in Odd Fellows' Hall, 8th and Franklin sts., Friday night, January 26. Crosswaith, who has recently completed a nationwide tour, has announced as his subject, "The NRA, Hope or Menace?" He will bring with him to Reading a rich experience gained by personal observation of industrial and social conditions in many sections of the nation. His message is therefore certain to be informative as well as entertaining.

Admission to the meeting will be free. A silver offering will be lifted to defray expenses.

JOBLESS MOUNT AS 1934 SEES NEW LAY-OFFS

Green Blames "Slacker" Bosses For Job Decline—Warns of Danger to Recovery Program

DUMP WORKERS ON GOV'T

Only Federal Works Prevent More Suffering Than Ever Before, American Union Chief Declares

Unemployment in private industry is increasing faster now than at any time since last January, and "were it not for the jobs given under the Federal relief program, suffering would be worse than ever this winter," William Green, president of the A. F. of L., declared this week.

Basing his estimates on reports received from affiliated organizations, Green said that more workers were laid off from mid-October to mid-November this year than in the same period in 1932, and that trade union figures for the first half of December show that more workers lost their jobs than in the same 15 days last year.

Lay-Offs More Numerous

Green pointed out that, while lay-offs on farms and in industry are "quite normal," happenings at this time of the year, it had been labor's hope that, because of the emphasis placed by the government on creating jobs, the year-end lay-offs would be less severe than usual. Union reports, however, show the lay-offs are more numerous.

"These figures," Green said, "give the impression that industry is slackening in its efforts to put men to work. Apparently some employers feel less responsibility for their men (Continued on Page Four)

RHODES AGAIN ELECTED HEAD OF FED. TRADES

Council President Tells Delegates That Workers Win Respect Only by Organizing Their Power

PRINCE PLAN PROTESTED

Delay in Providing Public Work Criticized—New Unionists and Veterans Named as Organization's Officers

After hearing a report of activities during 1933 from Geo. M. Rhodes, president of the Federated Trades Council, in which he reviewed the struggles of the past year and called for the organization of power for use in future industrial disputes, the Council, last Tuesday night, re-elected Rhodes to serve as its president for the seventh consecutive year. Luther Adams, president of the local hosiery workers' union, was elected vice-president of the Council.

Other officers elected were: Recording secretary, Martin L. Wolfskill; secretary-treasurer, Andrew P. Bower; sergeant-at-arms, Stanley Baer of the Carpenters' Union; trustees, George W. Snyder, Musicians; William C. Hovatter, Cigarmakers; Jacob Englehart, Hosiery Workers; Wolfskill and Bower are veteran members of the Council, the former having served in the office to which he was re-elected for 20 years, and the latter held various offices for a period of 33 years. Englehart gained the attention of local union officials during the hosiery strike of last summer, when he became prominent as captain of the Berkshire pickets.

Earl White, another Hosiery Worker, was elected to the newly-created office of business agent for the Council. In this capacity he will look after the interests of the 30 local unions affiliated with the central body.

Most Important Year

In opening his report to the Council President Rhodes described 1933 as "the most important year in the history of the labor movement."

Continuing, Rhodes said: "Because of the economic breakdown and the enactment of the Industrial Recovery Act, labor has revolted against industrial tyranny and miserable conditions."

"In this revolt that swept the nation, the workers of Reading played a leading part. The first big uprising of labor was in Berks county. On July 5th the parade that demonstrated (Continued on Page Five)

PROFIT MEANS COLLAPSE, COLUMBIA U. HEAD SAYS

NEW YORK (FP).—The profit motive in industry was attacked by Nicholas Murray Butler, Columbia University president, in his annual report to the university trustees. President Butler called for the stressing of production for use in industry as the means of "saving America."

"If profit, and profit alone," he declared, "be the end sought by human effort, then society must reconcile itself to steady disintegration, constantly increasing conflict between nations and eventual destruction. It is only when men rise above domination by the profit motive and learn to subordinate profit to service that the social, economic and political orders begin to come in sight of a firm foundation and a continuing existence."

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

COMMISSIONER GILES SPEAKS OUT

When Police Commissioner J. Stanley Giles addressed a meeting of the Rotarian Club this week he must have run short of topics. At any rate Stanley departed from the facts and, as usually results in such cases, became ridiculous.

Stanley is quoted as declaring that prior to his rule (which means under Socialist auspices) none of the police automobiles were in condition to be sent to the scene of a crime. Of course, anybody knows that simply isn't true, so the only person who was harmed by Stanley's declaration was Stanley himself.

It's a pity Mr. Giles did not take more time to consult the records. There are so many other things, beside efficient automobiles, that he could claim credit for. Gassing boys and girls on the picket line, for instance. Or protecting out-of-town seabs who are brought to Reading to hamper the activities of local pretzel unionists. Or going into the back alleys and pinching poor devils who lack the \$10 to buy licenses for second-hand flivvers. Even the story of how Stanley smashed speak-easy furniture and then was burdened with the costs of prosecution by the Grand Jury would have been a good deal more truthful and equally as amusing as that foxy fable about decrepit police automobiles.

WHY WE DIDN'T NAME NAMES

For the information of some who may be wondering why we failed to mention the names of the two Reading employers who were deprived of the Blue Eagle last week, we offer the following explanation:

As long as the big fellows are permitted to "get away with murder" and still use the emblem of NRA, we are not going to make things more difficult for the little concerns who try to beat the Capitalist game. The two concerns which were penalized were "small potatoes." They were not nearly as big as the Berkshire hosiery barons who conducted a successful dickering with the National Labor Board and succeeded in evading real unionism at their plant after the large majority of their employees had voted for a union. Nor are they as powerful and important as Boss Bitting who is still flying the Blue Bird despite the fact that he has discriminated against active unionists in his plant. Even the Reddy, Krouse and Superior-Supreme pretzel bosses are business giants compared to the two who were ordered to take down their signs.

