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Railroad Wrecks Linked With Shop Layoffs

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

IT SEEMS TO me that Heywood Brown wrote the wrong kind of a column this week, when he commented about Ogden Mills' attack upon President Roosevelt's so-called "recovery" policies. Despite the fact that Brown had left the Socialist party, I have been nursing the belief that in his heart of hearts he was still a Socialist. However, since reading his rejoinder to Mr. Mills I am about ready to reconcile myself to the fact that Brown is nothing but a columnist.

Brown selected to pick upon the weakest link in the Mills chain of argument; namely that part of the speech in which the former secretary of the treasury declared that Roosevelt was doing new and different things without the mandate of the people. Brown argued skillfully and unscrupulously to the effect that a president's duty was to do things and that it would be impossible to do anything if action had to be preceded by a careful poll of public opinion.

NOW, MY CRITICISM of Brown is that what he said is quite true but unimportant. I view him as a quibbler and therefore have scant faith in his intellectual honesty.

I do not agree with Mills. Nevertheless, from the viewpoint of the "rugged individualist" he did make a damning indictment against the economic policies which have followed thus far. And in doing so he called attention to certain consequences of the administration's policies which the people have a right to know and which Roosevelt and his supporters would rather not talk about right now.

I PARTICULARLY LIKED Mills' quotation from Walter Lippmann, in which that journalist called attention to the menace to individual liberty which lies in Roosevelt's program for a planned economy. Here is the quotation:

"Nobody honestly believes that planning can be carried out consistently among free men, that is to say, among men who have their own plans for their own lives; or that planning, in the full sense of the term, is possible where discussion is free; or that a social order can be managed if those who compose it are not regimented. In a planned society, no liberty is tolerable, which would delay or hinder the Executive."

"To manage a whole social order according to a central plan, human behavior must be predictable. The planner must know what men will produce and what they will consume; the only way to make sure of knowing this is to regiment men as producers and to ration them as consumers. For you can confidently predict how men will behave only when you have power to order their behavior. Thus, a completely planned economy calls for an authoritarian state."

I BELIEVE THAT Mr. Lippmann stated the case correctly in a general sense. But I take issue with Mr. Mills when he declares that the sacrifice of individual liberty in order to attain social advantages is a bad thing. I think it is good; and you'll think so too if you take the trouble to think the thing through.

As a matter of fact, there is nothing new in the proposal that individuals should make sacrifices of personal liberty when such sacrifices result in greater benefits to society in general and to the individual making the sacrifice in particular. We sacrifice our personal liberty when we pay taxes, when we submit to conscription and when we permit a red light

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RECENT MISHAPS CAUSE BELIEF THAT SHOP WAGE BILLS ARE CUT AT EXPENSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Theory That Neglected Roadbed Caused Blandon Tragedy Strengthened by "Economy" Policies at Local Shops—Tieup Near Monocacy When Cylinder Head "Blows" Not Published by Daily Papers—Are Reading Company Managers Permitting the Road to Run to Ruin in Preparation For Government Ownership?

That the niggardly wage-saving and man-driving policies which have been in force for a number of years at the local locomotive and car shops of this city are not only bringing tragedy to the homes of many hundreds of workers and contributing to the delay of general business recovery, but also endangering the lives of the traveling public is the claim of many shop workers.

As evidence of their contention that rail travel is made more dangerous by cutting down the number of man-hours of labor in the shops to the lowest possible figure, local shopmen are pointing to two accidents within the past week. One of the mishaps cost the lives of two railroad employees and was given publicity in the daily papers. The other did not result fatally and the newspapers did not think it worth mentioning although it resulted in the delay of a "crack" main line train for one hour and might have had serious consequences.

The accident which gained public attention occurred last Thursday near Blandon when a train was derailed when emergency brakes were applied to avoid collision with a stalled automobile. A locomotive engineer and his fireman were boiled in live steam in this accident.

Question Cause of Wreck Experienced railroad workers have privately expressed doubt as to the cause of this fatal accident. While newspaper accounts left the impression that the train was derailed by hitting the obstructing automobile, there are those who believe that the real cause was the spreading of rails as a result of the shock placed upon the tracks when the brakes were applied for a sudden stop. Those who hold the latter theory maintain that the tracks were not in proper condition for service. The well-known policy of the company, under which work forces have been reduced and maintenance charges kept at a minimum, gives weight to the belief that

SOCIALIST EDUCATIONAL FORUM STARTS SUNDAY

Birch Wilson Will Launch
Weekly Programs For Party
Members

What will be the first of a series of educational lectures on the Fundamentals of Socialism will be held in Labor Lyceum Sunday at 7:30 p. m., when Birch Wilson will speak on "An Outline of Socialist Education."

While admission will be free and the general public will be admitted, these meetings, which will be held each Sunday night until further notice, are intended primarily for Socialist party members who wish to learn more about the basic principles upon which the Socialist philosophy is founded.

Rogin and Hofes Next Following Wilson, Larry Rogin, instructor of Reading Labor College, will deliver an address on "Surplus Value" on Sunday night, February 11. On February 18 Raymond S. Hofes, editor of the Advocate, will speak on "The Materialistic Conception of History."

Forum rules will prevail at all lectures. It is the aim of the Educational Committee of Local Berks, under whose auspices the lectures will be held, to have all speeches be brief enough to permit ample time for questions and discussions by the audience.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO Party Members

Local Berks Will
CAUCUS

at Red Men's Hall
Thursday, Feb. 8
7:30 P. M.

To nominate candidates for Assembly in city and county and for Congress.

Members must show party cards and must have been in good standing for 6 months to qualify for participation in the caucus.

Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer

PRETZEL COMPANY ENDORSES COMPANY UNION

Evidence was secured this past week on the struck Superior-Supreme Pretzel Company, that its management is compelling workers against their will to join the company union as a condition of holding a job.

Complaints were signed and are being forwarded by the workers to the National Labor Board and Regional Compliance Board. Prosecution is being jointly instituted by the Pretzel Workers' Union and the Federated Trades Council.

REVIVING INTEREST IN SHOE UNION

Circulars are being printed and will be distributed by the organizer at all shoe factories on Monday, February 12, in an effort to revive the Shoe Workers' Union to its former attendance and old militant fighting spirit. The indifference of some shoe workers to their union has encouraged management to reduce wages to less than code standards and discriminate against active union men and women.

With the uncertainty of its membership the union has hesitated to take any decisive action in spite of its desire to do so.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13, at 7:30 p. m. in Marion Beneficial Association hall and all shoe workers are urged to attend regardless of their standing in dues. An attractive reinstatement proposition is offered to those delinquent, as well as an encouraging inducement to those who have not yet joined.

MEAT CUTTERS ORGANIZING

Butchers and Meat Cutters in local retail establishments who were accustomed to receiving \$35 to \$50 per week, are now forced, because of their individualism, to accept code standards and less. Force of circumstances has compelled them to organize. The first meeting of the Butchers and Meat Cutters to form a local union was held Tuesday evening, December 30, in Bricklayers' hall, 836 Elm street, at which time a large number of the men engaged in the craft were present.

Another meeting was arranged for Monday, February 5, at 8:30 p. m. in the same hall when the majority of the men engaged in the meat industry are expected to be present and make application for a charter.

