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AFL In Resentful Mood as NIRA Hopes Wane

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

FM BEGINNING TO change my mind. All my life I've secretly envied those complacent folk who enjoyed an income sufficient to safeguard them against the necessity of working for a living. I'm not talking about the very rich, understand; my imagination never soared that high. The folks I have in mind are of that particular social group composed of ladies and gentlemen generally spoken of as "the upper middle class." But of late I've found myself being grateful for the fact that life has already taught me what it means to be poor and to work for a living.

It seems to me that the future looks dark indeed for the much-ballyhooed widows and orphans who, in the past, always gave anti-Socialists such grave concern. For it "New Deal" tactics continue to be extended in the direction they have taken it will not be long before some of those mug respectables are going to be faced with the necessity of hunting for jobs. There are two reasons why that will be just too bad: First, jobs do not provide the incomes which are required to sustain customs of elegance and refinement; and, second, those good and smugly-satisfied people who earned their livings by owning the stocks and bonds which dear Uncle John left them will have a difficult time reconciling themselves to the habit of earning everything they get.

AS A SOCIALIST I don't criticize the things which President Roosevelt is doing. I've tried to make that plain in this column on a number of occasions. What does make me his opponent is the thing which he is trying to accomplish by what he is doing. He wants to help Capitalism to "recover" so that the owners of the nation's resources may continue to work the rest of us for their own profit. I want the old system to pass out of the picture and make way for a new and better order under which people will get their share of produced wealth only upon the basis of the social service they give.

Now it seems to me that if the President's goal is the right one, then anything he may do to reach it is justified—especially as he admits that he is going largely by the trial and error method.

But it also seems to me that the things he has done thus far are inflicting grievous wounds upon the parasites of the middle class.

TAKE, FOR INSTANCE, the 60-cent dollar—which is the latest card in the "New Deal." Now I'm not one of the twelve Americans who, according to Prof. Fisher, understands what money is. But it stands to reason that a 60-cent dollar is not going to be sufficient for coupon clippers and interest collectors who had a hard time maintaining "respectability" on full-value dollars. For them times are certain to become more parlous even if they collect their dividends and interest regularly—which is no longer the case in many instances.

For workers the cheapening of money means that they will simply have to be paid more money or cease to be workers for the very good reason that people can't work after they starve to death. But the parasites can not expect that they will be able to increase their legalized graft from six to seven or eight or nine per cent.

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TELL YOUR FRIENDS

UNION EXECUTIVES PLAN TO APPEAL TO CONGRESS AGAINST JOHNSON'S RULE

Crucial Issues Will Come Before Conference of Leaders
Next Wednesday—Lack of Labor Representation
And Failure to Provide Industrial Jobs Are Sore
Spots With Labor—Demand For Industrial Unions
By Newly-Organized Groups Will Again be Considered

WASHINGTON (FP)—Momentous issues are due for decision at the enlarged conference in Washington, January 24, of national and international union officials with the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

Uppermost will be the need for stating the A. F. of L. attitude toward the administration of NRA. The Federation not only supported the enactment of NIRA but claims a measure of credit for initiating its main labor provisions, which are similar to those of the Davis-Kelly bill. This measure was introduced during the Hoover regime for the United Mine Workers in an attempt to provide machinery to break down the intense competition within the coal industry and to build up relations between the operators and the U. M. W.

Now the Federation finds NRA completely under the thumb of Gen. Johnson and his big business associates. The codes, as negotiated by Johnson and his assistants, do little to re-employ the 11,000,000 industrial jobless or to provide increased purchasing power.

The "co-partnership of industry and labor" which NIRA was supposed to set up has been completely muffed, according to A. F. of L. leaders. The codes for "self-governing" industries are being administered in most cases with no labor representation on the code authorities. The most insistent demand is that the unions be given equal representation with employers on these authorities to implement the announced "co-partnership."

The coming conference is also expected to demand the inclusion of the 30-hour week. Both these demands will get nowhere with Johnson, it is admitted, so the conference will appeal directly to Congress to amend NIRA. That promises to be the leading issue before the present session of Congress, so far as the A. F. of L. is concerned.

New Unions Make Demands
Another issue, which means even more to the workers, is the

WOMEN'S CHORUS TO SING AT CROSSWAITH MEETING

Interest in the public meeting, which will be addressed by Frank R. Crosswaith, famous Socialist Negro orator, in Odd Fellows' temple next Friday night, January 26, has been increased by the announcement that the address will be preceded by a number of vocal selections by the Socialist Women's Chorus.

In securing Crosswaith for a lecture here the Socialists of Reading are presenting one of the most brilliant of their long list of campaigners. Born in Frederickstad, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, he came to this country in his teens. He started to work as an elevator operator and attended several schools. He is a graduate of the Rand School of Social Science, New York City, where he teaches when not touring the country.

Crosswaith is probably best known through his work as special organizer for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. He has also organized the Elevator Operators' Union, the Elevator Constructors, the Mechanics, Barbers, Laundry Workers and Motion Picture Operators. He founded the Trade Union Committee for Organizing Negro Workers in 1925 and has worked with most of the unions that have colored people in their industries since that time. For the past two years he has edited the Negro Labor News Service.

Admission to the Crosswaith meeting will be free to the public. A collection will be lifted to defray expenses.

STATE CONVENTION IN HARRISBURG, FEB. 17-18

Acting in accordance with the decision of the majority of Pennsylvania's Socialist Party Branches, State Secretary Sarah Limbach has issued a call for a state convention of the party in Harrisburg on Saturday evening and Sunday, February 17 and 18.

Local Berks, being the largest single party unit, is entitled to 70 delegates. Secretary Limbach urges that an alternate be named to take the place of each delegate. An effort is being made to secure lodging accommodations for from 75c to \$1.

M'GLONE SEES FRAME-UP IN TAXI ARRESTS

Charge of Racketeering by Department of Justice Agent Brings Counter Charge From Leader

Unionist Chief Declares Employers Plotted to Prevent Workers From Joining a Labor Organization

PHILADELPHIA (FP).—"Frameup!" was the answer of Frank McGlone, Philadelphia organizer of the Brotherhood of Transportation Workers, and 16 fellow-unionists to their arrests on warrants sworn out by federal Department of Justice agents which charged racketeering.

McGlone, who had built the brotherhood as an independent union of truckers but later received a charter of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, was freed on \$5,000 bail as were his two associates, James A. Hawthorne and Charles Camp. Fourteen others were held in \$2,500 bail.

McGlone charged that the arrests were inspired by truck owners who feared unionization of their workers. In this he was supported by Harold F. Galbraith, president of the Taxicab Drivers Union. The various locals of the international have made Philadelphia a "hot spot" of union activity during the past two months with many bitterly-fought strikes.

D. of J. Charges "Strong-Arm"
The arrests came as a result of a long investigation in the union's affairs by Department of Justice under-

SOCIALISTS TO LAUNCH EDUCATIONAL LECTURES

The Educational Committee of Local Berks is planning to hold a series of lectures and discussions at the Labor Lyceum every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, starting on February 4 and continuing for a number of weeks.

The purpose of these forum meetings, designed chiefly to interest party members, will be to discuss the fundamental principles of Socialism and the theories and tactics of the Socialist movement.

Socialist economics, the class struggle, historical materialism, Socialist philosophy and similar subjects are scheduled for discussion.

A number of years ago programs of this kind were carried out very successfully by the party local, and many members got a clearer understanding of basic principles by attending the lectures and taking part in the weekly discussions.

A need for this kind of educational activities is apparent, and indications point to a revival of interest in the

UNIONS ANSWER ERMENROUT WITH DISCRIMINATION CHARGE IN CWA JOB ADMINISTRATION

Carpenters Tell Mayor Union Members Are Not Called. Building Trades Asks Pinchot to Dismiss Kintzer as Employment Office Head—Cite Cases to Show Mismanagement

Local union circles were set agog this week by an announcement by Mayor Heber Ermentrout that only about 65 per cent of the number of unemployed who had been offered work on CWA projects had reported for duty. Ermentrout deplored the fact that the failure of 500 men to take advantage of the work opportunity was holding up the city's program and threatened to take "drastic steps" to remedy the condition.

PREACHER TELLS OF U.S.S.R. GAINS

Rev. Harry F. Ward Declares Social Good Is Better Incentive Than Rugged Individualism

CHICAGO.—"The Russians have beaten the capitalists at their own game," said the Rev. Harry F. Ward of Union Theological Seminary, New York, to a Chicago forum audience. After a year in the Soviet Union Ward wrote a book in Place of Profit, explaining the incentives that motivate people in a non-profit society.

"It has now been demonstrated," he said, "that with totally opposite incentives the Russian people did construct more plant and mechanize more agriculture than any capitalist country has ever been able to do in the same number of years. They have proved that voluntary cooperation for a chosen goal is far more effective as a drive in economic life than the profit motive can ever be."