So—we see no point to an expose. When the NRA officials take similar steps to bring real big employers into line we'll be happy to publish the news.

WATER WORKS NOT RUN FOR PROFIT

According to rumors from city hall, the people of Reading are soon going to have their water bills reduced. The explanation given by city fathers who favor such a move is that the water department simply doesn't need all the money it would collect under the present rate.

Here we have a real example of the virtues of public ownership and operation for use as compared to the private profit system. If the water works were owned by private profit takers, do you think the rate would be lowered? Not at all. Instead, the owners would float bonds and pocket the money. Then they'd raise the rates to pay dividends on the bonds. The result would be nothing of value to the water users, but unearned fortunes in the pockets of a few owners.

What a fine thing it will be when all industries are owned as Reading's water industry is now owned—by all the people. Then service will be the only consideration and the majority will not be legally robbed to produce unearned incomes for the benefit of idlers. Municipal water works present a small cross section (Continued on Page Five)

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CWA FOR COOLIE LABOR RESERVE

Authorities' Order Prevents Low-Paid Industrial Serfs From Getting Civil Works Jobs

WASHINGTON (FP).—Not only does CWA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins approve the order of his Louisiana administrator for guaranteeing a coolie labor surplus for lumber operators, but he stated December 15 that he would not tolerate taking men from private industries, especially those under codes, to work on CWA projects.

The issue was brought into relief when Louisiana lumber workers began deserting their 24c an hour jobs to file applications with CWA for work at 40c an hour. Members of the Southern Pine Association, anti-labor organization, protested to the Louisiana CWA administrator and obtained from him a ruling that CWA projects would be closed down wherever they endangered the surplus labor supply.

It is not the purpose of CWA, State Administrator H. J. Early stated, to absorb all the unemployed. A reserve is to be kept from which workers can be drawn for 24c an hour jobs. "A very good order it is, too," said Hopkins.

\$50-Month Decency
Four million men and women are at work now on CWA projects, Hopkins announced. "As a result," he said, "no one is going to starve this winter." CWA, he added, is assuring its workers a standard of living "in decency and comfort." Asked what the average monthly wage on CWA projects is, Hopkins answered, "\$50."

A new ruling bases the wages of semi-skilled workers on local custom, above the 40-50c minimum and below the \$1-1.20 maximum. Members of organized labor need not register with the U. S. employment service but shall be hired through the union office, when possible. Regarding payment of union scales, Hopkins ruled:

"If the prevailing hourly rate prescribed under collective agreements or understandings between organized labor and employers on April 30, 1933, shall be above the minimum set for any district within the zone, that agreed rate shall be paid to persons on civil works projects financed by federal civil works funds." The U. S. labor department is made arbiter when disputes on such wage scales arise. The PWA board of labor review is given power over CWA labor disputes, with authority to make binding decisions.

A safety apparatus is being set up in CWA to check up on construction jobs and hazardous practices. A high accident rate has developed because many CWA workers are "soft" from long unemployment and others are inexperienced in the new kind of work they are doing.

"THE DESIGN FOR LIVING"

Noel Coward's Spicy Comedy Opens At Embassy Friday With Fredric March, Miriam Hopkins and Gary Cooper

Noel Coward's screen production, "Design for Living," opens at the Embassy Theatre today.

In this production the celebrated Ernst Lubitsch touches exceed great expectations. Too numerous to mention individually, they perhaps reach their apex in the nuptial chamber scene between Miss Hopkins and Horton and in the morning aftermath when the husband takes a good swift kick at the little

Miriam Hopkins wedding gift from March and Cooper, who forthwith make their auspicious appearance. The finesse and color displayed by March and Miss Hopkins was more or less expected of them in the characters played on the stage by Coward and Lynn Fontaine, and they fulfilled all the anticipation, but the surprise of the show was Gary Cooper as the artist, the role played behind the footlights by Alfred Lunt.

The most gratifying feature of the picture is the fact that while Ben Hecht re-wrote the play, not one single situation or climax of the original was deleted.

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WE REDEEM UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOUCHERS

REFLECTIONS

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But while I recognize the possibility of stabilizing and regulating the

profit-taking racket, I differ with him as to the desirability of such a way of settling matters.

Recovery under that plan will still remain slavery for the majority of us. It will still mean huge unearned profits for a few. As a Socialist,

that is the arrangement against which I objected even while the profit system still functioned without government restriction and regulation. And I still object to it because, as a Socialist, I want to end the racket rather than show the racketeers how to be reasonable and practical.

AS I WRITE, a still small voice sneers: "Who are you to object to what the president of the United States is doing?" To which I reply that I am the guy who's doing the objecting. It's my privilege—as yet—and I'm here to say that Roosevelt's purposes are not my purposes or the purposes of any person who has a right to call himself a "Socialist." I am willing

to go along with the plan as far as it has gone. I like the idea of transferring the jobless from idleness and idles to work and wages. But finally to shunt them back to the service of private profit-takers—never! On the contrary, I like the idea of public works so much that I want to make all work public work. And instead of permitting private owners to accumulate huge surpluses and then taxing them for enough of those surpluses to keep slaves at work building roads and other modern pyramids, I aim to take away the surplus-producing industries and operate them for the benefit of all who are willing to share in the mental and manual labor of production and distribution.