FOOD WORKERS' UNION RECEIVES CHARTER

The charter for Local Union No. 155 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Beverage Dispensers' International Alliance was installed at a well attended meeting on Sunday afternoon in Paradise Garden, Bridge Circle, West Reading. The writer attended the meeting and spoke on the ramifications the members must inevitably look forward to from now on during the organization's course of progress.

All Cooks, Chefs, Waiters, Bell-boys and Bartenders are eligible for membership. The trustees are attempting to secure a suitable place for the organization's headquarters.

SAYS ROTHRAUFF DODGES ISSUE IN CWA JOB SLUMP

Steward Grow, Federal Workers' Official, Sees Adequate Funds as Only Requirement To Provide Employment

URGES CITY USE OF FUNDS

Points to Colorado Springs as Example For Reading—Says College Graduates Take Labor Jobs

Declaring that a newspaper statement quoting Louis H. Rothrauff, Berks administrator of CWA projects, looks like an attempt to deceive and confuse the subject of unemployment relief, Steward L. Grow, business agent for the United CWA and PWA Workers of Berks County, declared this week that the only way in which the needs of the jobless could be met was by sufficient funds to pay every unemployed worker on a payroll at decent wages.

The article to which Grow took exception quote Rothrauff as saying that Federal CWA funds were depleted by workers who quit their jobs in private industry in order to get higher hourly rates of pay offered by the CWA.

"We believe Rothrauff is merely trying to deceive and confuse the workers," Grow said. "In this manner he hopes to keep them disorganized and to stifle the union of CWA-PWA workers that is in its infancy."

Urges City Activities

In a letter to Councilman Frederick Muhlenberg, Wednesday, Grow urged the city to utilize CWA funds for the advancement of street repairs and the building of new streets, pointing to Colorado Springs, Colo., as an example of how city improvements of this nature can be made

BERKS SOCIALISTS NAMING CONVENTION DELEGATES

With 70 delegates as the quota of Local Berks at the State Convention of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania, in Harrisburg on Saturday night and Sunday, February 17-18, all branches under the jurisdiction of the local are faced with the task of selecting representatives. Organizer Ralph O. Bigony has been visiting the various branches in an effort to speed the work of choosing delegates.

"All branches should bear in mind that those who represent them will require transportation and lodging as well as meals for one day," Bigony stated yesterday. "This is an important convention, and special efforts should be made to see to it that Berks county is well represented. Only members who have been in good party standing for two years preceding the Convention will be eligible to be delegates. The latter rule does not apply, however, to branches which have been in existence for less than two years."

Bigony called attention to the fact that the results of the next election will determine whether the party will have a place on the state ballot. "We must name candidates for state offices who will be able to conduct a creditable campaign and poll enough votes to enable us to retain our standing as a legal party," he pointed out.

Branch organizers are urged to see to it that their organizations select delegates without delay and make prompt reports to State Secretary Sarah Limbach, 122 Ninth street, Pittsburgh, and to Organizer Bigony.

PARTY LEADERS URGE SUPPORT FOR FUND DRIVE

Day's Pay For a Year's Activity Is Slogan For Raising \$50,000 Throughout the Nation

LOCAL BERKS COOPERATING

Funds Will be Divided Between National, State and Local Socialist Party Organizations

The Socialist Party's national executive committee, meeting in New York City last week, enthusiastically approved preliminary activities of its "1934 United Socialist Drive" subcommittee, setting up a nationwide campaign for funds between Feb. 25 and March 31. "A day's wage—a year's program" is the slogan of the drive committee, mirroring the basic goal of the campaign, which is to visit every employed party member in the country to ask him to give one day's wages to a special fund to build Socialism in community, state and nation. In addition, every local organization is asked to hold one social, entertainment or fund-raising banquet during the drive. The sum of \$50,000 has been set as the goal in the nation.

To Divide Funds

Of the funds so raised, 45% will be kept for the work of the local organizations, 10% will go to the state offices and 45% to the national work of the party. Clarence Senior, drive director, and Mattie deHaan, his assistant in the campaign, have already secured pledges of co-operation from most of the state executive committees of the party. Each state has been allotted a quota in the national goal of \$50,000.

Weekly bulletins are being sent to locals from the party's national headquarters, directing specific activities of the drive. Each local and branch has been asked to name an active director to supervise its fund-raising activities. Local Berks has appointed a committee to manage the drive in this section, of which Mark Ed. Seltzer is chairman.

CALIFORNIA SOCIALISTS PLAN STATE CONVENTION

The Annual State Convention of the Socialist Party of California will be held in Los Angeles on Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11, at the Angelus Hall, 1954 East First street.

According to word received from Hyman Sheinin, state secretary, "This convention will be the largest, and most constructive in the history of our movement in California. Since our last convention, our membership in the State has almost doubled, and the delegation, which numbers approximately 150, will come from every corner of the State."

There will be two sessions held each day. On Saturday night a banquet will be held at the convention headquarters, at which time prominent Socialist speakers will outline plans for the coming year.

The convention will be climaxed by a large meeting open to the public. The principle speaker will be the convention's nominee for the Socialist party candidate for Governor. Other nominees together with members of the newly-elected state executive committee will also address the meeting.

Our guess is that The Saturday Evening Post bawled out the G. O. P. just to see if anybody read the editorial page.

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

EVADING SECTION 7A

Out at Third and Buttonwood streets the Dick Brothers' hardware store is floating the Blue Eagle. Accept that sign at its face value and you'll believe that the workers there have an unrestricted right to organize.

However, according to Earl White, business agent of the Federated Trades Council, there are numerous instances of intimidation by the firm to prevent workers from banding together for their own advantages.

An example of how the firm operates was furnished this week. Wednesday night the Hardware Workers' Union had arranged for a meeting for the special purpose of considering organization activity at Dick Brothers. The firm couldn't prevent employees from going to the meeting, but they could give them something disagreeable to think about.

Wednesday night a sign was posted at the plant informing the workers that "due to business conditions" there would be no work for the balance of the week.

This gesture was understood by the Dick wage slaves. "We really don't need you so you'd better be careful" was the real message.

Nobody could really say that the shutdown was a violation of NIRA, but the effect was not much different than a direct order forbidding workers to join the union. The workers will have the balance of the week in which to grumble. Socialists will grumble against the system, which permits profiteers to control the lives and jobs of workers, and those who voted against Socialists will grumble because they are getting what they voted for.

WHITEWASHING ACCIDENTS AT THE PARRISH PLANT

A story in last Monday's "Eagle" told about a worker who had his back broken in a "local foundry."

That "foundry" touch was merely an effort to deceive readers and spread a coat of whitewash over events at the Parrish Pressed Steel plant, where the accident really occurred.

We mention this manner of handling news in which workers are vitally affected because it ably illustrates the manner in which the interests of the working class are neglected by both our local dailies and by the Capitalist press throughout the nation.

Conditions at the Parrish concern are described by workers there as "simply terrible." They declare that speed is the watchword and workers are driven to the point where precautions for personal safety are almost impossible. The poor devil who ruined himself was merely one of the victims.

