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## BERKS SOCIALISTS NAME CANDIDATES

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

HERE OF LATE I've been consci-ous of a resentment which grows deeper each succeeding time I hear or read anything about the necessity of providing "wholesome activities for the leisure time" which is said to be coming to the American work-ing class. Especially when voiced by parasites and individuals who never saw anything wrong with the en-forced idleness which has been the portion of varying millions of work-ers throughout Capitalism's history, this fear that Satan will find work for the idle hands of toilers appears to be strained.

WHY IS IT, I wonder, that so much concern has developed for workers? Nobody ever thought it necessary to worry about what the income-grafters do with the wealth and leisure which has always been provided for them. The pampered progeny of grab-it-alls who reaped millions by exploiting workers have always appeared to be perfectly able to watch the clock go round and bear up as the seasons changed. In winter they swim, fish, dance and play golf on the beaches or go skiing at fashionable mountain resorts. In summer they lie to the hills and while the hours away to their own heart's content. And if, occasion-ally, the parasitical idlers produce one Harry Thaw and a thousand ill-fitted love affairs, who cares? Their pictures still grace the rotogravure sections of newspapers and their cos-tumes are depicted for the envy and emulation of the common herd.

Why must leisure become a prob-lem to absorb the apologists of Cap-italism only when it is the workers who appear to be headed toward idle hours?

NOT THAT I wish to argue against the fact itself. I suppose it is true that workers will have to learn how to use leisure—when and if they get it. To be perfectly hon-est, most of the propertyless class never did have leisure and don't have it today despite the fact that they are unemployed. For real leisure means something more than freedom from toil. It means also freedom from worry about the animal neces-sities. And it means a mind which is developed and expanded to a de-gree which will enable people to en-joy the art of books and paintings and revel in the glory of lofty moun-tain tops at sunset time. And finally, it means the possession of a mind which can enjoy solitude and profit from healthy introspection. And of course liberated slaves cannot be like that all at once.

I COULD LISTEN with perfect approval to the assertion that ways must be provided for the use of workers' leisure time—if it were voiced by someone who, like the Socialists of the world, have been con-stantly attempting to gain leisure for producers and the culture re-quired to wisely use it. But when Capitalism's bigwigs mount the rostrum to dissent upon that thesis, and when I consider how they had to wait until the old order collapsed be-fore they would recognize the right of workers to share in the leisure and culture which machines long ago made possible, and when I recall how workers have been debased and driven by the masters in order that idlers might have all the leisure, and when I see that even now the only

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### HOFSES FOR CONGRESS; HOOPES, WILSON NAMED FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

Jacob Halderman, John Reifsnider and Arthur Shultz Will Run in Rural Districts

#### BIGONY PREDICTS VICTORY

Confident Workers Will Rally to Socialist Support in Coming Campaign

In an enthusiastic caucus in Odd Fellows' Temple last night the Socialists of Reading and Berks County named a full con-gressional ticket and laid plans for a campaign which will again send two Socialists to the state legislature to battle for laws which will benefit the workers of the entire state of Pennsylvania and set a pace for other states to follow. Throughout the entire caucus a spirit of unity of purpose ani-mated the members of Local Berks and cheers greeted the call of Organizer Bigony for a campaign which will reassert Reading's demand for nothing less than the Socialist co-operative commonwealth.

Heading the ticket in the Con-gressional fight will be Raymond S. Hofses, editor of the Labor Advocate, and the candidate for Congress two years ago. There was no change in the legislative line-up. Darlington Hoopes and Lilith Wilson were again selected to represent Reading in the General Assembly.

In the rural districts the following legislative nominations were made: Second district, Jacob Halderman, Birdsboro; third district, John Reifsnider, Wernersville; fourth district, Arthur Shultz, Laureldale.

A collection lifted during the lull in proceedings last night was the basis for the campaign fund which must now be raised in order to wage a campaign which will measure up to the reputation of Local Berks as a fighting Socialist organization.

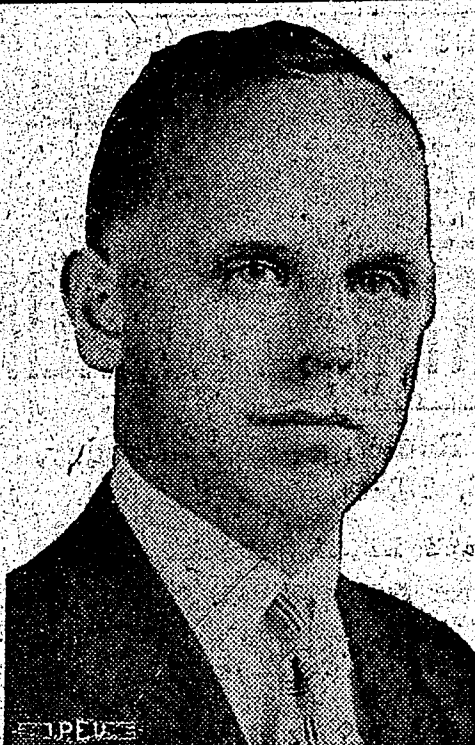
"We are again depending upon the workers of Reading and Berks to put this campaign across," declared Organizer Bigony after the caucus. "We believe we will receive the help which is needed, despite the fact that many party members and sym-pathizers have been jobless and without funds for a long time. Those who are most fortunate will, I am certain, make the necessary sacrifice to carry our story to the people this year."