AS I HAVE already stated, the president has assured the profit-takers that my intentions are not his, that he wishes to regulate but not abolish the graft system which functions for the advantage of owners. That, I believe is why the nation's congressmen and senators applauded last Wednesday instead of either cursing good round oaths, or merely laughing right out loud.

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By ADAM EBERLY.

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Progress only comes through hard work. So let's all put our efforts to the Socialist movement of which the Karl Marx cigar and factory is a part. Whenever you buy a cigar, buy the Karl Marx or one of the other brands we make. Always re-

member, it is your factory and your movement.

Also make it your business that all the stores with which you deal have your cigars in their case and if you do not smoke, get your friends to buy your cigars just as you try to get your friends to vote for Socialism.

Just think what a little hard work and determination does. Nineteen hundred thirty-three was one of the worst years for business in a long time. Thousands of business houses went under, and almost all business men admitted that 1933 was one of the hardest years they ever put in. Some cigar salesmen confessed that Christmas sales dropped 35 per cent from last year. Another said 45 per cent. But our Xmas sales tripled themselves. That just shows that we worked. Now let's all resolve that 1934 is going to be the biggest year for Karl Marx cigar factory and Socialism we ever had. Go out and work.

Boost our movement which stands for the Co-operative Commonwealth and happiness to all who work. Let our slogan be: I smoke and boost Karl Marx cigars always!

Sample of American humor heard in a street car: "She had a cold in her head but that's better than nothing."

Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTY TONIGHT AT LAURELDALE

If Friday is an off night with you, and if you like to play cards for valuable prizes, journey out to Laurel Dale. The comrades of that thriving branch are going to have another of their delightful card parties and, in addition to the trophies for winners, will serve a lunch which will be enjoyed by all. The fee will be 15 cents per corner.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LABOR LYCEUM

With the Central Branch women in charge, Labor Lyceum will again be the scene of a card party on Saturday night. Fine prizes and good "eats" are promised. Card playing will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

NORTHEAST CARD PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT

And here's another card party—at the headquarters of the Northeast Branch on Saturday night. The women of the branch will be in charge. They have a fine line of prizes and will serve the kind of refreshments which will be appreciated. Playing at this party will begin promptly at 8:30 p. m.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE WILL ENJOY DINNER SUNDAY

All women who are members of the Women's Socialist League are invited to be at Labor Lyceum not later than 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Jan. 7.

And, for the benefit of those who don't know what it is all about, league members are warned to be hungry when they arrive.

The event will be in the nature of a dinner, followed by an evening of entertainment. No charge will be made and all league members are wanted there.

BRANCH ELECTIONS

Branches who have failed to send in the names of their newly-elected officers and county committeemen will do so as soon as possible, as the county chairman and the local must bring its office lists up to date. Secretaries please take note.

SOCIALIST STUDY CLASSES

Again the Socialist Party urges its members who are interested in the study of Socialism to join the study classes that are held each Friday night at the Central Branch, 600 North Ninth street, at 7:30 p. m. These classes are of two grades, an

elementary course and a more advanced course.

The success of the classes depends on the support of the comrades. Further information about the courses can be obtained from Organizer Bigony at the Labor Lyceum. Your co-operation is needed. Will you be there tonight?

BRANCH SECRETARIES, ATTENTION!

Branch financial secretaries who wish to purchase stamps can do so by calling at the Federated Trades office, 705 Walnut street, during the week and Saturday noon. Also Labor Lyceum on Saturday afternoon.

RHODES TO ADDRESS SOUTHERN WOMEN

George Rhodes will be the speaker at the meeting of the Southern Women tonight at 42 South Tenth street at 8 p. m.

SOUTHERN OPEN FORUM ON SUNDAY NIGHT

Sunday, Jan. 7, marks the first of a series of programs that will be held each Sunday evening in the Southern Branch headquarters, Chas. F. Sands will be the speaker of the evening, and he has chosen for his subject, "Science and Its Relation to Socialism." After the lecture there will be a discussion period and question box.

Tea will be served later, and you are cordially invited to spend the evening with your comrades. We are sure you will enjoy yourselves enough to return the following Sunday.

SEW, LADIES, SEW

The Southern Branch women are sewing each Wednesday at their headquarters, 42 South Tenth street. Come and spend the afternoon.

SOCIALIST WOMEN'S CHORUS ELECTS OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Director and librarian, Stephen Ely; assistant director, Eva Arnold; pianist, Pearl Schell; assistant pianist, Marguerite Weitzel; president, Cecelia Baehltin; secretary, Esther M. Auman; treasurer, Kathryn Miller.

All members will please note that the regular rehearsal will be held Monday night in the Labor Lyceum.

The Chorus is open for engagements at all times, but notice in writing must be given to the secretary far enough in advance to give the Chorus sufficient time to make arrangements.

SOCIALIST BAND TO ELECT AND REHEARSE WEDNESDAY

All members of the Socialist Band are urged to attend rehearsal at Labor Lyceum next Wednesday night. At this time officers will also be elected.

The following have been nominated for the various offices: President, Edward Arnold; vice-president, Harvey Moyer; secretary-treasurer, Stanley Hoffa; trustees, Thomas Hollinger, Jesse Deeds, Florian Zelowicz; band leader, Gordon McLean; orchestra leader, Florian Zalowicz.

UNIVERSALISTS RE-OPEN FORUM SERIES SUNDAY

The public is invited to hear Dr. C. S. Mukerji, lecturer, author and authority on conditions in India, who will be the first speaker in a series of Open Forum Lectures to be given in the Church of Our Father on Sunday night, Franklin street above Fourth. Dr. Mukerji is a fluent speaker of the English language and will give many startling facts as to conditions in India. Questions will be answered at the close of the address. The subject of the address will be "Health Problems in India."