When a criminal steals from a rich man that is news to be reported faithfully in detail. But when a profiteer steals the life and health of many workers that is news to be garbled over and concealed by indefinite language. Workers are held in contempt, and no wonder when they hold themselves in such contempt that, year after year, they vote themselves and their children into slavery.

TAX REFUNDS FOR LABOR EXPLOITERS

The same issue of a local paper which contained two pages of sheriff sale notices publishes a news item to the effect that the Nolde-Horst Co. was given an income tax refund of \$262,037 by the Federal government. Others who received refunds are Berkshire Knitting Mills, \$25,905; Charles W. Hendel, \$23,670; Helen Janssen Wetzel, \$5,231.09; Henry Janssen, \$4,452.36; Ferdinand Thun, \$874.40; Mrs. Wilhelmina Janssen, \$3,236.46; Mrs. Minnie Janssen Livingood, \$3,231.10.

Reading such returns, one wonders how great was the income which these parasites derived by taking what others produced. But no one need wonder any longer why these

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to halt our progress at a quiet street intersection. Nobody really likes to do those things. But we know that we must do them and, if we are convinced that the common good is served, we forget all about personal liberty and do them willingly.

THE POINT FOR all of us to consider is not whether the Roosevelt program includes further restrictions

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From "The House of Connelly" by Paul Green

of personal liberty but whether the program itself will produce a satisfactory result. Mr. Mills answers for himself and other "rugged individualists" in the negative. He wants to continue the game of "exploiting workers without abiding by government-imposed regulations. I answer for myself with an equally positive "No." I do not wish to be exploited for the profit of an owning class even if the exploitation is regulated and limited.

PERHAPS I WOULD be more concerned about my personal liberty if it meant as much to me as it has meant to Mr. Mills. If I had the liberty to collect tribute at the expense of my fellow men I might not want that liberty tampered with. But personal liberty has been an empty phrase. Millions of people in this land of plenty do not have even the liberty to earn their bread. They should be ready to merge their power and unite in a common cause which will enable them to gain the economic justice which neither Ogden Mills nor Franklin D. Roosevelt concede as the proper portion of the producing class.

RECENT MISHAPS

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the wreck might have been avoided by proper precautions and timely repairs to the road bed.

"Crack" Train Delayed

The unpublished accident occurred last Thursday when the engine pulling the main line passenger train which leaves Reading at 9:28 a. m. knocked out a cylinder head between Birdsboro and Monocacy. An experienced mechanic who examined the engine during the hours' wait for a "fresh" engine gave the following description of this accident:

"It appeared as though something had gone amiss with the driving of side rods and that, as a consequence, the stroke of the piston rod was lengthened. The cylinder head is a big casting which is held in place by about 30 bolts approximately an inch in diameter. All of these bolts were broken off as though they had been cut by gigantic shears. There must have been a terrific impact to cause such a result. As a matter of fact, I felt the initial jar very plainly a split second before the emergency brakes were applied. We were going about 60 miles per hour. Fortunately the cylinder head flew clear of the engine. Had it gone underneath it would probably have sent the train rolling on its side with consequent injury and loss of life. There were a goodly number of passengers on board and the danger was great."

Layoffs, Continue

That the short force policy and speed-ups at the local railroad shops are retarding industrial recovery can not be questioned. But more important still is the question, "What connection have shop policies with railroad accidents?" Is the company's road bed in such condition as to render travel safe? Or is the company saving on maintenance at the risk of human life?

The above are important questions. But while they are awaiting an answer the shop workers continue to be speeded and laid off and expenses are piled to the bone. Are the Reading Railroad officials closing their eyes to human welfare and increasing profits by permitting the road to run to seed in preparation for the day when the government will relieve them of their burden by exchanging government bonds for a scrap railroad system?

Denouncing the Pittsburgh union bakers and drivers for continuing a strike against Ward Baking Co. and Baur Bros. after the labor board had ordered it called off, the board calls again for an immediate end of the strike. International union officials have disavowed the strike, according to the board.

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WOMEN PROBE CAUSE OF WAR

See Imperfect Distribution of Wealth as Cause But Fail to Urge Revolt of Workers

WASHINGTON, (EP). — Meeting in the shadow of the next world war, 500 delegates from 11 women's organizations to the ninth conference on the cause and cure of war, held in Washington January 16-19, heard a score of speakers describe the forces which make war inevitable and the means by which they thought it could be avoided.

A somber review of last year's march toward war presented these salient features:

1. Hitlerism's threat of war with France and Poland.
2. Japan's war in Manchuria and her provocations against the Soviet Union.
3. The struggle of colonial peoples in India, the Philippines, the French and Dutch colonies in the Far East for freedom.
4. The new naval armaments race among the United States, Britain and Japan, with each nation building to the limit.
5. The economic war, expressed in debased currencies by which Britain and America are struggling for world markets; by higher tariffs, the quota system on imports and subsidies to exports.

"The industrialized nations," said F. Ernest Johnson of the federal council of churches, "are suffering from an economic disease — the chronic imbalance between production and consumption. In economic terms that means the faulty distribution of purchasing power, expressed by a domestic economic individualism which justifies the piling up of profits at a rate that results in a top-heavy capital structure and a pyramid of debt."

That was as near as any speaker came to putting his finger on the sore spot — the profit system of production which impoverishes nations and leads them into armed conflict. Others pointed to danger signals, the final collapse of the world disarmament conference in Geneva, the dismal failure of the world economic conference at London last summer, and the threatening increase in armaments.

But the conference on the cause and cure of war adjourned without mentioning that the light on war means also the light on the profit system. Instead it centered attention on manifestations of militarism such as increased army and navy budgets, the world traffic in arms and munitions, and called for strengthening the world court and the League of Nations.

GAYNOR IN "CAROLINA" AT EMBASSY TODAY

With a star-studded cast, headed by such stellar performers as Janet Gaynor, Lionel Barrymore, Henrietta Crosman and Robert Young, Fox Film will present its latest release, "Carolina," at the Embassy Theatre on Friday.

Laid against a Southern background of far-reaching tobacco plantations, the story centers about a decadent Southern family striving to regain its former glory. The son of the family falls in love with a poor daughter of the North who has come to raise tobacco on a portion of the land. Although his mother and uncle object to the girl, the young man is impressed by her talk, which stirs him to ways and means of rebuilding the plantation. How the young girl breaks down the icy dignity of the aristocratic family and brings prosperity and happiness to the old Southern plantation is heralded as being one of the most vivid dramatic pictures ever to be screened.

West Virginia Socialists Stress Educational Work

STAR CITY, W. Va. — Special emphasis on the education of party members is being stressed by the state Socialist organization of West Virginia, J. F. Higgins, state secretary, reports. The Rev. F. G. Strickland has just completed a tour in the southern part of the state, accompanied by M. Kornstein as an organizer. Henry Flury has also made a speaking circuit of the state. Mimeographed copies of his radio lecture over Station WMMN, Fairmont, entitled "Millions for Battleships, Nothing for Schools," are being widely circulated.

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Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTY TONIGHT — PIE- CAKE SALE SATURDAY AT LAURELDALE

Those Laureldale Socialists are
 planning their activities all in a
 bunch. But that's what happens
 when workers are up and doing.
 Tonight they issue a call to all
 card players to come to their head-
 quarters for an evening of fun.
 Prizes will be awarded to winners
 and good lunch will be sold to the
 hungry. In case you don't know, the
 Laureldale headquarters is in
 Yerger's hall.