Ward believes that America can learn good human relationships from the Russians. "You are such an ignorant people politically though you are wonderful technically," they would say to him when he got them

In Organized Labor circles Ermentrout's public statement produced first amazement and then doubt. "How can it be that the city's work program is 500 men short when there are so many unemployed workers who are eager for the opportunity to earn the 50c per hour and upward offered under the CWA program?" unionists began asking. Questions followed thick and fast, with the result that organized workers are now convinced that the right persons have not been called to CWA jobs.

Favoritism, Discrimination Hinted
In a letter to Mayor Ermentrout and members of City Council, Clarence A. White, secretary of the Carpenters Union, voices the sentiment of his organization by deploring the fact that only a small number of union carpenters have been called to the jobs which have been made possible by Federal funds.

"We are sorely disappointed at the small number of union carpenters who have been able to secure even the most meager form of employment on City-sponsored CCO and CWA work projects," White informed the city fathers. "Now it may be just a coincidence, but if it is it is not a pleasant one as we find, with few exceptions, all jobs of a supervisory nature filled with bankrupt 'has-been' contractors who have a past record of exploitation and chiseling that smells to high Heaven."

"Why is it that contractors who are fair to organized labor are not placed in charge of at least some of this work? They can be secured."

HOOPES AND WILSON WIN STATEWIDE APPROVAL FOR CHILD LABOR FIGHT

Bulletin Issued by Pennsylvania Public Education and Child Labor Association Praises Reading Socialists

That the activities of Darlington Hoopes and Lilith Wilson for the advancement of social legislation has won favorable recognition throughout the entire state was demonstrated recently when the Public Education and Child Labor Association of Pennsylvania devoted a large section of a bulletin, dated January 12, to praise for the work of the Reading Socialist representatives.

The bulletin is a regular publication sponsored by the Association and issued 20 times a year. In the January 12 issue a description is given of the fight led by Hoopes which finally made Pennsylvania the 20th state to ratify the Federal Child Labor Amendment.

Stressing the imminence of defeat for the resolution to ratify the amendment, the Association's bulletin continues: "Then came one of the most spectacular legislative struggles of a generation when Rep. Darlington Hoopes, of Reading, by strategy unerringly planned and brilliantly executed, led the House through a series of parliamentary moves that completely routed the enemy from a position they had regarded as impregnable."

Lilith Wilson Lauded
Classing Lilith Wilson as a "pioneer" in the struggle to place Pennsylvania on record against the exploitation of children, the bulletin says: "Through two regular and two

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

REAL ESTATE CHISELERS

While the complaint of school officials that some real estate agents are trying to "wangle" a profit out of the School Board's building program deserves the sympathy of decent citizens, nobody has a right to be surprised that such polite graft is being attempted.

Under a system which legalizes the exploitation of workers by a few owners, the desire to get something for nothing has become practically universal. Everybody's doing it and, believe it or not, those who succeed in grafting large amounts are honored even if cheap grafters are scorned.

The real estate shark who secures an option on a property with the intention of holding up the public for a profit is no less a racketeer than the gangster who muscles in on a helpless merchant's business. But neither are they any worse in a moral sense than the intelligent citizen who condones the legalized robbery of the nation's workers by the owners of industry.

Our Fusion school directors had a great time comparing their Socialist opponents to Russian Communists during the past two campaigns. But in Russia there is none of the chiseling about which they are now complaining. The Russians are teaching their young folks that the only honest way to get anything is by working for it. They shoot grafters and speculators. Here in America we still teach the rising generation that wealth—no matter how acquired—is a sign of virtue. If a man has exploited enough honest workers he is not sent to prison or shot, but he may be invited to address the graduating class.

CAPITALISM RUINS HUMAN SELF RESPECT

While there is a reason to believe Mayor Ermentrout's squeal to the effect that unemployed men are fighting shy of CWA jobs is exaggerated, it is only to be expected that many people who were self-respecting workers prior to 1929 will never again be willing to perform useful labor.

That's one of the damnable things about this economic system: It destroys human morale. The worker who learns that the completion of his job is likely to bring unemployment is quite likely to cut his speed in order to stretch out the payroll as long as possible. Call it sabotage if you like, but who can blame him. And the man or woman who finds that he can live a free life on a dole is not likely to willingly accept servitude for the profit of parasites. And again, can they be blamed.

There are cases on record where men with large families get more actual benefits without working than they can buy for themselves with the \$15 which a full week of CWA employment gives them. Why in the name of common sense should they want to work.

The trouble is that work is honorable only in school copybooks. In everyday life under Capitalism the worker is a slave, producing riches for idlers and getting only enough food, clothing and shelter to enable him to keep on slaving. Under Socialism, when workers reap the full product of their toil, it will be noble to work and normal people will be proud to do their bit of social service.

ON LOVING TRUTH

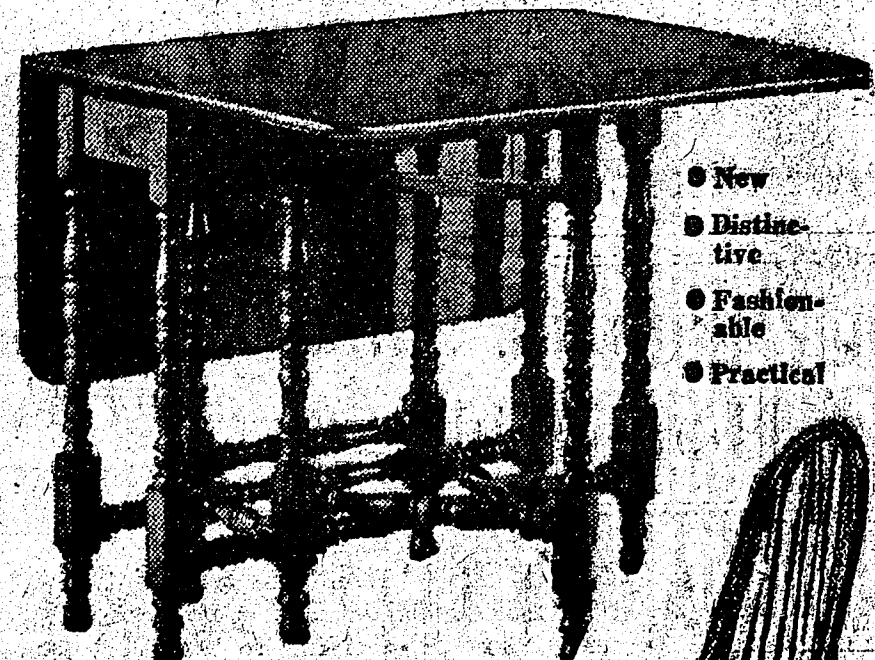
Baccalaureate sermons are always interesting and generally voice high ideals. It was so this year when the Rev. A. C. Schneck spoke to the mid-year graduates of Reading High.

Mr. Schneck, according to the newspapers, told the young men and women to "Love Truth at any cost," a sentiment to which we subscribe. But we fear that the preacher did not go far enough. He should have warned the graduates that the cost is likely to be high.

It was for loving truth that Jesus

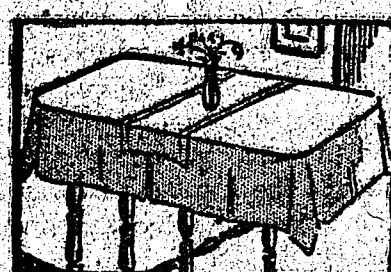
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ANOTHER CONSUMER
FEELS MEGO POWER

M. J. Smith, who conducts a rest-
 aurant at 1670 N. 10th street, has
 discontinued handling ice cream for
 the time being. The reason? Be-
 cause his electric refrigeration sys-
 tem has been put out of service by
 the Metropolitan Edison company.

Smith owed a bill of \$12.04 which
 was due on December 20. On Tues-
 day of this week an employee of the
 electricity magnates called at his
 store to cut off the current because
 the bill had not been paid.

"I offered to pay on the spot, but
 the company's man refused to accept
 the money," Smith explained. "Then
 I asked him to go somewhere else
 until I could run in to the office and
 pay the bill, but that would not be
 allowed. Nothing would do except
 that he cut the current. And cut it
 he did. When I went to the office
 and paid the bill I was told that I
 would have to pay a service charge
 of \$2 plus a forfeit of \$25 for
 meters. So I'm without juice for the
 present."

Smith's story is just another epi-
 sode in the use of power—economic
 and political power—by state-pro-
 tected corporations. As long as pub-
 lic service is operated for private
 profit such things are bound to
 happen.

Borders Leaves L. I. D.
For U. S. Relief Work

CHICAGO. — Karl Borders, mid-
 west executive director of the
 League for Industrial Democracy,
 has resigned to do field research
 work for the federal relief organi-
 zation. He is succeeded by Ethel
 Watson with offices at 20 West Jack-
 son, Chicago.