Interest In Socialism

CLEVELAND.—There is an intense interest in books dealing with Socialism, according to Marilla Freeman, librarian at the main Cleveland Public Library. The Socialist classic of the 1890's, Looking Backward, by Edward Bellamy, is one of the most popular books. Very few books are being purchased but 20 new copies of Looking Backward were bought to take care of the demand.

Fable: Once upon a time there was a statesman who apologized for a blunder and confessed, in plain English, "I was wrong."



PRESENTING . . . POMEROY'S Annual January Sale of SILKS

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Our Own Make
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ALLENTOWN
BACON

14c
lb

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SUGAR-CURED
**SMOKED
SHOULDER**

9c
lb

6 to 8 Lbs

OUR OWN MAKE
FRESH AND SMOKED
SAUSAGE, 2 lbs. 25c

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Pork Shoulders, 10c lb

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Spiced Ham 23c lb
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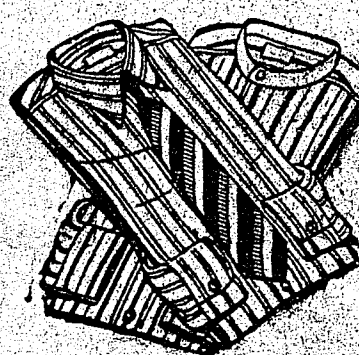
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Leather Lumberjacks and Coats

Sheep or
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INQUIRY URGED IN ANTHRACITE

National Labor Board's Fact-
Finding Committee Lacks
Adequate Power to Prevent
Industrial Abuses

WASHINGTON—The fact-finding committee of the National Labor Board, which has been conducting an investigation of the Pennsylvania anthracite district, where unemployment runs to 25,000 in the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton region alone, asked the board to appoint another committee with larger powers and broad representation of all interested parties.

While making no direct charges, the committee's recommendation for a body with more authority indicates a serious situation.

Employment Is Scarce

"With employment as scarce as it is," the report states, "and with the desperate struggle to secure a job when it occurs, it would not be at all surprising, human nature being what it is, to find men among the mine's bosses who would take advantage of the situation to sell jobs."

"It is equally possible, under such conditions as exist, that designing or self-seeking individuals should attempt to capitalize the discontent that suffering brings."

Abuses Require Elimination

"In the face of charges that serious abuses have grown up and are not exceptional, the matter ought not to be dropped."

"If the investigation is to guarantee effective results and the elimination of any abuses that may be found to exist, it should be conducted by a body in which there would be a representative, or representatives, of the operators, and a representative, or representatives, of the mine workers, together with an outside member or members, either agreed upon by the members named by the operators and by the mine workers, or named by the National Labor Board."

"Such a body should begin its investigation with a pledge by the interested groups by which it was constituted that its findings would be accepted."

Strikers Are Victimized

One problem mentioned by the committee is the delayed reinstatement of many miners who struck last November, and although the strike was settled with the understanding that the strike should be taken back many of them are still without jobs. The committee's report indicated that unless these men are allowed to go back to their jobs, another strike is likely.

The report was signed by the entire committee, including Charles P. Neill, for many years head of the conciliation board of the anthracite region; Dr. Hugh Hanna, editor of the Monthly Labor Review of the U. S. Department of Labor; and Elmer Andrews, New York State Commissioner of Labor.

PRESENT COUNCIL

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In 1930 and again in 1932 the citizens of Reading demonstrated their confidence in the Socialist party by electing Darlington Hoopes and Lilith Wilson to the State Legislature. In each election, the results had clearly demonstrated that the old political parties could never again hope to keep the Socialists from victory in a straight three-party contest.

Old Parties Fuse

It was in 1931, when Stump, Maurer and Snyder were out for reelection, that the old parties admitted the Socialist strength by fusing. They combined their forces and, after one of the most vicious campaigns in the history of the city succeeded in defeating the Socialist officials. However, the Socialists were stronger in defeat than they had been in their victory of four years prior. In 1927, Stump won by a vote of 12,304; in 1931, he lost with a vote of 14,395.

In 1921, the plurality of the combination candidates was 2,925. In the election of 1933, the Fusion plurality was 2,723 and the Socialist vote was 11,895, despite the fact that 6,000 fewer votes were cast in the election a year previous.

Why Socialists Are Gaining

There are two important reasons why the prestige of the Socialist Party is steadily growing in Reading. First, the Socialists have been conducting a tireless educational campaign for more than thirty years. As a consequence, it can be said that in no community within the nation is the economic intelligence of the general public at a higher level than in this city. Second, is the fact that, having been given the opportunity, the Socialists have demonstrated their ability to conduct the affairs of

public office more efficiently than they have ever been conducted before in the city's history.

Some Socialist Achievements

Here are a few of the things which the Socialist administration did in four short years: They built a new city hall costing \$750,000, a pumping station at the disposal plant, \$186,000; improved a city bridge, \$80,000; installed new police and fire alarm system, \$100,000; built an under-pass on the Fifth street highway, \$234,000; constructed house sewers, \$191,000; graded and paved street intersections, \$50,000; storm sewers, \$95,000; spent \$180,000 for playgrounds, \$7,000 for improvements to the Schuylkill avenue belt line bridge, \$40,000 for another sewer trunkline, \$87,000 for a municipal machine shop, \$35,000 for a new engine house for the Friendship Fire Company.