On Saturday morning, beginning
 at 9 o'clock, the Laureldale Branch
 will hold a pie and cake sale at
 Yerger's store. The proceeds of this
 event will be placed in a building
 fund which the branch has founded.
 Don't fail to get your share of the
 pie and cake which the women know
 so well how to make, and which the
 men, bless 'em, know how to eat.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LABOR LYCEUM

The Central Branch women will
 sponsor the card party and luncheon
 at Labor Lyceum on Saturday night.
 Fine prizes will be awarded to the
 winners and the usual delicious food
 will be served from supper time
 throughout the evening.

Whether you come to play cards
 or merely to eat you can be sure of
 a marvelous time. Don't miss it.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

Once again the women of the
 Northeast Branch give you an oppor-
 tunity to spend a happy evening play-
 ing cards for fine prizes and eating
 delicious food.

If your desires lean that way, be
 at the headquarters of the branch,
 1311 North Ninth street, when the
 playing starts tomorrow evening
 shortly after 8 o'clock.

AND ANOTHER WASHLINE SOCIAL NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday night, Feb. 6, the
 Northeast women will hold a "wash-
 line social" to which all women of
 the branch are invited. We have the
 assurance that this is going to be a
 "peppy" affair, ladies, so do your-
 selves a favor and visit 1311 North
 Ninth street next Tuesday night.

WEST READING OFFERS A FASNAUGHT SOCIAL

West Reading Socialist Party will
 hold a fasnacht social on Saturday
 evening, Feb. 3, at their headquar-
 ters, 233 Kline street, West Reading.
 There will also be card playing;
 prizes will be awarded at each table.
 Mrs. Kiesel will be in charge as chair-
 man of the committee.

REGULAR SATURDAY CARD PARTIES AT FARVIEW

The editor finds a note on his desk
 stating that the Farview Branch will
 hold card parties each Saturday
 night, beginning February 3, at
 Moses' store on Pershing Blvd., one

block from Lancaster avenue. Ad-
 mission, the notice reads, will be 15
 cents.

The editor is glad to have such
 notes and hopes that Farview will
 start its parties with a bang and
 have a successful season. He there-
 fore makes the following suggestion:
 Why not delegate a comrade to call
 the Advocate each week, not later
 than Thursday morning, and remind
 him of the card party? There are
 two reasons why this should be done:
 First, the editor might forget, and
 second, a change of plans might fool
 Farview's friends and cause them in-
 convenience. Let's co-operate, com-
 rades; appoint a publicity agent for
 your social events.

MINSTREL AND DANCE SATUR- DAY FOR BENEFIT OF NORTHEAST BRANCH

Would you like to forget the cares
 of life for a few hours? Then don't
 fail to attend the Black and White
 Minstrel show and dance in Falcons'
 hall, Spring Garden and Bingham
 streets tomorrow (Saturday) night.

The show will begin promptly at
 7:45 in order that there will be
 plenty of time left for dancing. And
 the price, believe it or not, is at the
 bargain rate of 20 cents per person.
 All proceeds will be donated to the
 Northeast Branch.

Ticket sellers are asked to make
 settlement for all sales at the hall to-
 morrow night.

MARY B. NELSON AT SOUTHERN

Mrs. Mary B. Nelson will speak at
 the regular Forum in the Southern
 Branch on Sunday, Feb. 4. She has
 recently returned from Washington
 where she attended the Hearing on
 the Proposed Birth Control Bill; her
 report will prove interesting to both
 men and women. Everyone is cor-
 dially invited to come and hear. Tea
 will be served.

CHORUS TO BROADCAST

The Women's Chorus will broad-
 cast over WEEU at 1:30 p. m. Sun-
 day. All chorus members are asked
 to be at the studio not later than
 1:15 p. m. Listen in, comrades,
 we'll be singing to you.

PUBLIC CARD PARTY WEDNES- DAY AFTERNOON

The Deed-a-Day sewing circle of
 the Northeast women invite all who
 like to play cards (men as well as
 women) to a card party at their
 headquarters, 1311 North Ninth
 street, next Wednesday, February 7,
 at 2:15 p. m. Lunch will be served
 and valuable prizes awarded to the
 winners.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE WILL HAVE "SOCIAL NIGHT" THURS- DAY, FEB. 8

Socialist branch women are invit-
 ed to be the guests of the Women's
 All-Socialist League at Labor Lyceum
 next Thursday at 8 p. m., when
 another "social night" will be ar-
 ranged.

A feature of the evening will be
 an old-fashioned spelling bee—and
 you'll be surprised to discover how
 much fun will develop before the last
 person is spelled down.
 Luncheon will be served, but
 everybody is asked to bring her own
 "paper tut" with food for the occa-
 sion.

WOMELSDORF BRANCH

This branch, like all others under
 the jurisdiction of Local Berks, is
 again having educational programs.
 You are invited to hear the facts
 about modern industry. We some-
 times ask ourselves, what causes a
 depression? Why are people hungry
 and cold in this world of plenty?
 Attend these programs every Mon-
 day evening and have your ques-
 tions answered. Each meeting there
 will be introduced a very able speak-
 er. All that is required of you to
 get the information that you need
 and must have, is that you come to
 these programs at 8 o'clock. Your
 time will be well spent.

PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETS AT LYCEUM TONIGHT

All members of the Picnic Com-
 mittee are asked to be present to-
 night at Labor Lyceum for a busi-
 ness meeting.

STUDY SOCIALISM AT N. E. BRANCH

A Socialist School of Study will
 soon be open at the Northeast
 Branch, S. P., 1311 North Ninth
 street. The school is free to all work-
 ers, regardless of political faith, from

16 years upward. The opening date
 and instructors will be announced in
 this paper next week.

BAND REHEARSAL
 Comrade McLean requests all
 members of the band to turn out for
 rehearsal Wednesday, Feb. 7th, at 8
 p. m. at the Labor Lyceum. Band
 members please note.

EXETER BRANCH

The Exeter Branch will hold a so-
 cial on February 10 at the Lincoln
 Homestead to celebrate Lincoln's
 Birthday. Luncheon will be served.
 All comrades and friends are invited
 to visit this branch and a good time
 is assured for all by the committee
 in charge. The proceeds will go to
 the branch treasury. Don't miss it!

SOCIALIST STUDY CLASSES

The Socialist study class will re-
 sume its regular Friday night class at
 600 North Ninth street. All mem-
 bers are urged to attend. New mem-
 bers can enroll by attending the class
 this Friday night at 8 p. m. Com-
 rade Rogin is the teacher, and mem-
 bers of the party should take advan-
 tage of opportunity to learn more
 about the fundamentals of Socialism.
 It is free. Help boost the class.

SPEAKERS AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Tonight:
 Sinking Spring: Jesse George and
 Entertainment.
 Shillington Town Hall: William
 Schweren.
 Southern Women: Annie Zech-
 man.
 Cumru at Rickenbach's: Fred
 Merkel.
 Berkshire Heights: William Hov-
 erter.

Monday, Feb. 5th:
 Mohnton at 13 Monroe St.: Dar-
 lington Hoopes.