BUILD LABOR PRESS
PUBLICIST URGES

NEW YORK (FP) — Only by
 strengthening the labor press to the
 utmost can the workers be sure of
 getting adequate news publicity for
 their side of the class struggle, John
 Nicholas Boffel, author and publicist,
 declared at the new I. W. W. forum.
 The speaker paid tribute to the
 Federated Press as a "dependable
 channel of news to the working
 masses."

Utilization of the capitalist press
 wherever possible to put across news
 of labor's unceasing war for its
 rights was advocated by Boffel, who
 averred that many reporters on the
 "pie-fed dailies" were radicals at
 heart. "All too often," he said,
 "labor fails to get its story of strikes
 and other conflict into print because
 it is not properly organized for trans-
 lation of action into news. Labor
 must learn to meet friendly reporters
 half-way, must study publicity tech-
 nique and acquire an accurate sense
 of news values."

Letters to newspapers are fre-
 quently a means of obtaining pub-
 licity, Boffel pointed out.

UNION EXECUTIVES

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more to the internal life of the trade
 union movement, is the demand by
 groups of newly-established federal
 labor unions for national charters.
 Among these groups are electrical in-
 dustry employees and aluminum, rub-
 ber, auto and radio workers. These
 federal labor unions are dissatisfied
 both with their status as federal la-
 bor unions, lacking autonomy, and
 with the threatened split-up of their
 memberships into various craft
 unions.

A group of federal labor unions
 are expected to ask the A. F. of L.
 conference to establish "industry
 unions" for at least the electrical,
 auto and rubber industries, to come
 under a special "industry union" de-
 partment of the A. F. of L. on a
 basis of equality with the building
 and metal trades departments.

Their fight is likely to run into the
 opposition of some of the more pro-
 gressive A. F. of L. internationals,
 such as the Electrical Workers and
 the Machinists, which are most con-
 cerned about building up locals in the
 basic industries. Some of the "in-
 dustry union" locals threaten to
 throw up their A. F. of L. federal
 labor unions charters and organize a
 "federal council of industry unions,"
 if their views are not met by the
 A. F. of L. enlarged conference. Just
 how far a group of newly-organized
 unions would get with such a move
 is of course problematical.

CWA Funds Aid
Wis. Labor Colleges

MADISON, Wis. (FP) — Henry
 Rutz of Milwaukee, chairman of the
 Wisconsin State Federation of Labor's
 committee on education, has been
 authorized by the University of Wis-
 consin to organize labor colleges in
 four Wisconsin industrial cities,
 Green Bay, Beaver Dam, LaCrosse
 and Kenosha. The expenses of the
 classes, which will be open to trade
 unionists and other workers, will be
 paid by the CWA.

NEEDY DON'T GET
RELIEF BUTTER

Cooperatives Resent Lack of
 Action to Aid Jobless as
 Promised by Federal Ad-
 ministration

WASHINGTON (FP) — The fed-
 eral emergency relief administra-
 tion's program for buying butter for
 the unemployed is just so much hog-
 wash, infer the National Coopera-
 tive Milk Producers' Federation, in
 a sharp letter sent Dec. 21 to Secre-
 tary of Agriculture Henry Wallace.

"At the time when this program of
 purchase was inaugurated," states
 the federation, "it was believed that
 relief organizations would be very
 glad to receive shipments of this but-
 ter to distribute to 16,000,000 per-
 sons who had been living in want
 during the present economic depres-
 sion. To our surprise we found a
 sluggishness on the part of both the
 federal relief administration and the
 local relief agencies to distribute and
 receive this butter."

"We are reliably informed that
 little butter has reached the people
 on relief, although more than 44-
 000,000 pounds has been bought for
 this purpose during the 16 or more
 weeks which have elapsed since the
 operation began."

The federation notes that the in-
 crease in the production of oleomar-
 garine, the "poor man's butter,"
 about equals the decline in the con-
 sumption of butter.

SOCIALISM AND RELIGION
IS CHURCH FORUM TOPIC

At the Open Forum on Sunday
 night in the Church of Our Father,
 Franklin street above Fourth, Wm.
 J. Arms will be the speaker and will
 discuss the relation of religion in the
 development of Socialism. A com-
 parison of the movement in its re-
 lation to religion will be made be-
 tween Socialism in England and
 America. The time is 7:30 p. m.,
 and all are invited. Questions will
 be answered.

LABOR CLASSES

(Continued from First Page)

Jan. 23, at 7:30, at the Southern
 Junior High School.

Dramatics, Debates, Discussions.
 The Labor College, dramatics
 group has started work in real ear-
 nest. "War Brides," a peace play, is
 the object of their actions at present.
 The group meets every Thursday
 night at 7:30, at the Hosiery Work-
 ers' Social Club, 120 Mulberry street.
 More recruits will be very welcome.

Debating groups are working hard
 in both the Monday and Wednesday
 night classes. The Monday class is
 working on the topic, "Resolved, that
 the NRA has been a benefit to the
 working class," while the Wednesday
 group is concerned with the relative
 merits of craft and industrial union-
 ism. Debates will be held during
 class periods, when the groups are
 ready.

Class discussions next week will
 be based on the Knights of Labor,
 in the labor history course, and on
 the Roosevelt financial program, in
 the economics course. In the latter
 the class will try to find out what
 the effect of the devaluation of the
 dollar will be on the working class.
 Visitors are, as usual, welcome to
 any of the classes.

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 ting hotter—especially, we notice,
 under the collar.

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QUAKER CRACKLES
 10^c Pkg.

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 FREE with every package.

WHITE OR CIDER
VINEGAR
 29^c Gal.

Bring Your Jug

WE REDEEM UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOUCHERS
 (These Prices for Week of January 15th to 20th, 1934)

IT MEANS SOMETHING WHEN WE
REDUCE PRICES ON

Suits, Topcoats and Overcoats

Our original prices are always so reasonable
that a cut in prices brings you Clothing at less
than the manufacturer's cost to us. See the gar-
ments at

\$12.50 \$15 \$17.50 \$20

Former Prices:

\$18.50 to \$30.00

TROUSERS --- \$1.50 to \$5.00
AND 3,000 PAIRS TO CHOOSE FROM

EPSTEIN BROS.
829 PENN ST.

Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTY TONIGHT AT LAURELDALE

Readers of the Advocate who like
to play cards are again invited to a
card party tonight in the headquar-
ters, of the Laureldale Branch,
Yerger's Hall, Laureldale. Fine
prizes and good lunch will be the
attractions. Don't miss this event.

**NORTHEAST WOMEN'S SOCIAL
NIGHT NEXT TUESDAY**
Next Tuesday night, January 23,
the Northeast women's organization
will have another of their delightful
social nights. All members of the
group are urged to be present.

**TWO CARD PARTIES SATURDAY
NIGHT**
On Saturday night card players
will have their choice of the follow-
ing attractions:
Labor Lyceum: Card party under
the auspices of the Women's Social-

ist League. Fine prizes for winners
and good "eats" beginning at 5
o'clock. Card playing starts at 8.
1311N. 9th St. Card party under
the auspices of the Northeast wom-
en. Fine prizes and lunch. Playing
starts at 8:30.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF LABOR
LYCEUM SUNDAY**
All members of Labor Lyceum are
urged to attend a special meeting of
that association on Sunday after-
noon, Jan. 21, at 2 p. m. Business
of importance requires the attention
of everyone.

**STONE TO SPEAK AT SOUTHERN
FORUM**
Comrade Alvin Stone will address
the third of a series of open forums
to be held in the Southern Branch
headquarters, 429 South 10th street,
on Sunday night.
After the address, the meeting

will be opened for discussion and
questions. Tea will be served to all
who care to remain after the
meeting.

These forums appear to be inter-
esting many, for each night the audi-
ence grows larger. You, too, are
welcome to spend Sunday night with
your Southern Branch comrades.

DANCE AND MINSTREL AT FALCONS, FEB. 3

The dance and minstrel show ad-
vertised in last week's issue will be
held in Falcons' Hall, Spring Gar-
den and Bingham streets, Saturday,
Feb. 3, at 7:45 p. m. The event will
be under the auspices of Northeast
Branch!

ATTENTION!
Members of Executive Committee
and All City and Borough
Elected Public Officials
All members of the Executive
(Advisory) Committee and all So-
cialist elected officials in city and
county are called to a special meet-
ing in Labor Lyceum next Thursday,
January 25. A full attendance is
urgently requested.

MOHNTON
The next branch meeting will be
held on January 22 at 8 p. m. at
Comrade Eyrych's home, 13 Monroe
street. All members note the change
and bring a new member to the
meeting. A speaker will be on hand
to address the comrades and local
work conditions will be discussed.

WHAT ABOUT THAT BASS VIOLIN?