Economies Provided Funds

While the party's enemies are attempting to discredit the Socialist administration's accomplishments by pointing to the fact that the city's bonded indebtedness increased under Socialist management, the facts justify public confidence in Socialist ability.

The improvements listed above show expenditures of \$2,700,000. However, the bonded indebtedness of the city was increased only \$1,502,197. In other words, the value of 803 greater than the increase in the city's debt.

The Socialists were able to show the above enviable results by good business management and by economies which enabled them to give better service to the people of the city.

How Socialists Saved Money

The Socialists saved money by installing a modern purchasing department. In the purchase of coal alone, this department saved more than the cost of the departments operation. The Socialists aroused the enmity of the profiteers of Reading by taking steps to abolish the contractor system. They took the cleaning of streets out of the hands of an old-party contractor and did it with city labor. They increased the wages of street cleaners from \$2.25 and less to \$4.00 per day and at the same time, reduced the street cleaning bill by many thousands of dollars. The same contractor was cleaning sewer catch basins, for which he collected from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year. The Socialists did the work with city workers, and in spite of the fact that 303 new catch basins were installed and cleaned, did this job for less than half of what had formerly been paid to the contractor.

Why Socialists Borrowed Money

The fact that the Socialists were forced to borrow is explained by the do-nothing policies of former administrations as a result of which it fell upon the Socialists to make many necessary improvements which should have been made years before they took office.

Realizing that the people of Reading appreciate and approve of the Socialist administration's record of achievement, the old political parties are not wasting their efforts in attempting to discredit the Socialists in Reading. However, stories written for publication in other cities are telling of the increased indebtedness of Reading without reference to the vastly greater value of the improvements which the Socialists gave to Reading.

The best answer to the stories is the fact that the old political parties have been forced to combine their forces in order to defeat the Socialists. Since the Socialists have made good in city hall, the people of Reading have twice elected Socialists to represent them in the State Legislature. In each election a larger percentage of the total vote has gone to the Socialists. With an active and militant organization, the Reading

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Socialists are on the up-grade. The old parties, on the contrary, are losing ground. Two years from now there will be another municipal election. Already the man of the street is talking about the election of 1935 and predicting that another political upset will again sweep the Socialists into majority control of city government. When that happens the Socialist victory will be definite and permanent.

JOBLESS

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now that civil works are providing jobs for several million.

"But, if men are deliberately dropped from payrolls now to let the government take care of them, will employers ever again have the right to protest against so-called government interference in business?"

4,000,000 Still Jobless

"No one should forget that even with 4,000,000 persons on civil works

at the year-end, more than 6,000,000 are still unemployed, without normal income and buying power."

The worst lay-offs in November were in manufacturing, where more than 330,000 lost their jobs, Green said. These factory lay-offs, he pointed out, are much larger than for any normal year for which the A. F. of L. has records, and also more than in any year since the depression.

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AKRON, O.—Success of federal locals in rubber factories in Indiana, Ohio and elsewhere has led to plans for a convention early in the year to unite them into an American Federation of Labor international to be known as the United Rubber Work-

ers. The convention is expected to be held in Indianapolis or some Ohio city.

Union Pacific Clerks Defeat Company Union

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—George M. Harrison, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, affiliated

with the American Federation of Labor, announced that the railway clerks on the Union Pacific west of Omaha, had, by vote, defeated the company union and favored the Brotherhood.

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PREACHER-NOVELIST WILL BE FIRST FORUM SPEAKER

Lloyd C. Douglas, D. D., minister of St. James United Church, Montreal, turned novelist, when he realized that the book of religious essays on which he was at work was too heavy for either clergy or laity. His first novel, "Magnificent Obsession," became immediately popular (and that without the aid of spectacular advertising) and was followed, after a brief interval, by "Forgive Us Our Trespasses," which has been widely acclaimed. Dr. Douglas now devotes his entire time to writing and lecturing.

His lecture, "The Flight to Freedom," is the first of the Community Open Forum series, which will be held in the City Hall auditorium on Jan. 9, 1934.

Health hint: Never say "Merry Christmas" to a postman.

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WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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of Socialism in action. The idea should be extended to all human activity—but won't be as long as the old political gangs are in control.

THE PRINCE PLAN

Reading's citizens are again becoming alarmed by the prospect of losing the big railroad shops. Nor can it be said that their alarms are groundless since, under the "Prince" plan consolidation is quite likely to deprive many local workers of this source of employment.

While it is quite in order to do everything possible to keep the shops in Reading, there are many people with enough idle time to reflect upon the need for real industrial adjustments.

Where work is done is important to the people of Reading at the present time. But WHY it is done is important to everybody all the time. Under Capitalism work is given to workers only when some private owners can make profit out of the arrangement. If the owners find it more profitable to make hoboos of thousands of people that is what they do. Under Socialism work would be done for the welfare of all workers. When the people own the industries the people will reap the benefits of industry and doing things more efficiently would merely mean that everybody would have more and work less.

Public Power Plant Plays Santa Claus

OWATONNA, Minn.—The municipal power plant at Owatonna, Minn., helped make Christmas a merry one this year for its customers. Bills totaling more than \$12,000 were forwarded to the consumers with each bill marked paid.

FRENCH TEACHERS HIT MILITARISM

Sensational Challenge to War-makers Startles Authorities And Brings Sharp Warning From National Official

A sensational exchange of drastic views on the relation of school teachers to the state in wartime and in peacetime has taken place between the French Minister of Education and the recent congress of primary instructors. Few events that have recently happened in the turbulent political and social life of the French Republic have stirred more comments in official circles and educational movements.