Central: Birch Wilson.
Northeast: Raymond Hofses.
Tuesday, Feb. 6th:
Southern: James Wesner.
18th Ward: Walter Hollinger.
West Reading: William Schweren.
Muhlenberg: Fred Merkel.
Kenhorst: James Roslin.
Northwest Women: Jesse George.
Wednesday, Feb. 7th:
Birdsboro: Darlington Hoopes.

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S. C. SOCIALIST

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had been arrested merely because he was a Socialist.

On several occasions Kennison has been refused permission to hold parades or gatherings of unemployed persons. At one time a crowd of

Negroes who had gathered near his confectionery store was dispersed by police. On another occasion, he was ordered to cease "interfering" with unemployed persons who were lined up at the office of the Charleston County Relief Council.

When arrested, he was carrying on his arm a basket containing some plants and a butcher knife. He explained that he was on the way to

the grave of his wife, where he had intended to set out the plants.

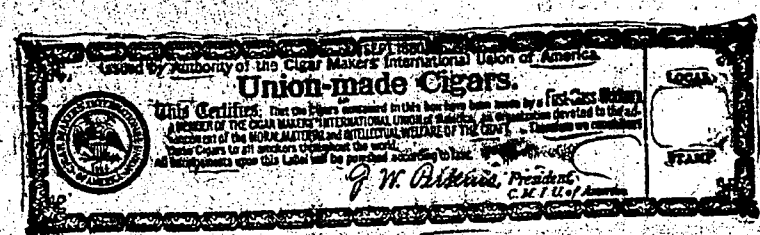
Anthracite Code May Be Imposed

WASHINGTON — Operators and officials of the United Mine Workers having failed to agree on hours in the pending anthracite code, General Johnson says he may have to write a code for that industry himself.

Congress is as tame as a lamb this session. Democratic leaders bow and scrape to the White House and the Republicans go around talking to themselves.

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY UNEMPLOYED BATTLE RELIEF BOARD OFFICIAL

(Special to The Advocate)

The Unemployed Citizens' League of Allegheny County, representing a membership of 60,000 human beings, through an organized effort has been able to secure for those on relief many necessities of life not furnished the unemployed in most communities.

The League has forced the City of Pittsburgh to purchase clothing and shoes, pay gas and electric bills, defray all expenses incurred in maternity cases, as well as supplying dental, medical, optical services and supplies.

Eight months ago the League and the Allegheny County Emergency Relief Board (ACERB) came to an agreement relative to handling of complaints presented by Relief Committees of UCL. The agreement provides:

1.—Emergency complaints (persons needing food or coal, medical attention, gas and electric shut-offs) would be presented each day before noon hour. Answers on same to be given that afternoon by supervisor or person with authority to render decision.

2.—Ordinary run of complaints were to be heard weekly in office of supervisor.

3.—Executive Director of ACERB would hold regular weekly meeting with a committee of League, composed of five to seven members.

4.—ACERB would hold regular monthly meeting with committee of UCL, composed of five to seven members.

The UCL carried out its end of the agreement, even though ACERB did not always do so.

Tuesday afternoon, January 16, the UCL received a mandate from ACERB which virtually altered arrangement on emergency complaints, limited size of committees, also fewer meetings with committees. New ruling by ACERB to be effective Wednesday, January 17, 9 a. m. ACERB stated that it believed this would expedite handling of complaints.

The UCL immediately challenged such use of arbitrary power. On Wednesday, the first day new ruling went into effect, six emergency complaints were presented in the usual manner at the Sandusky street unit of ACERB, North Side. At 3 p. m., an officer of UCL, under leadership of Robert Lieberman, well-known Pittsburgh Socialist, entered the Unit to receive answers to these complaints. More than 200 members of UCL followed his leadership. When the supervisor refused to furnish answers, one of the members of ACERB, Mrs. Irish, attempted to arbitrate the matter by promising the complaints would be taken care of the next day. The officers of UCL, midst the cheers of the rank and file, refused to accept such an answer. At 5 p. m., which was regular closing time for the Unit, a UCL committee went out to determine whether or not any of the complaints had been investigated. Not one of the families involved had received a visit. Upon request of Mr. Lieberman, Mrs. Irish called Mr. Mills, Executive Director of the ACERB, who hastened to the scene in a taxicab. Upon arrival at the Unit, Mills was greeted by a crowd of some four hundred members of UCL, who were in the act of eating sandwiches (bologna and ACERB specials) and drinking coffee. Refreshments were supplied by UCL, both to its members and workers in the employ of ACERB. The crowd entertained Mr. Mills with "Solidarity," "Soup-Song" and "We Shall Not Be Moved."

Mr. Lieberman then called the meeting to order. Officers of UCL demanded of Mr. Mills that he explain why these complaints had not been adjusted. Mr. Mills made a very feeble reply: "I cannot explain but they are in the process of being taken care of." The meeting then developed into a ridiculous attempt by Mr. Mills to evade the issue and an intelligent barrage of questions by officers of UCL. During this time, the crowd continued to increase as two locals of UCL, which were having regular meetings that night, assembled in the Unit offices. Complaints were taken by the Relief Committee of UCL and turned over at once to Mr. Mills, showing him that his organization was not functioning.

A number of newspaper reporters, accompanied by a barrage of cameramen then entered the scene. While Mr. Mills was being questioned in the presence of newspapermen he attempted by mental gymnastics, to avoid an answer to a direct question, "were you under definite instructions by ACERB not to divulge the information that new regulations would go into effect, while meeting with a UCL committee on Monday?" Mills replied, "Am I on the witness stand?"

I refuse to answer that question." Lieberman then pointed out that Mills has answered the question and the interpretation of the UCL is "that it makes no difference to the ACERB if hungry children hunger another week." Mills further admitted, upon presentation of complaints by the UCL, that ACERB is in another jam on coal, despite the fact that supply is available.

Here was a real picture: Mr. Mills, well-dressed and well-fed Relief Director, somewhat uncomfortably looking over emergency complaints, while some seven hundred unemployed, many ragged and looking very tired, calm but determined, surrounding him. Newspapermen, standing on chairs, crawling under tables and doing all manner of acrobatic stunts, to get pictures of Mills. In the adjoining room, members of UCL were singing League songs.

Mr. Mills then attempted to leave the building and was met with "Don't let him out, guard the doors; we're here until we get a satisfactory answer and so are you." Mills, then promised the six complaints would be taken care of by noon of the next day. The executive committee of the UCL then met with Mr. Mills and he said he would arrange a special meeting with ACERB the next day.

At 11 p. m. the crowd dispersed in an orderly fashion, singing "Solidarity."

History-making events are happening so rapidly here in Allegheny county, the heart of the Mellon Empire, that it is impossible to keep the outside world informed of up-to-the-minute occurrences.

The battle between the Unemployed Citizens' League of Allegheny county, a powerful workers' organization under class-conscious leadership, and the Allegheny County Emergency Relief Board, headed by Mr. A. K. Oliver, a tool of the Mellon interests, is a striking example of the class struggle.

The Unemployed Citizens' League is prepared to fight to the last ditch. This will be proven by future events and it may be of interest to all workers to follow very closely the happenings in Allegheny county.