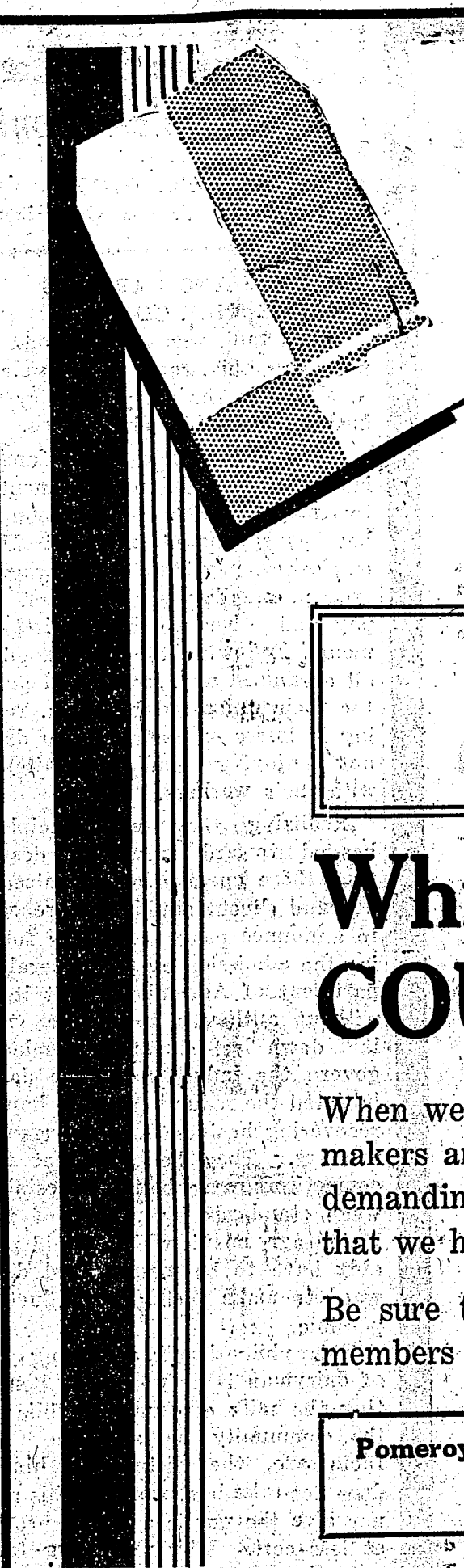
To date the Socialist orchestra has
not secured that bass violin which
they advertised for in last week's
Advocate. If you have such an in-
strument and are willing to give or
lend it to the orchestra, get in touch
with Organizer Bigony at Labor Ly-
ceum. Dial 2-2441.

NO BRANCH MEETINGS NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Organizer Bigony asks branches to
cancel regular meetings for next Fri-
day night, Jan. 26, in order to allow
their members to attend the Cross-
waith lecture in Odd Fellows' Tem-
ple.

SPEAKERS AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Tonight:
Northwest: Charles Sands and se-
lections by Male Chorus.
Central: Wm. Schwen.
Cumru: Amos Leshner.
Southern: Women: Walter Hol-
linger.
Exeter: Jesse George.
Monday, Jan. 22nd:
Northeast: Jesse George.
Central: Raymond Hofes.
Mohnton: Wm. Schwen.
Tuesday, Jan. 23rd:
Southern: Fred Merkel.
18th Ward: Darlington Hoopes.
West Reading: Lilith Wilson.
Muhlenberg: Wm. Hoverter.



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Denotes a Timely Sale with hundreds of
worthwhile savings for every home.

35,000 Circulars have been sent out showing
a few of the remarkable values in

Pomeroy's Semi-Annual Sale of Furniture and Home Needs

Which Starts On SATURDAY! COURTESY DAY... FRIDAY!

When we began preparations for this sale, we kept these facts in mind... that home-
makers are basing their 1934 purchases upon quality plus low price... that they are
demanding lasting beauty in everything they select. So when you come in you will see
that we have met the demand thoroughly!

Be sure to see the newly furnished "House Beautiful," which has been decorated by
members of the Junior League. Truly, it's beautiful!

Pomeroy's Furniture Department Will Be Open Until 9 o'clock Friday Evening for Your
Inspection of the Sale Merchandise!

BAR LABOR IN MACHINE CODES

Unions Would Share No Au-
thority Under Proposal For
Control of Big Machinery
Industries

WASHINGTON (FP).—Blocked
by indignant union protest, the Ma-
chinery and Allied Products Institute
(MAPI), anti-labor outfit, officially
dropped out of the hearings, Dec. 21,
on 40 allied capital machinery codes,
but its influence remained in one of
the most audacious proposals yet to
be placed before an NRA adminis-
trator. It was that all labor rela-
tions in the capital goods industries
be controlled by a special code au-
thority on which labor would have no
representation.

Deputy Administrator H. O. King
admitted that he was "not mentally
agile enough to follow this rather
substantial proposal." The usual in-
dustrial relations set-up proposed in
codes is for a special board with
equal representation of employers
and employees and an outsider as
chairman. MAPI's proposal is that a
special code authority would ad-
minister the fair practices clauses.

Opening of the capital goods in-
dustries hearings revealed that Leon-
ard S. Horner, bitterly anti-union
New Haven open-shopper, has been
displaced as deputy administrator, in
response to energetic protests by the
International Association of Machin-
ists and other metal trades unions.
The hearings are crucial as the 40
industries concerned control most of
the capital machine manufacturing
in this country. They include such
industries as bakery equipment, lo-

comotives, steel ties, oil field pump-
ing engines, chemical engineering
equipment and pumps.

Spokesmen for the machinists'
union, including Editor Fred Hewitt
of the Machinists' Journal and Sec.
E. C. Davidson, criticized the 40-hour
week and 40c minimum wage provi-
sions as utterly inadequate. They
demanded the 35-hour week and a
45c minimum wage. Actual working
hours now are considerably under
40 a week, asserted John P. Frey, of
the A. F. of L. metal trades depart-
ment.

'GOING TO TOWN' STARTS AT CAPITOL SATURDAY

Another stage show is to be pre-
sented by Wilmer and Vincent at the
Capitol Theatre for three days start-
ing Saturday and continuing Mon-
day and Tuesday in conjunction with
a feature picture. Bill Robinson pre-
sents "Going To Town," a musical
comedy vamped with rhythm and
starring the colored entertainer, Ada
Brown, supported by Jazz Lips Rich-
ardson, Swan and Lee, Jimmy Bas-
quette, Pearl Baines, Bill Bailey,
Harry Swanagan, Russell Woodings
choir and the Brown Buddy chorus.

The stage show is a whirlwind of
fast dancing, red hot rhythm, com-
edy with just enough spice to keep
audiences in an uproar from curtain
to curtain and a chorus and band
that will bring back memories of
Miller and Lyles, Stepin Fetchit, and
to the older theatregoers, Cole and
Johnson and Williams and Walker.
"Going To Town" will be pre-
sented in conjunction with a first-run
feature picture. Four shows daily.

FORD ADVERTISING KEEPS EDITORS SILENT ON NRA

DEARBORN, Mich. (FP)—Henry
Ford's defiance of NRA's labor
clauses at his Chester (Pa.) and
Edgewater (N. J.) plants is not re-
ceiving noticeable attention in the
daily press of the nation, it is ob-
served in circles close to the auto
magnate. While President Green of
the American Federation of Labor
has been exerting every effort to put
the case of the Ford violations be-
fore the public, the papers appear
to be more interested when General
Johnson cracks down on Sam's Dunk
Shopee in some isolated prairie town
than when Henry placidly sends the
NRA to the devil.

Ford recently opened a colossal
advertising campaign in the papers,
using practically every paper in a
Ford-dealer town, both daily and
weekly. The first release—a god-
send to the hungry newspaper pub-
lishers—was placed in New York
evening papers December 7 and else-
where December 8 and 9. It was

followed by another insertion over
half a page in size and a third of
equal lineage was to follow.

About 1,800 dailies and 6,500
weeklies will profit from the Ford
appropriation. That the flow of
manna to the papers may not be a
mere spurt is indicated in a state-
ment in a news trade publication
which says:

"Advertising men were inclined to
halt the new Ford advertising as in-
dicating that the company would re-
sume its own advertising, instead of
leaving the effort to scattered groups
of dealers. No word was available
in regard to this."

Gen. Johnson on December 29 in
Washington threw out President
Green's brief against Ford. A. F.
of L. men there were reported as

amazed, saying that Green's brief,
checking up point by point on Ford's
refusal to recognize the auto work-
ers' union or their committee and
the workers' right to bargain col-
lectively, was conclusive in its evi-
dence.

COAL and ICE

Members Berks Buyers
BUCKWHEAT \$5.75
PEA \$7.75
NUT and EGG \$9.50
STOVE \$9.75

PRUTZMAN

916 PERRY ST.
General Hauling Dial 3-1060

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOUCHERS REDEEMED

MEAT MARKET

38-40 S. 7th St. 818 PENN ST. 400 Schuylkill Ave.
12th & Robeson Sts.