The controversy began when, last September, 80,000 teachers of the lower grades, through delegates bearing full authorization, met to consider their professional responsibilities, and instead of limiting themselves to pedagogical problems in the narrower sense of the term, entered into the wide question of peace policy and war responsibility. In all probability, nowhere in the world before has so radical a statement of dissent from war ideas been adopted by a large body of those charged with the training of youth.

War "Greatest Crime"

The congress stigmatized war between nations as the "greatest of collective crime," pointed out that "with the present state of technical means at the disposal of armies it is useless to pretend there is any effective defense of individuals, private property, or the national patrimony," and asserted that "in spite of frontiers the workers of all countries have common interests." "War as an ultimate means of settling international quarrels" was condemned as "unjustified in right, in reason, or in fact." "It is everyone's duty," warned these teachers, "as well as everyone's interest, to oppose himself with determination against any recourse to it."

A pledge was taken that the effort for moral disarmament would be intensified in school programs, extra-curricular activities, and in national and international social contacts. Demands were expressed for progressive and controlled disarmament; prohibition of arms manufacture; legal penalties for war action, embracing economic and financial boycotts; modification of the League of Nations so that workers' organizations might conduct activities within its framework.

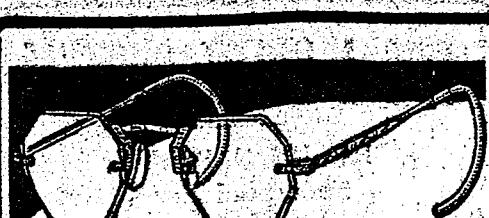
Most startling to the authorities were the following phrases: "But firmly convinced that the workers cannot without danger rely on this slowly developing movement, they ought to realize that war can break out at any moment, and that only their determined resolution can preserve them from it;" the congress "pays homage to pacifist convictions and to the courage of conscientious objectors, and all those who firmly resist and decide individually to refuse to play their part in collective slaughter," and "congratulates itself on seeing an ever-increasing number of student teachers refusing to participate in advanced military preparation."

Educators Warned

Nothing less than consternation was thrown into the ranks of the pro-war forces by so vehement a statement coming from so strategically important a section of the French people. In a long reply, which was withheld for a long time so as "not to be influenced by the excitement of public opinion," the Minister of Education gave the teachers a stern rebuke and a warning that while instructors were free to express their opinions, "they are liable to the same penalties should they disregard the general duty. . . . You will kindly keep me informed of any incident caused by educational anti-militarism, before any family complaint or press incident occurs." The Minister then refers to a strong message against war resistance issued by the Minister of the Interior last January, and declares that this document applies to teachers just as much as to any other citizens, ending on a frank intent to resort to disciplinary measures for any "unpatriotic" work in the schoolroom, classing the encouragement of war resistance as a "moral crime."

Will Teach Peace

Entirely unmoved by threats, the Secretary General of the Teachers' Syndicate replied to the Minister as follows: "In school, as out of school, teachers will continue to teach peace, without any regard for a conformism whose rules are laid out by cannon merchants and their delegates; at the same time without committing the rash mistakes in which a manifestly provocative campaign (by the state) would wish to involve them."



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"There will be many obstacles to overcome, but if labor is to be free, if labor is to share in the plenty that abounds, then we must fight on, for organization is our hope and our salvation.

Ignorance "Greatest Foe"

"Our greatest foe is not the employer, but the ignorance of those of our fellow workers who have not yet seen the light of understanding, who have not yet learned that in unity there is strength.

"They have not yet learned that organization means power and only power demands respect. By their indifference, by their lack of understanding they give power to the enemies of labor and in doing so they blacken their own future and the future welfare of their families.

"Therefore our great task before us is to carry on in our organization and educational work. Our own members should have a more thorough understanding of our principles, and above all we must carry our message to those who are yet unorganized and the victims of employers' anti-union propaganda."

Urge Speed On Public Jobs

A resolution criticizing public officials for slowness in forwarding public works, was adopted. It pointed out that Berks county may lose its share of PWA funds because of "the half-hearted and dilatory manner in which these projects are being handled."

Another resolution addressed directly to President Roosevelt, protested against the removal of the Railroad Shops under the "Prince Plan."

Asks Gradual Adjustment

"Reading ranks as the third city in the State of Pennsylvania in the number of wage-earners and wages received," the protest stated. "It ranks fourth in the value of manufacturing products and the amount of capital invested in productive industries. This preeminence of Reading as an individual city has in past been very largely built up by the excellent freight and passenger transportation of the Reading Company's system, which has provided a service so superior in speed and efficiency that Reading industries have been able to compete favorably in all the principal markets of the country.

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Seek Taxi Code

WASHINGTON.—A code of taxicabs is demanded of NRA by President W. D. Mahon of the street car men's union, in order to equalize competitive conditions. Wages and working conditions of organized street car and bus employees are being destroyed by taxi competition in many cities, he argues.

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The union is affiliated with the Federated Trades Council and has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Eugene Haag; vice-president, Grant Ellingsworth; secretary-treasurer, Adam Kemmerer.

Lynch Leader's Hearing Delayed

SAN JOSE, Cal.—The preliminary hearing of Anthony Cataldi, 18-year-old self-confessed leader of the mob that with the approval of local officials and Gov. Rolph lynched the kidnappers of Brooke Hart, was postponed until January 9. Cataldi has been charged as working with politicians close to Rolph.