CWA AND PWA WORKERS FORM ORGANIZATION

CWA workers of Reading and Berks formed a permanent organization in Labor Lyceum last Sunday and elected the following officers: President, Howard A. Kramer; Vice-President, John Bunicki; Secretary, Harry Gross; Treasurer, E. Hamilton Clawges.

Arrangements were made to hold the next meeting at Harmony Hall, Rosenthal street and Lebanon Valley railroad, next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Stewart Grow was elected business agent and it was decided that the name of the organization will be "United CWA and PWA Workers of Berks County and America." It was decided that the dues should be 10 cents per month per member.

Committees reported from the different jobs and it was found that there are approximately 257 projects in Berks county. A membership and by-laws committee were appointed and the grievance committee was instructed to establish friendly relations with all other labor organizations in Berks county.

Putting CWA projects under Army supervision, on the pretext of weeding out graft, was viewed by many of the workers as a thinly covered move toward Fascism.

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without expense to the citizens. Grow's letter follows:

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"Therefore, we see no apparent reason why the same couldn't be accomplished here in Reading.

"The soliciting of CWA funds for this program would be beneficial not only in facilitating the enlarging and expanding of your street program, which in itself would be a civic achievement; but it would assure the workers employed by the program of a minimum of fifty cents an hour.

"Therefore, we wholeheartedly endorse this method of procedure in relation to your street program. The enactment of which would help to alleviate conditions in Reading as it would introduce another source of revenue to the workers and citizens of this city and county.

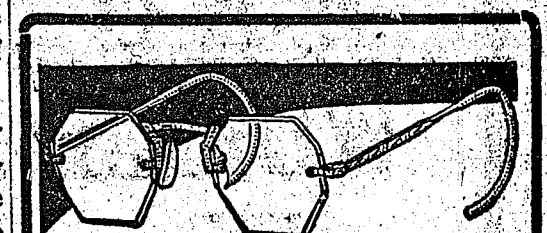
"If in any way we can co-operate with you, you can be assured we will do so to our fullest extent."

College Grads Hit Bottom
Commenting upon conditions in Colorado Springs, Grow said that, while the city is getting the benefit of cheap improvements by the use of CWA funds, the work was being done under conditions which emphasize the general breakdown of the social structure.

"College graduates are working as street laborers there," he declared. "They spent four or five years and at least \$2,000 to achieve an education and now they find themselves forced

to dig ditches and push wheelbarrows. People who are afraid of Socialism because, as some claim, it will reduce all types of workers to one level, need not look far to find that Capitalism is doing that very thing without anyone apparently noticing or objecting to the process."

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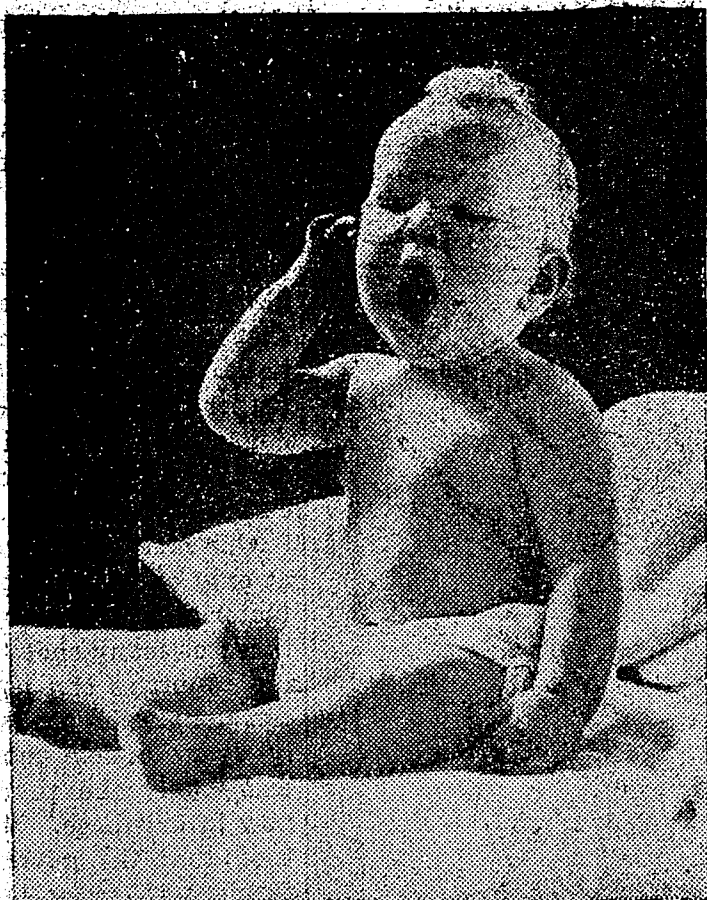
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ACTIVITIES ON THE LOCAL UNION FRONT

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to establish a permanent headquarters including rooms for social facilities.

Union men and their sympathizers when patronizing their favorite eating or drinking establishment should demand that the proprietor display the union shop card and being served by attendants wearing the working button of the International Alliance.

PHILA. STRIKE LEADER VISITS READING

Franz Daniels, fiery labor leader from Philadelphia, spent a few days in Reading last week and dropped in at the office. His intimate relationship with the transportation strike in Philadelphia was an interesting yarn. He was brought here by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers to give educational talks at pep meetings of the shirt workers' locals in Reading and surrounding territory.

Brother Daniels has long been identified in the Socialist, Unemployed and Labor movements.

HARDWARE UNION TO HAVE JAMBOREE

The Hardware Workers and Allied Trades Union is planning a monster mass meeting for Friday, February 9, at 8 p. m., in St. Casimir's hall. A prominent speaker will be engaged to address the workers and following adjournment free lunch and beer will be served. The jamboree will be gratis to members only. All members of the Hardware Workers' Union are urged to attend. Raffles and other forms of raising finances were employed to secure the money for the social fund which pays for the evening's good time.

INJURED CITY WORKER TREATED ROUGHLY

The vicious contempt with which city officials are treating injured former city employees came to our attention this past week. A man, who was injured in his line of duty, was refused medical treatment by the city physician. When applying at the clinic of the hospitals he was turned down also for the reason that it was a compensation case and should have been treated by the city physician. Treatment was ordered by his counsel and a claim petition filed to recover for the injury and medical expense.

HOSEWORKERS SCORE CUMMINGS' LYNCH STAND

PHILADELPHIA (FP). — Attorney General Cummings' assertion that the federal government should not pass anti-lynch legislation was attacked in a letter to U. S. Senator Robert F. Wagner by the American Federation of Hoseworkers. The union pointed out that, especially in cases of attempted lynchings of labor organizers, the lawless mob usually carried its victims across state lines.

It pointed to the attempted lynching in 1929 of Edward F. McGrady, former American Federation of Labor organizer and now assistant to General Johnson, and Alfred Hoff-

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Jesse I. Miller, aide de camp to Maj. Gen. Crowder during the war, has been named executive director of the labor board, in charge of investigations. He was umpire in the presidential elections in Nicaragua.