OUR OWN MAKE
FRESH AND
SMOKED
SAUSAGE
2 POUNDS
25c

SUGAR-CURED
SMALL HOCK
SMOKED
SHOULDERS
9c
lb

HOME DRESSED
LONG-CUT
PORK
SHOULDERS
10c
lb

KINGAN'S RELIABLE AND SWIFT
SELECT—BEST CUT
CHUCK
ROASTS 12 1/2c
lb

SMALL LEAN
FRESH AND ALLENTOWN
SUGAR-CURED.
HAMS 13c
lb

SWIFT'S MEDIUM LARGE
SUGAR-CURED
HAMS 11c
lb

ALLENTOWN SUGAR-CURED
SLICED
BACON 9c
pkg
1/2-Lb Package

OUR OWN COOKED
TENDER PRESSED
TRIPE 15c lb
LIVER PUDDING 12c lb
SCRAPPLE 8c lb
MINCED HAM . 15c lb
PRESSED HAM, 17c lb
5c 1/4-lb

FANCY STEER
BOILING
BEEF
5c
lb

BROOKFIELD
BUTTER
2 POUNDS
for
45c

WEAVER'S GENUINE
LEBANON and BEEF and PORK BOLOGNA - 13c lb

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOUCHERS REDEEMED

JOHN S. CLOUSER 4 COAL QUALITY SERVICE

Prices:
Stove \$9.75
Egg 9.50
Nut 9.50
Pea 7.75
Buckwheat 5.75
Member Berks Buyers, Inc.
2000 lbs. per ton
647 North 13th Street
Dial 3-6280

George Pawling ICE COAL HAULING

2,000 lbs. to the ton
Buckwheat \$5.75 per ton
Pea \$7.75 per ton
Nut and Egg \$9.50 per ton
Stove \$9.75 per ton
Member of Berks Buyers, Inc.
1228 Fidelity Street
DIAL 2-2709

"Boy, They're Comin'!" ANOTHER GREAT STAGE SHOW

CAPITOL
—DIRECTION—WILMER AND VINCENT—
3 DAYS, STARTING SATURDAY
(Continuing Monday and Tuesday)
DOORS OPEN AT 12:45—4 STAGE SHOWS DAILY

BILL ROBINSON Presents

"Going to Town"

ALL-COLORED
MUSICAL COMEDY REVUE

Ada Brown

Jazz Lips Richardson

Swan and Lee—Jimmy Basquette
Pearl Baines—Bill Bailey
Harry Swanagan

Russell
Woodings
Choir

The Brown
Buddy
Chorus



ON THE SCREEN
Another Outstanding First Run Feature

January Clearance Sale

MEN'S SUITS TOPCOATS and OVERCOATS



You'll admire their smart lines, fine materials and rich colors! Browns, Blues and Grays in the new effects that will make you a better dressed man than before! Only Joseph's can bring you such values as these—clothing that is actually higher in price elsewhere but still at the lowest level here where the lowest prices in the city always prevail.

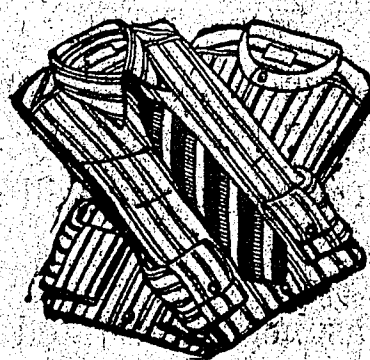
VALUES, \$15.00 to \$22.50

\$9.99 \$12.99 \$14.99

DRESS SHIRTS

At such low prices it is well worth your while to stock up for the entire winter. Just look at these prices!

COLLAR ATTACHED AND NECKBAND



59c 79c

\$1.19

\$1.39

BOYS' TWO-PANTS SUITS

Boys everywhere will be proud to wear suits of such smart styling and tailoring as these!

\$4.69 \$5.89 \$7.89

\$10.95 \$12.95

PREP SUITS

Two Long Pants

\$6.95 \$8.95 \$10.95

\$12.95 \$14.95



Big Yank Work Shirts

Blue or Gray, at 69c

LEE UNION-MADE WORK SHIRTS

Blue or Gray, at 79c

HEAVY RIBBED UNION SUITS

Random or Ecru, at 79c

HEAVY RIBBED SHIRTS OR DRAWERS

Random or Ecru, at 59c

Men's Wool Lumberjacks

With Zipper \$2.95

Leather Lumberjacks and Coats

Sheep or Blanket-lined \$5.95 up

Special—Leatherette Sheep-Lined Coats

Boys' \$2.89 Men's \$4.89

PAJAMAS

98c \$1.35 \$1.85

You Can't Afford to Pass This Up! Broadcloth and Flannel.

BOYS' CAPS

Smart Styles at Give-Away Prices 39c, 59c, 95c

Suspenders and Belts

49c 69c 95c

A Typical Joseph Bargain!

MEN'S GENUINE SUEDE JACKETS

Button Style \$4.95

Zipper Style \$5.95

HEAVY SHAKER KNIT COAT SWEATERS

Large Shawl Collars \$2.45

ZIPPER SWEATERS

All Colors, Light Weight \$1.95

V-Neck Coat Sweater, Brown or Oxford Heather \$2.45

MEN'S PANTS WORK OR DRESS

You'll have no trouble selecting pants for any occasion when you choose from our stock! We have almost every conceivable smart pattern, in all shades and sizes!

98c \$1.47 \$1.98

\$2.69 \$3.39 \$3.98

OVERALLS, 79c

Blue Stripe or White.

SWEATERS, 79c

V-Neck Coat Style, Brown or Grey.

WORK PANTS, \$1.18

Good, Heavy 8-Oz. Cloth.

LUMBER JACKS, \$1.99

Suede Cloth. Zipper Style.

SWEAT SHIRTS, 98c

Heavy Quality. High Neck Make. All Colors.

Blue Chambray, WORK SHIRTS, 49c

All Sizes, 14 to 17.

Flannellette Pajamas 98c

Flannellette
Night Shirts 89c

CORDUROY PANTS

All colors and sizes \$2.49

BOYS' SHIRTS

Here's a Value Mothers Always Seek, 49c, 69c, 98c

Guaranteed Fast Color.

BOYS' PANTS

All Patterns, all sizes, long wearing, high quality materials.

89c, \$1.29, \$1.49

\$1.95

BOYS' SWEATERS

All Smart Styles!

79c, 98c, \$1.45, \$1.95

BOYS' SWEAT SHIRTS

Every Boy Needs One! Buy It Before the Prices Rise!

59c, 69c, 89c

BOYS' LONG PANTS

The Biggest Variety in the City!

\$1.19, \$1.35, \$1.95

Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer

WORKERS AND FARMERS PAY FOR MILK CUT

When milk was reduced one cent per quart this week, few people not employed in the dairy industry realized its economic significance.

Organized workers were familiarized with the splendid agreement the two major dairies of the community have consummated with their Union employees, providing for a wage increase, one day per week off with pay and other worthwhile improvements. Following the announcement, all organized workers started pulling for their unionized brethren, resulting in losses of customers to dairies not enjoying similar relationship with their workers.

Realizing they were helplessly headed toward inevitable destruction, these enemies of organized labor and decent standards, proceeded to announce price reductions following the admission by the Federal Department of Agriculture that it was without authority to enforce rules laid down last summer intended to govern the industry. These dairies initiated the reduction in the hope of recovering business lost to organized workers. They believed that their competitors were bound to establish wage standards by reason of their Union agreement, which would probably have to be manipulated downward to make such price reductions possible.

This philanthropic-appearing type of dairyman is by no means benefiting the milk consuming public nor the community as a whole. The facts are, the distributor himself does not take less profit for his milk, nor give the public a better product at less cost. Milk producing farmers, who can least afford reductions for their product, have for a long time furnished milk at less than cost of production, and in some instances served these price-cutting distributors without being paid for months at a time. They have continued to supply the distributor in desperation, hoping that he would some time receive his money. Now they are confronted with the prospect of taking still less for their product from those dealers initiating the reduction. In at least one instance, we are in possession of an affidavit that wages to the amount of \$3.00 per week with room and board were paid the route man.

Unscrupulous chiseling of cost and price on the part of these dairy owners now brings the possibility of guerrilla warfare with sweeping wage reductions to unorganized employees, and endangers the standards of those already organized and enjoying decent standards.

Standing for truth, decent standards, justice and fair play, the Dairy-men's Union stands ready to defend its standards and the welfare of the milk consuming public. When this emergency arose Saturday, the entire afternoon was spent in discussing plans to meet the foe. This organized group is today an element of no small consequence to deal with, and upon their influence and power to a great extent will rest the future stabilizing influence of the dairy industry in Reading.

READING HARDWARE ADDS TO JOBLESS

When the report was made last Friday night at the Hardware Workers' Union meeting in St. Casimir Hall, that the management of the Reading Hardware Company discharged twenty of its forty moulders without giving advance notice, reason, or explanation. The unionists recalled vividly the NRA parade of October 5th and wondered what the New Deal really holds in store for them. This group was paid off on December 28th.