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"How Mellon Got Rich"

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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

THE PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

Far and away the most significant event for months or years in the labor field was the general strike of transportation workers in Philadelphia. For thousands of men it was a sympathetic strike. It was a political strike in the sense that it was directed towards compelling government agencies to make arrogant corporations live up to the collective bargaining sections of the NRA. It was never a complete general transportation strike. For many unions it was called off at the end of the second day under definite orders from Daniel Tobin, president of the International Teamsters' Union. Yet it was effective enough to obtain a kind of fury of action.

The National Labor Board fought the strike and in a sense bribed off the bakery workers by suddenly announcing an award to them of an increase in wages so great that after the troubles are over it is doubtful whether the bakery employers will accept.

Nevertheless, the National Labor Board verbally rebuked the defiant arrogance of the employers, as did the State of Pennsylvania which is now holding a hearing on the right of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to continue its franchise in the taxi field.

Meanwhile the taxi strike is still supported by many unions, some with grievances of their own and all with sure recognition of the fact that if the P. R. T. can forever make Philadelphia dance to its tune there is no hope for any body of workers. The great Budd Manufacturing Corporation, which turns out automobile bodies, and the P. R. T., which has a transit monopoly, openly flouted collective bargaining. The best P. R. T. will do is to take back the striking drivers whom it first locked out as there may be vacancies. That is to say, they will have to go to work alongside of the men who stole their jobs, many of them gangsters and ruffians.

A general transportation strike is a painful thing. It causes families of the workers inconvenience and in spite of the best arrangements some actual suffering. It is infinitely better than continuance of wage slavery to arrogant corporations, punctuated by occasional riots. We hail the awakening of American labor in Philadelphia and we are proud that this awakening was so largely initiated by the labor activities of the Socialist Party.

SILVER

Workers won't have any noticeable difference in the amount of money in their possession because the President has decided to purchase a certain amount of silver at a price away above the market level. The only people who will be benefited are silver mine owners and, to a less extent, their workers. Silver ranks away down in the list of American industries, but it has political importance partly because of the connection of silver with money and more largely because there are five pre-eminently silver states that have ten senators, although their total population is much less than that of Chicago. For this reason President Roosevelt probably did politically a shrewd thing in trying to bribe off the silver inflationists at this cheap price.

What America needs is the wiping out or, at any rate, drastic reduction in an intolerable and ever-mounting burden of debt. This requires reduction of the capital structure of a great many industries and a capital levy by the government. It needs to discover a way to build useful public works by issuing treasury notes under careful restraint and not by piling up interest-bearing bonds. Finally, it needs a socialized banking system which can control credit, infinitely more important than currency, on some other basis than the private profit of private bankers.

THE MOVIE USHERS' CODE

To the list of poor codes and of corporations which put the worst possible interpretation upon codes even when they do not break them outright and several important chains of movie houses operating under the motion picture code, which takes care of the ushers in one brief paragraph setting what is supposedly a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour in cities over 15,000. That paragraph has been interpreted to set a fixed wage so that actually wages of ushers in many circuits have been reduced to \$10 for a 40-hour week. Mr. Sol Rosenblatt, assistant keeper of the Blue Eagle for the motion picture industry, says he sympathizes with the ushers, but that butters no bread.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

SIX MONTHS OF NRA

After six months it is possible to appraise the NRA fairly, and recognize both its successes and its failures. The most important fact to be grasped is that the country is still in the depths of depression, with no prospect of immediate widespread recovery. The number of unemployed, more than thirteen and one-half million in March, has indeed been reduced to ten and three-quarter millions, but the steady decrease in unemployment has been sharply checked. In November more than half a million workers lost their jobs.

Nor can the NRA be given credit for all the two and three-quarter millions who found work between March and November. Half a million of these were out of work temporarily because of the banking crisis in the early part of the year, and another million found work in the business revival that occurred in May and June before the Recovery Act took effect. That leaves only a million and a quarter who owe their jobs to the NRA—surely not a great number considering the vast amount of ballyhoo that has been launched about it.

Nor should we forget that Canada, without any Recovery Act, has made much more progress in putting people back to work than we have. The national government of England points with pride to the decreasing number of jobless in that country, and argues that its policy of doing nothing at all has therefore been justified. France and Germany are likewise in a better economic condition than they were in the spring, and the world in general has made progress.

It is not difficult to discover the reasons for the failure of the NRA to put more people back to work. The Administration properly argued that hours had to be reduced to furnish employment, and wages increased to provide mass purchasing power. But when the codes came to be written, the hours established were too long and the wages too low to be of much benefit.

Most industries were allowed to establish either a forty or a forty-four hour week. Since the average weekly hours then being worked in American manufacturing industries were just about this figure, there was increased employment in only a few trades where hours had previously been much longer than the average. The minimum wages were established at between \$12 and \$14 weekly in most industries, despite the fact that the minimum standard of health and decency for a family of five required more than double this sum, and that American industries could easily give each family an income of \$5,000 per year. Employees who made more than the minimum were given, except in rare instances, no protection at all, and in numerous cases their weekly wages were actually lowered.

More than this, the administration of the codes was entrusted to code authorities that in most cases represented only the employers. Only rarely were the employees, the consumers, or the government given representation on the code authorities, and usually the governmental representatives had no voting power. The determination of prices was usually left to the business men, which meant, of course, that profits came first and the interests of the consumer were usually ignored. No adequate provision for enforcement was made, with the result that widespread chiseling has made a mockery of the codes.

If the NRA is to prove of much lasting benefit it will be necessary to reduce hours to thirty per week or less, and raise wages to a minimum of \$25 or \$30 per week. Prices must be regulated, to decrease profits and ensure fair treatment to the consumer. Employees and consumers must be given representation on the code authorities equal to that of employers. An industrial police system must be established to detect and promptly deal with all cases of code violations.