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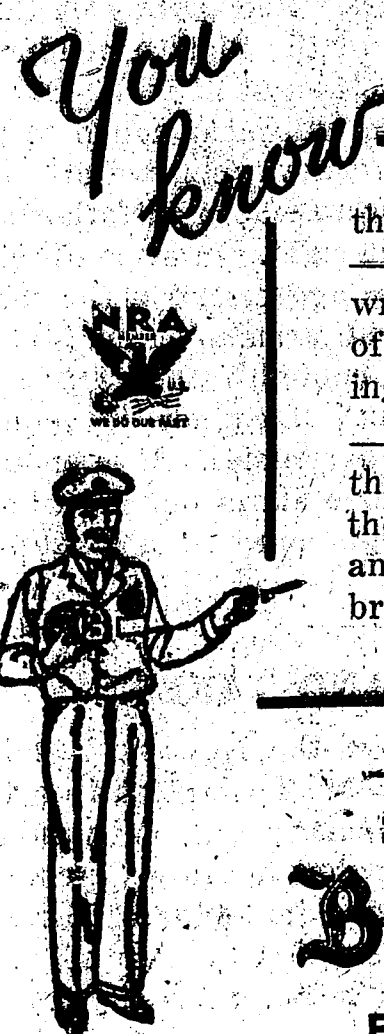
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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

CWA SHOULD BE CONTINUED

Recent visits to Cincinnati, O., Cumberland, Md., and Keyser, W. Va., make me surer than ever that with all its faults, CWA is what has been holding things together. It is ridden with politics; some of the jobs are a ridiculous form of made work; it is bringing no fundamental cure to our deep-seated diseases, but it is relieving human beings. It is highly important that it should be continued unless and until something better can be done. It should not only be continued but the amount of relief at the disposal of CWA and FERA should be increased far beyond the President's immediate proposals.

I have not yet visited a place where there were not from half to four times as many waiting to get on CWA as were already employed. A sound labor program for dealing with the immediate unemployment emergency ought to go like this: (1) There should be a great increase in public works, especially housing, which is the most useful form of public works and ought to be tackled on a very large scale. (2) CWA should be improved in localities which need it and weeded down to those projects that are socially valuable. They should be maintained with definite security ahead. (3) There should be cash allotments to the unemployed who cannot be employed at anything except morale-destroying made work. These allotments should be continued until a proper form of unemployment indemnity, with employers contributing, can be set up.

A government which can throw around money the way RFC has been doing can take care of the unemployed. But, never forget, no care of the unemployed can take the place of the fundamental processes of socialization. What we have to do is not to redistribute the national income very badly by a policy of unemployed benefits and taxation, but to set up a properly functioning system.

NEGRO VICTIMS

Frank Crosswaith and others have recently called my attention to the fact that the Negroes are the chief sufferers. NRA hasn't done much for them. They get second-hand attention under CWA. They form a large portion of the crop-sharers of the South. They and their white fellow-sufferers are simply going to be driven off the land, perhaps to the extent of 500,000 to 800,000, by this policy of holding land out from cultivation and paying the benefits thereof to the landlords. The more need to keep up our work among these people and push it diligently.

THE BIG NAVY PROGRAM

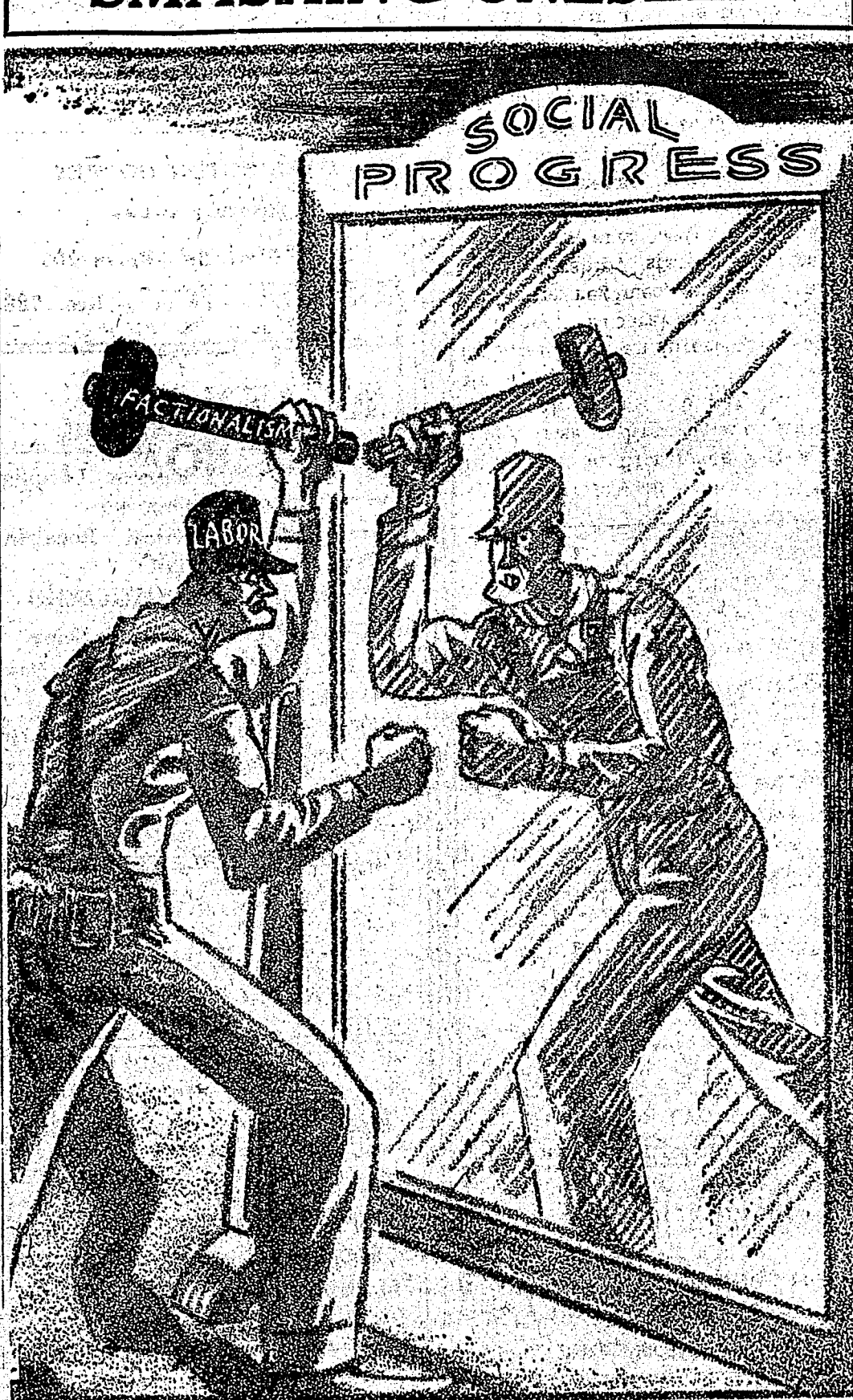
Our big navy program has to be considered in the light of its bearing on foreign affairs. Temporarily we have let up on imperialism in the Western hemisphere. Recognition of Cuba should be followed by a renunciation of the Platt Amendment that gives America a right to interfere almost at will. But no temporary renunciation of imperialism will mean much to the world when it sees us building up our navy when we are protected on both sides by oceans, have no unredeemed fatherland to reclaim, and no particular enemies in sight. In every foreign war that we have fought we were the aggressors in the sense that we were not first attacked. Our armament simply increases the armament rate. It is not enough to make us safe against war or sure of victory in war. It cannot be enough against any conceivable combination of enemies. It is enough to keep up our own military spirit and to alarm our neighbors. Socialists and workers! Our great fight must be against this new race in armaments!