This lay-off was imposed in spite of the workers of that department agreeing among themselves that whatever work there was should be staggered. Their appeal to the firm to adopt this method of keeping them on the payroll was met with refusal. No amount of persuasion to observe the principles of the President's "New Deal" re-employment program prevailed. Nor did the suggestion that the lay-off may be a violation of the permanent Fabricated Metal Products Code and that a complaint would be made to that authority to change the company's vicious order consigning these workers to unemployment.

ZIEGLER WORKERS WIN BY ARBITRATION

Issues upon which management of the Ziegler Dairy and the organized men differed were arbitrated last Friday night by Father Harron, representing the company; J. H. Stump, the workers, and Alexander F. Smith as the impartial chairman. The de-



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**ST. LAWRENCE
MILK**

Decision was rendered in the workers' favor and that establishment now enjoys harmonious collective bargaining relationship the same as in all other organized dairies.

ROPE UNION JOINS INTERNATIONAL BODY

On Saturday, January 6, the United Rope and Cordage Workers' Union voted to affiliate with the United Textile Workers of America. The charter application was formally executed and forwarded to the International Office at an Executive Board meeting held Saturday morning, January 13.

URGE FULL UNITY OF DAIRY EMPLOYEES

The writer addressed a meeting of all pasteurizers, bottlers, shippers, checkers and inside plant employees Monday afternoon at the St. Lawrence Dairy. These men have been seriously thinking about organizing for some time. It is hoped the talk will result in the uniting of these workers with their fellows—the route men—in the International Union of Chauffeurs, Teamsters, Stablemen and Helpers of America.

SOCIALISTS TO LAUNCH

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subjects mentioned above and a large attendance at the meetings is expected.

The first meeting will be addressed by Birch Wilson, who was selected by the committee to outline the work to be undertaken. All party members are invited to attend.

Free Study Class Formed
A class has been organized under the auspices of the Educational Committee to study Socialist fundamentals, under the direction of Lawrence Rogin. The class meets every Friday night at the headquarters of the Central Branch, at the N. W. corner of 9th and Greenwich streets, 2nd floor. It is open to all party members of the local, and costs nothing to join.

The committee also is booking speakers to attend branch meetings, to discuss subjects of interest to workers and Socialists, and to create more interest in meetings and party activity. Special efforts should be made by the branch organizations to get members and sympathizers to attend the meetings and get the benefit of the talks and discussions that take place.

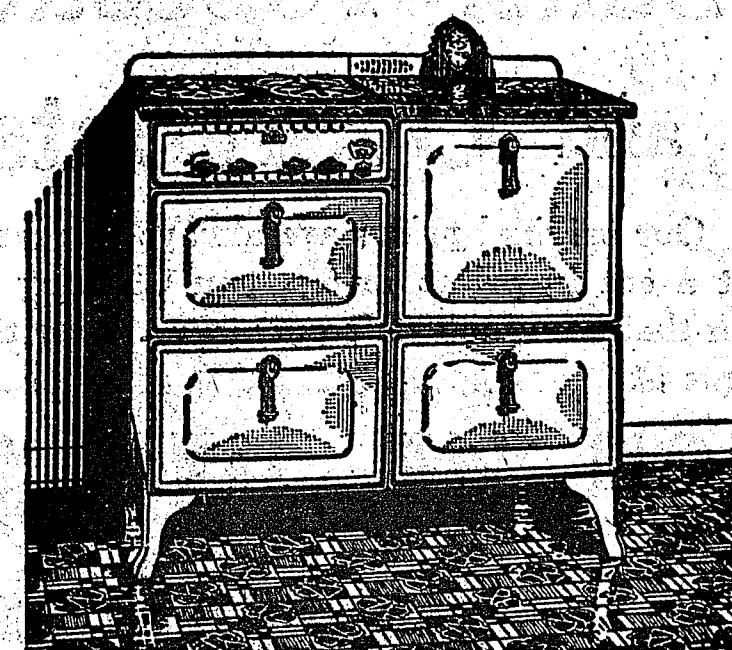
The committee is out to beat Fusion in the future. To this end the party must increase its educational and organizational activities. One way of accomplishing this is by putting more "pep" into branch meetings and increasing attendance, which these visiting speakers will do if they are given the right kind of co-operation.

When we see the sign "Back at 1 O'clock," the temptation is to scribble, "What For?"

Education by Radio

MAX C. PUTNEY
Radio Community Forum
"Social Progress and World Peace"
Every Sunday at 2 P. M.
Station WEEU

OUR GREATEST January Sale



MODERN GAS RANGES

AT SAVINGS
UP TO **25%**

You'll find the very range you've wanted so long among these beautiful console and table top models of latest design—at the price you want to pay! Many are brand new. Others slightly used as demonstrators or floor displays. But all are specially priced for quick clearance. Prices will soon be much higher, so, if you are planning to replace your old stove, it will pay you to act now. Only a few ranges of each style are available. See them at our showrooms today!

- ✓ Oven Insulation
- ✓ Heat Regulator
- ✓ Automatic Lighter
- ✓ Automatic Time Clock

\$2.00 Down Places One In Your Home
Balance Easy Monthly Payments

Consumers Gas Company
441 PENN ST.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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Christ was crucified, subsequent martyrs burned and Eugene Debs jailed. In Germany today people are paying with their liberty and lives for daring to tell the truth, just as during the world war Socialists here in America were persecuted for telling the same truths about the war while the bloodletting was in progress as Woodrow Wilson told after the slaughter ended.

The person who tells the truth invariably wins respect—but generally after he is dead. However, in spite of the high price of truth we cheerfully agree that it is worth all its costs. Nevertheless, while "truth crushed to the earth shall rise again," we feel that the youth of the nation have a right to know that it is often crushed.

RAISING HOSIERY WAGES

The rumor, published in the newspapers of Reading, that hosiery wages are to be increased 10 cents per dozen is scarcely exciting. Even if true, the thin dime raise will be almost reduced to the vanishing point until it is divided among the various operations which enter into the making of a finished stocking.

So far as increasing purchasing power is concerned, the increase will be of no value if the profit-seeking bosses follow their usual custom. In that case they will recompense themselves for the dime they give by collecting an extra cost per pair from

the buying public. Wage increases are always of doubtful value because of the ability of private owners to take back everything they give. Far more important is the organizing of a labor movement equipped to use industrial and political power for the purpose of ending the wage and profit system.

Starves To Death

NEW YORK. — Fred Nordhorn, 50 years old, homeless, died in a New York hospital of starvation after he collapsed on the street. He told hospital attendants that he had eaten nothing for three days.

Avoidable Waste Of Money

is buying Coffee in cans that cost the packer often 6 CENTS EACH—CANS WON'T MAKE COFFEE.

Get your coffee FRESH from Hero's Roaster in a paper bag, priced from

20c to 40c lb.

IDEAL COFFEE . 23c

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REFLECTIONS

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in order to make up for advancing living costs.

YES, IT APPEARS that the "New Deal" is now in the process of doing what Karl Marx said would be done as one of the final acts of the Capitalist system; namely, destroy the middle class. If prices get higher and real jobs fewer and government subsidies to a nation of unemployed the accepted order, only two classes can stand the strain. One class will be the very rich. They will still own everything and will therefore be able to revel in surpluses which workers and machines produce for them. The other class will be the working class. The

change won't be so hard on them because they're used to working and can easily acclimate themselves to poverty.

The final agony has already begun for many middle-class parasites. So, as I started to say, I'm kind of glad I'm not one of them. Furthermore, they don't have my sympathy. They never thought to care how severely workers were exploited in the dear days of Capitalist normalcy. They were, in fact, the chief supporters of Capitalist robbery and the contemptible lickspittles of the master class on whose handwagon they rode. That they should suffer most with the collapse of the system appears to me to be a splendid example of poetic justice.

The public schools have improved in one way. Junior can reach the third grade without buying a fine tooth comb.

Try It!

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The Finest Sweet Cream
Butter in America!

AMERICAN
STORES CO.

WILLY-KNIGHT, WILLYS, DE SOTO and PLYMOUTH

Sales and Service

General Repairing on
All Makes

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that BOND can't help but be the finest tasting bread when you consider it's baked as 43,040 housewives showed us, and its ingredients are guaranteed by a BOND of PURITY on every wrapper.

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FOR STRONGER BONES
AND SOUNDER TEETH

GENERAL BAKING COMPANY

Also bakers of Bond Bakers Rye and Bond Bakers Wheat Bread

1934 MAY END OPEN SHOP AUTO INDUSTRY

By JOSEPH BROWN (Federated Press)

The auto industry, long the stronghold of the open shop principle, may be organized during 1934. During the last decade, the resentment of the unorganized auto workers to steadily worsening conditions in the shops could only express itself in sporadic departmental walkouts. In this period, the only strikes worthy of note were those of the oil senders at Flint, the trimmers at the Fisher Body Corporation and the production workers at the Briggs Manufacturing Co. Melrum Ave. plant in Detroit.