No attempts to reform the NRA, however, should lessen our efforts to transform the entire economic system. High wages are better than low wages, of course, but the highest wages can only be secured when the industries of the country have been socialized, and rent, interest, and profit abolished.

Pittsburgh is still boiling because the University of Pittsburgh turned down a \$800,000 gift from PWA for completion of the skyscraper "cathedral of learning." The Mellon trustees refused to give up control of their institution of the hire learning.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM

By JOHN PAINE,
Federated Press

"Mere display of insignia means firms will abide by pact," said a headline over the story of Roosevelt's extension of his re-employment agreement until May 1.

Oh, yeah? What about all these strikes against chiselers?

Tiny Premier Dollfuss of Austria stood on a chair in order to bang a table when he heard that the Socialist Party would call a general strike if the party were threatened with dissolution.

According to one story, Socialist Mayor Seitz of Vienna answered by ordering the grass in the garden surrounding the premier's headquarters cut very short to keep Dollfuss from getting lost.

OUR GREAT MINDS

Helping with the crops is a picnic for the kiddies, said Pres. C. F. White of the New York branch of the Farm Bureau Federation, opposing the child labor amendment.

Mrs. Democratic told Mrs. Republican at the female Gridiron show in Washington that she had solved the servant problem by letting a lot of college boys "willing to earn while they learn, work their way through the administration."

More recruits for the Brain Trust, eh?

L. F. Loree, labor-hating president of the Delaware & Hudson railroad, thinks that good executives are too scarce, that they are not overpaid.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

1923—Peerless Motor Car Corp.
1933—Peerless Corp., in the beer business.

Such is the formality of statesmen that they cannot eat without being seated at the banquet table in order of their rank.

"You just show me a banquet table," says Breadline Benny, "and I'll eat for 'em."

We don't know whether to rejoice or not, but one Baruch man, George N. Peek of the AAA, got it in the neck.

P. S.—We think we'll rejoice.

But then, on the other hand, he did get a consolation prize in heading a new committee to negotiate for greater export privileges for U. S. products.

AFTER 10 YEARS IN CONGRESS

Rep. S. B. Hill of Washington was elected in 1923 on a "soak the rich" program.

In 1933 he is called a "conservative with progressive leanings."

When the entire police force of Mt. Pleasant, near Tarrytown, was legislated out of office, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., made no protest. His estate is protected by private police.

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf, huh, John D.?

For contributing \$10,000 apiece to the Roosevelt campaign fund, Jesse Isidor Straus was made ambassador to France, Willie Woodin was made secretary of the Treasury; Frank C. Walker was made acting executive director of the National Emergency Council.

Eight out of 60 destitute Arkansas farmers got rations of ill-cured salt-pork and medicine recently.

However, the government did not supply directions as to which should be taken first.

"I deny that the Storm Troops (2,500,000 of them) can be regarded as a military force," bellowed Chief of Staff Ernst Roehm of Germany, citing the brown uniform of the Nazis as "completely unsuitable as a field uniform."

The receiver of Chicago's LaSalle Hotel suggested that the hotel's creditors be allowed to sleep out their bills.

The court sanctioned the idea, and now the hotel will be full of people.

A representative in Congress, even though elected through fraudulent methods, can enter the House just as soon as his election certificate is presented, Speaker Rainey declares.

If no one protests to the House, the fraudulently-elected congressman becomes a representative of the people.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

"CCC Workers Improve Migratory-Bird Refuges," headlines a department of agriculture handout. Sooner or later they'll get around to human beings, maybe.



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WINGS OVER WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (FP).—Rumors are flying thick and fast around the capital that Roosevelt will make a sharp turn to the left sometime after New Year's. A drastic limitation on corporation profits is said to be contemplated.

The new construction code is understood to represent a complete defeat for the unions. Against their stand for the 30-hour week, minimum wage scales for skilled workers and representation on the code authority, the new code provides the 40-hour week and an emphatic "No" for the second and third points.

Social workers and business elements are complaining that a lot of CWA workers are riding around in autos again. "Well, what of it?" asked CWA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins. "What kind of a country is this anyhow, if only people living off dividends can ride in autos?"

The effort of the big cleaning and dyeing combines to gouge the public under the guise of an NRA code isn't having such fair sailing. Independents let the cat out of the bag when they revealed that it costs about 8c to clean a suit. Gen. Johnson lowered the prices a little, but the industry remains, by and large, a racket for all that.

The little business man, hard hit by NRA, is squawking. Sen. Borah, always attentive to such cries, promises more action on his anti-monopoly amendment to NRA. The franker NRA exponents however say that protection of the small business man, with his low wages and long hours for employees, is exactly what they don't want.

How \$12,000,000 grew out of a \$500 investment in an air transport holding company will engage the attention of the Senate committee investigating U. S. postal subsidies to steamship and airline firms.

The United Textile Workers' proposal for a general strike call by the A. F. of L. to enforce a nation-wide 30-hour week met in Washington with some comments decidedly uncomplimentary to the U. T. W. leadership. The union, having made little or no headway in the past half year, despite every opportunity, hardly has a right to call on other unions for such drastic action, according to some high union officials.

Secretary of Labor Perkins' announcement that she had cut her budget for the next fiscal year roused no cheers from U. S. labor

department employees. The 8-hour labor statistics. "If the Secretary day is a memory for lots of them, wants to kill herself, O. K.," say and a 12-hour shift is nothing extraordinary, especially in the bureau of for the hearse yet."

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