CITY-GOVERNMENT AND TAXES

A reader sends an editorial from the Newark Evening News which praises the city government of Cincinnati on the ground that it is in better shape financially than Milwaukee. Our reader is discouraged and thinks that because Cincinnati claims the lowest tax rate, is decreasing its bonded debt and has money in the bank, then "administration by avowed capitalists can be just as good and even better than city affairs administered by Socialists."

We disagree. Suppose all that is said of Cincinnati were said of an industry; would that mean that the Socialist aim regarding industry had been defeated? Certainly not. Cheap government is not the ideal of city administration by Socialists, although Socialists would be very careful about finances. A Socialist city administration means a regime that serves the

SMASHING ONESELF



(FP. Cartoon by Jerger).

workers of the city. There is nothing in the claims presented for Cincinnati that indicates that the workers are so served.

In Vienna the Socialists levied high taxes upon the rich and expanded the social services that benefit the workers. Low-tax Cincinnati and high-tax Vienna present a marked contrast. One is an administration by bourgeois reformers who are interested in cheap government for big property owners, and the other is interested in an administration serving the workers, no matter what it may cost the property owners.

The difficulty with some comrades is the failure to remember that a real Socialist movement is primarily interested in serving the workers. If to do that it is necessary to heavily tax the rich, a Socialist administration will do so. This side of the Socialist program has not been neglected by the Milwaukee comrades, although they do not have complete control. The Socialist movement has no reason for participation in city politics if it has no other purpose than to provide cheap government.—The New Leader.

SPECULATIONS

Will this country go clear through inflation?

Some predict it will. They do not believe Roosevelt when he says he is going only far enough to restore the 1926 price level. They think the payments to the farmers, the civil works program with its expenditures, and the other financial aids that are being given out in various directions, cannot be stopped, and that the administration, willing or unwilling, will be forced to go ahead and print money and keep these things going. They say that Roosevelt would become unpopular if he stopped them, and that he does not want to become unpopular.

We agree that he does not want to become unpopular, but would he be any less unpopular if he went through with inflation? More likely he would be more unpopular. And most likely he knows it. This might serve as a brake to keep him from doing it.

He does not expect to be put up against that choice. He expects business to pick up so much that all will be employed and the civil works program can be abandoned for lack of unemployed to be hired. He expects the government to reach the peak of its expenditures about next March, after which it is to taper off. That would avoid both horns of the dilemma.

He may be wrong in thinking that business will pick up enough to take care of all the unemployed. He could, however, take care of them all by shortening the hours of labor enough to take up the slack. That is another card he has up his sleeve with which to avoid the two horns of the dilemma.

Then there is another way in which he could avoid them. He could socialize the big industries. We hope he will find himself up against the necessity of doing that—for we do not see any indication that he will do it unless circumstances force his hand.—Milwaukee Leader.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

WORLD RECOVERY

Americans who give Roosevelt and his New Deal credit for whatever revival in business has occurred in the last year will be surprised to learn that a number of countries without any NRA has made more progress than we have. Canada made the most rapid strides from November, 1932, to November, 1933, with an increase in industrial production of 16 per cent. Sweden, Germany, and

Japan then follow in order, with the United States in fifth place with a 12 per cent rise. France and Russia follow, each with a 10 per cent increase.

Here we have an interesting spectacle indeed. Liberal capitalist countries, fascist regimes, and a communist dictatorship, states that have done nothing and states that have tried all sorts of experiments, all enjoying an increase in production in roughly similar proportions. The inference seems obvious that some slow world-wide economic recovery is in process, and that the forms of government and the precise experiments tried had relatively little to do with the result.

There is this distinction, however, between Soviet Russia and the other

countries. In Russia the amount produced was the maximum that the productive machinery of the land permitted, and the resulting wealth was fairly distributed among the population. In the remainder of these nations, on the other hand, millions were unemployed and factories stayed idle; and the national income was distributed in haphazard fashion, allowing a few to appropriate huge shares while millions got next to nothing. In the United States we no longer had 513 persons with million-dollar incomes, as in 1929, but we still permitted 20 persons to have incomes of that size.

Our steel mills are today working at only one-third capacity. Our shoe factories can turn out two or three times as many shoes as the people in the countries can possibly wear. We can double the production of virtually every article made in the land, using only the productive facilities now in existence. We have so much food that the government pays the farmers to grow less, and acts as though a calamity had befallen us because, despite the ploughing under of cotton, the crop this year is still above normal. In a country as rich as this, a 10 per cent increase in production means that almost half of our productive capacity is still unused.

The contrast between Russia and the United States is even more striking when we remember that we only produce three-fourths as much as we did five years ago, whereas Soviet production has more than doubled in that period. If people do not have more food and clothing in Russia, it is because those commodities just do not exist in a country just awakening from medieval serfdom. In the United States, on the contrary, we have the means of creating untold wealth, but lack the intelligence to run the economic machine for our own benefit.

Government economists have recently estimated that our plant capacity in 1927 was sufficient to produce for each family a yearly income of \$6,000, if labor worked 24 hours per week and our factories operated on a 48-hour weekly basis. This is the nation that has just cut the 4,000,000 on CWA projects to the average wage under \$10 a week, and that established minimum wages under the codes ranging from \$12 to \$14. These millions of workers, whose yearly incomes range between \$400 and \$800, have merely to subtract that sum from \$6,000 to find the value to them of the socialization of American industry.

WAR DANGERS

The outlook for world peace is less promising today than in any of the gloomy years since the signing of the Armistice. Despite Russia's offer of a non-aggressive pact and willingness to part with its railroad line through Manchukuo, the Japanese militarists seem bent on war. In Europe Nazi Germany sputters like a lighted fuse in central Europe, with France, Austria, Poland, and Russia all in a highly nervous state of excitement as a result. Sooner or later Hitler will almost certainly turn Europe into a battlefield again. The only question is whether he will wait until Germany is sufficiently prepared, or seek speedily to make the German people forget their domestic troubles in a foreign war.

The experience of 1914-1918 should have convinced the entire world that no country wins a war any more, but that all lose in wealth and human life. A few may get rich in war industries, but to the great mass of people in every country war means only suffering and horror. Every gun and every ship but serve to bring war closer. Yet the same Roosevelt who reduced wages in the CWA has approved the Vinson bill to spend almost \$300,000,000 on battleships.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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beneficiaries of the present social and economic order are so definitely opposed to the Socialists as to be willing to give large sums to anti-Socialist Fusion campaigns in the little city of Reading. Socialists wish to end the graft. Socialists aim to make it possible for producers to enjoy the incomes which now go to idlers and racketeering owners. Those who enjoy legalized graft can hardly be blamed for opposing Socialists by all the means at the power. But what about the victims of the graft system? How low a degree of intelligence workers must have who will consent to produce for the profit of owners and then starve when the owners no longer know how to sell those surpluses!

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