The depression gave the auto bosses another excuse to reduce wages and speed up the line. Unorganized, the workers were helpless before cut after cut. Driven to desperation, they organized in a small way secretly in the Auto Workers' Union, affiliated with the Trade

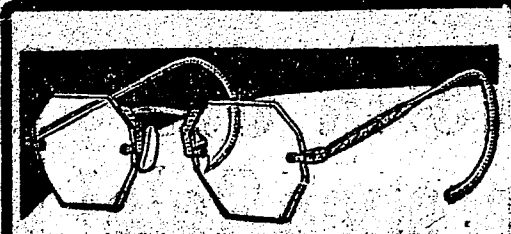
Union Unity League. The situation was depressing at the beginning of 1933; then the storm broke.

Here's the amazing record of the strikes in the center of the open shop industry during the year. None of the small shop strikes is included—just the major ones. (Unless another city is mentioned, the locality is Detroit.)

The year started off with a bang with the Briggs strike on Jan. 11, the Motor Products Co. girls on Jan. 20, the Hayes Body Co. workers at Grand Rapids Jan. 21, the complete tieup of the Briggs four Detroit plants Jan. 23 and Jan. 24, the Murray Body Co. workers Jan. 27, the Hudson Motor Co. body workers Feb. 7, the Hudson production workers Feb. 8, the Willys-Overland Co. workers in Toledo Feb. 26, the Chevrolet Motor Co. strike in Oakland, Cal., and the White Motor Co. strike in Cleveland finishes the chronology for the spring and summer.

On Sept. 22 the Mechanics Educational Society pulled out the tool and die makers at Buick, Chevrolet, A. C. Sparkplug and Fisher Body at Flint. Then the tool and die strike spread to Cadillac, Chevrolet, Dodge, Fisher Body, Hudson, Packard, Plymouth, Briggs Vernor highway, Ternstedt, Murray, Pontiac and G. M. Truck. The production workers at Murray walked out Sept. 27, Henry Ford faced his first strikes Sept. 26 at Chester, Pa., and Sept. 28 at Edgewater, N. J. The Nash Motor Co. workers struck Nov. 9 at Kenosha, Wis., and the more than 4,000 workers at Budd Manufacturing Co. struck Nov. 13 at Philadelphia.

The primary result of the wave of strikes was the immediate stop to wage cutting. Improved conditions in all Detroit plants were noticed. "Dead time" was abolished. The most decisive victory was at the Motor Products plant where men and women who had previously received



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as low as 25c and 10c an hour respectively won 40c and 30c hourly minimums after a 3-day strike. Other concessions were won. And thousands of auto workers gained valuable strike experience.

The strike of the tool and die makers, organized in the Mechanics Educational Society, resulted in the abolition of piecework, contract work, bonus and the gang system. Packard, Hudson and 85 small tool and die shops signed union agreements. An 85c hourly minimum was won. The M. E. S., begun by 15 unemployed auto workers in the spring, now has a membership of 22,000 in Detroit alone. Branches are located in Flint, Pontiac, Toledo, Cleveland and South Bend.

The United Automobile Workers of America, A. F. of L., has 17,000 members in Flint alone with their membership in Detroit only a guess. The workers are organized in the U. A. W. A. in practically every plant in Detroit.

The Metal & Machinery Workers' Section of the Industrial Workers of the World controls the body workers in Murray. The stronghold of the Auto Workers' Union is the Hudson plant with members in other plants.

With the strike experience gained, and the unions growing rapidly, it is evident that in 1934 the auto workers will stage struggles on a still greater scale. Auto workers are more hopeful than ever before. Unionism is being discussed, the merits of the various unions are argued—for the auto workers are now union-minded. And the auto barons will not have the control over union-minded workers that they exercised over the unorganized.

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cover men, who claimed that the union leaders used "strong-arm" methods to enroll members. The technicality by which the federal government entered the scene was an alleged violation of the interstate commerce act.

The unionists are preparing to fight back by charging truck owners with conspiracy to stop unionization. "The whole thing came to a head," Michael J. Matta, union counsel, declared, "because certain employers learned the union was prepared to take action against them for interfering unlawfully with the organization of employees. The federal agents' activity, inspired by the employers, will not swerve the union in its plan to prosecute the employers we deem guilty of illegal practices. Union leaders have been accused of conspiracy in their attempts to organize truck drivers. We may yet find the employers guilty of conspiracy to halt unionization of their employees."

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From the Government's own Office of Education, reports the United States News, come dismal rows of statistics that show the plight of America's school systems, staggering under heavier enrollments which must be cared for with slashed budgets.

One out of every four teachers is receiving less than \$750 for this year's services. More than 84,000 rural teachers will receive less than \$450 for this year's work. An unskilled factory worker receives a minimum of \$728 under the blanket code.

To top it off, teachers in 18 states are not being paid cash, but warrants, which must be discounted from 10% to 20%.

There are 55,000 fewer teachers than there were two years ago, but they are instructing 1,400,000 more students. No school at all is being improved for 2,280,000 children.

UNIONS ANSWER

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Also the Carpenters Union is composed of not only carpenters, but construction foremen and superintendents who would be glad to have employment. The Union furnished the men to build our city so we cannot understand why they are not taken into consideration now on this Public work. (The law permits it. See CWA bulletin No. 10.)

"We hope that this slight has been unintentional and trust that we may look forward to a fuller use of the talent within our organization, otherwise we will be compelled to appeal to President Roosevelt and see if he cannot make the New Deal applicable to the City of Reading."

Are Political Pets Favored? Along with the formal protest by the Carpenters are the complaints of individuals, some of whom are now working on CWA jobs, to the effect that pull is more important than ability in the matter of getting the better-paid jobs which are available on the various projects.

"To be a supervisor or a foreman you must belong to the right political gang, and it is better for you if you are not known as an active union man," is the conclusion of one worker. "In support of this point of view instances are cited where men were rated as skilled mechanics who did not qualify while other workers of many years' experience were either doing laboring work or were still unemployed. One case reported is of a man who was hired as an electrician. Upon attempting to repair an electric stove at the Berks County Tuberculosis Sanatorium he did faulty work with the result that the heating element was ruined. Other cases have to do with painters who are not mechanics and foremen who lack the necessary experience to qualify for the jobs to which they have been assigned. Still another case harks back to the construction of the CCC camp when one qualified carpenter of years' experience declared that he was reminded of the fact that he had been a "union agitator" when he sought employment there.

Ermentrout's declaration of a man shortage, combined with the fact that very few unemployed craftsmen were selected from lists of union mechanics furnished to the State Employment Office by local union officials, resulted on Wednesday in a demand by the Building Trades Council that Paul Kintzer, in charge of the State Employment office here, be dismissed. In a letter to Gov. Pinchot a brief summary of employment practices precedes the request for Kintzer's removal. The letter, signed by Charles Haederle, Building Trades secretary, follows:

"Dear Mr. Governor: I am writing as secretary of the Building Trades Council of Reading to make formal complaint of the manner in which workmen are selected for jobs on CWA projects in this district.

"In the selection of men, Organized Labor has not been given the consideration to which it is entitled. While our officials have submitted a list of qualified mechanics to Mr. Paul Kintzer, local state employment officer, very few workers have been assigned to jobs from those lists. On the contrary there are numerous cases of unemployed men being assigned to mechanical duties with far less qualifications than are possessed

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by the persons whom we designated as candidates for CWA jobs.

Asks Kintzer's Removal
"Because of this fact, the Building Trades Council of Reading at a meeting on January 17, 1934, unanimously adopted a motion calling upon you to remove Mr. Kintzer from his present state position and place his duties in the hands of someone who will co-operate with Organized Labor in the spirit of Section 7, Bulletin No. 10, of the Federal Civil Works Administration."

"While we have felt for some time that favoritism was being shown in the selection of CWA workers, the above action by us was precipitated by a recently published statement in which Mayor Heber Ermentrout declared that 500 unemployed workers had failed to respond to a call for employment on CWA projects. We feel that the entire working force could be filled promptly by making selections from the lists which we furnished to Mr. Kintzer."

"Respectfully yours,
"CHAS. HAEDERLE.
"Reading Building Trades Council."

"We are convinced that union men are the victims of discrimination and are prepared to offer Gov. Pinchot evidence to prove that the regulations governing CWA and PWA employment are being violated in spirit and in fact," Haederle declared yesterday. "Mayor Ermentrout's announcement that local workers are failing to answer calls to work is a reflection upon the tradesmen of this community. We are now going to prove that we are able and eager to furnish all the workers who can be employed with Federal funds."

The CWA bulletin to which both union bodies refer specifies that jobs shall be filled from union lists from the lists of other recognized agencies if calls for workers are not answered within 48 hours.

Stalin, Roosevelt Get Break
LOS ANGELES. — Joseph Stalin and President Roosevelt were made beneficiaries to the extent of \$1,000 each, according to the will left by Leon Grant McBurney, who died in San Pedro, Cal., recently. His four children were left \$1 each.

PREACHER

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talking. They know the meaning of social purpose while the American people have never learned it, he explained.

"Our youth cannot relate its training to any social plan," he concluded. "In the Soviet Union each youth thinks of his own individual life as tied up with the world revolution through which all workers will be freed. Such a purpose gives life a meaning it cannot have in our society. They know where they are going and why. Is there any deeper meaning for life than that?"

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Railroads picked up \$10,000,000 to Nov. 30 by transporting freight and passengers for the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Roosevelt forest army, the Railroad Data sheets disclose.

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RECOGNIZING RUSSIA

Die-hards who viewed with alarm the recognition of Soviet Russia by these United States should be completely outraged by the administration's latest act. We refer to the nationalization of gold.

In taking over all the monetary gold within the nation the Roosevelt government has paid to the Soviets the sincere compliment of imitation. For that, it will be remembered, is exactly what the Bolsheviks did.

It may also be remembered how dear old ladies of both sexes—in and out of the D. A. R.—pointed with scorn when the "Bolshies" decided to use private gold for the public good.

There are other things to which one might point as examples of how this nation, in the days of Capitalism's death struggle, have aped the revolutionists of Russia. When this government regulates farm production, limits the hours of labor for workers, protects children against exploitation and establishes minimum wage standards, it is doing exactly what the Russian government did even though the ultimate purpose behind such tactics may be quite different. Perhaps it is because they recognized the similarity that certain congressmen and senators are branding Roosevelt's gold policy as "outright theft."

We call attention to this phase of American economic policies and practices because it shows the extent to which Capitalism has departed from the "rugged individualism" of the Hoover era. However, using Russia's methods does not necessarily mean that we are heading toward the same goal. Government control of industry is Socialism only when government power is used to emancipate workers from the exploitation of an owning class. When the same power is used to bolster and stabilize the old slave relationship which has always existed in the past, government control becomes Fascism. Lacking a well-organized working class with the ideal of economic freedom before it, Fascism seems to be nearer than Socialism at the present moment.

POOR GERMANY

A new labor law promulgated by Adolf Hitler imposes upon every German worker the obligation of rendering implicit obedience to his employer, according to an Associated Press dispatch. The only way in which a German worker may express disapproval of the treatment he receives is through a confidential council of workers selected from a group of employees whose names are submitted by the employer.

That German workers could have fallen to this low estate seems unbelievable in the light of what Germany was in pre-war days. With the highest code of social legislation in the world, with the Social Democratic party the most powerful single group in Germany's lawmaking body, it was believed by most people that Germany would lead the way to international Socialism. Today that belief has vanished and the Germans are reduced to slavery.

It is well to search for the reason for this change. What grave mistake did the German workers make? Is it true, as some people charge, that German Socialism was softened and the Socialist goal obscured by the social benefits which were won from Capitalism? Did the German Socialists sell their birthright of freedom for the pottage of social insurance? Did they seek to save their party at the expense of their principles when they voted war credits in 1914?

Information probably is still too meager and time still too short to warrant an uncompromising answer to this riddle of the collapse of German freedom. All we do know is that Germany, once the epitome of parliamentarianism and economic security has, within a few years, become a stench in the nostrils of all who crave democratic government.

Orators have said that people get the kind of government they deserve. If slavery is the proper state of Germany's workers do we Americans, who still refuse to unite in industrial and political organizations of our class, and who seem to prefer having leaders do things for us rather than do things for ourselves, deserve any better fate?

RELIEF IS NOT SOCIALISM

As we go about our business in the Socialist movement, we occasionally come upon individuals who call themselves Socialists but who have been persuaded that Federal social services and unemployment relief policies are signs of approaching Socialism.

To our mind, nothing could be farther from the truth. For a Socialist to view relief measures as Socialism is just about as sensible as it would be for a pacifist to accept an efficient Red Cross system during a bloody war as a sign of peace.

What the present national administration is doing is merely caring for the victims of private Capitalism. But while social services and relief agencies and made-work projects may bind

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

The Supreme Court and Progress

The decision of the United States Supreme Court holding the mortgage moratorium law of Minnesota to be constitutional is of the greatest importance, for the reasoning upon which the decision was based might well be used to sustain the entire mass of emergency legislation. The Minnesota law had provided that foreclosure sales might be postponed and periods of redemption extended; and attack was made upon it on the ground that it violated the sanctity of contract, the due process; and the equal protection of the laws clauses of the federal constitution, the ancient, sacred shibboleths written into the fundamental law of the land to protect the vested interests of an owning class.

This does not of itself prove that the N. I. R. A. and the other enactments of Congress will be sustained, for there is an important distinction that judges and lawyers draw between the powers of a state and those of the national government—the former possessing all power not delegated elsewhere; whereas the latter has only the powers given to it by the state. The Supreme Court can seize upon or ignore this distinction as it likes, which merely means that the eminent justice can find ample legal arguments on either side of the question. In actual practice, as in all cases involving economic matters, they will decide in accordance with their bias and prejudices, and then search around for legal phrases to justify their position.

This means, of course, that the power to stay the economic progress of the country is vested in nine ancient gentlemen, who never had to run for those important positions, and who hold office for life. The Minnesota decision, which may well prove one of the most significant in our history, was decided by that most slender of margins, a five to four vote. Let one ancient gentleman die or change his mind, and the fundamental law of our land changes with him.

This situation is clearly intolerable. It has no justification in a democracy, and it is not even provided for in our own constitution. The court has merely usurped a power, and by long habit it has become established. We should bear in mind, however, that it constitutes an ever-present threat to all forward-looking legislation, for it is usually true that the economic thinking of the court is a generation behind that of the rest of the country.

It is quite likely that, if and when the Socialists obtain control of Congress, their efforts to pass a law to socialize industry will be nullified, or attempted to be nullified, by the Supreme Court. To submit to such tyranny would be to risk our entire program, and it is therefore well to understand in advance how such a situation can be met.

The quickest way to deal with such an emergency is to increase the membership of the court, so as to insure a Socialist majority upon it. The constitution does not specify the number of justices, Congress determining that to suit itself. If, when we assume power, we find all nine members of the court opposed to our legislation and prepared to hold it unconstitutional, we can prevent this by adding ten Socialists to the court. The mere threat of this should suffice to make the justices behave.

A longer method of coping with the situation would be by the passage of a constitutional amendment abolishing the power of the court to declare legislation unconstitutional. This, however, would be a long and cumbersome process, and would be successful only if ratification of 36 states could be secured. By that

up the wounds, they do not put an end to the conflict which causes all the misery.

The true pacifist will not sneer at the work of the hospital corps, but he will never cease to demand that wars cease. The intelligent Socialist may recognize virtue in relieving the plight of Capitalism's cast-offs, but he will always remember that relief would not be necessary were it not for the fundamental economic injustice of the system which permits a few people to own the means of life and exploit their fellows.

No, Mr. Roosevelt is not heading the nation into Socialism—not if he knows it. What he is doing—and not any too successfully at that—is taking up the human slack so that the private profit racket may function yet a little while longer.

Socialists accept relief but they are more interested in ending the system which makes relief necessary. They seek to use the powers of government to go a long step in a different direction than Mr. Roosevelt is going. Mr. Roosevelt is trying to give public employment to workers who can no longer be profitably used by private industry. Socialists want to take over private industry and operate it for social welfare instead of for the profit of owners. There's a big and vital difference in the two objectives.

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"What Roosevelt did was temporarily to stabilize capitalism with a few concessions to workers. In no sense is the new deal socialism. Even if Roosevelt succeeds in putting five to six millions back to work as he has promised, this will leave more unemployed in America than in all of Europe. The only real benefit that has come from this act (the NRA) has been the spur that it has given to the organization of labor. Instead of acquiring the railroads at a bargain price Roosevelt's coordinator is trying to bring them back to a condition where they will pay some profit to their owners. Without effective organization of the workers involved, the New Deal is bound to become the instrument of a slave state."

The pamphlet is being sold at local Socialist headquarters for 5 cents. Mail orders are filled at 10 cents per copy.

30-Hour Week Needed At Once, Says Connery

WASHINGTON. — The 30-hour week is needed in industry if the recovery act is to be made effective, according to Chairman Connery of the House labor committee. Connery is critical of enforcement of NRA. "The big fellows have been chiseling on minimum wages," he said, "and the compliance boards have not functioned as they should."

I. W. W. Journal Sees Fascism Coming

CHICAGO. — "The year 1933 draws to a close with the black shadow of fascism spanning the American continent from coast to coast," declares The Industrial Worker, official organ of the I. W. W.

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