"The Socialists of Reading are out to win, not only in Reading, but throughout Berks," Bigony declared. "Hoopes and Wilson have proven their merit by their actions in two sessions of the State legislature, and in the selection of Hofses we have a congressional candidate who has proven his ability and who will be able to make an able and convincing appeal to the voters of rural Berks. With the elimination of a poll tax every worker will be qualified to vote. The result of this year's elec-tion will bring disaster to the old political gangs."

#### LOOK FOR UNION BUTTON WHEN HIRING TEAMSTERS

The Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers, Local 429, announce that all union drivers are now being fur-nished with monthly due buttons, upon paying their dues, which shows that the man is a fully paid up member. A different colored button will be used each month. It will be well for everybody to look for this button on the Milkman, Baker, Taxicab driver and Drayman.

#### RE-NOMINATED FOR ASSEMBLY



DARLINGTON HOOPES



LILITH M. WILSON

#### U.S. POSTAL SUBS-TARVATION

"New Deal" Victims Demon-strate Against Sweatshop Conditions Imposed Under Guise of Government Economy

WASHINGTON (FP)—Flying a score of banners descriptive of the desperate plight of 25,000 U. S. postal substitutes, a parade of 600 men in gray-blue uniforms marched up Pennsylvania avenue in Washington to lay before President Roosevelt the facts in the incredible starvation wage policies of the U. S. post office department. Their banners read:

\$6 a week is not enough.  
The NRA is not eliminating the post-office sweatshop.  
Hungry stomachs do not restore prosperity.

Millions of subsidies and starva-tion for substitutes.

Regular Employees Speeded  
Postal substitutes are the men and women taken into government ser-vice to fill in on temporary vacancies with the assurance, in previous years, that they would be given fulltime jobs within a short time. Due to the Brown-Farley economy regime in the postal service however, some 20,000 vacancies which have occurred in re-cent years have not been filled. While regular employees have been speeded

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#### LOCAL BERKS TO HOLD INDOOR BAZAAR IN APRIL

Plans for the third annual Bazaar under the auspices of Local Socialists were launched last Friday night at a meeting of Local Berks Picnic Com-mittee in Labor Lyceum.

This year's event will be held in Odd Fellows' Temple, 8th and Frank-lin streets, on five nights and one afternoon, from April 11 to 15 in-clusive. A special program is being planned for the Sunday afternoon session.

Tickets will soon be offered for sale at 15 cents each, which will en-title the holder to enjoy all the free entertainment which the committee is planning, including dancing and vaudeville. As in former years the picnic committee will depend upon the same high spirited co-operation from all party members and branches to make this year's bazaar a success. A special attraction will be a valuable door prize which will be awarded to some person during the five-day pro-gram.

#### UNION WARNS OF FASCISM IN NRA

Electricians' Journal Sees "Business Tyranny" in Pol-icy of Excluding Unions From Code Authority

WASHINGTON (FP)—Fascism has made little headway in the United States, asserts the Electric Work-ers' Journal for January. "But it must not be supposed that there is not always a constant threat of Fascism. There is—in a nation where big business, in one form or other, has ruled since 1870. Cap-italism is the real sire of Fascism, not nationalism. And one would be blind if he did not see indications of Fas-cism—yes in NRA. For it must be remembered that the state's attitude toward labor determines its degree of business tyranny.

"The following are trends in NRA, which must be arrested or they will develop into Fascism:

1. Refusal of the recovery ad-ministration to give labor repre-sentation on code authorities.
2. Refusal of the NRA to al-low labor to initiate and present codes.
3. Refusal of NRA to develop consumer representation.
4. A arbitrary determination of codes by NRA.
5. Efforts to destroy real col-lective bargaining by making the

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#### HELPS TO MOVE PIANO, GETS A 'NEW DEAL' DIME

James Kulp, 83 Lemon street, 48 years old, but still sturdy and willing to work, has not benefited from the "New Deal."

Last week, Kulp relates, he helped move a piano for the Fritz Van and Motor Co. The job took about a half hour in all and when completed Kulp was handed the splendid wage of 10 cents.

Kulp, who has 15 years experience in the moving business, declares that was the lowest wage he ever received. He has a wife and three children and has been unemployed for three years. "I'm willing to work, but it hurts to get 10 cents for a job like that," he remarked. "I need money. I've been trying for three weeks to get shoes from the relief for my wife and son, but I haven't been able to get results there. What is a man going to do when 10 cents is all he gets for a moving job?"

#### SUNDAY NIGHT 7:30 o'clock EDUCATIONAL FORUM IN LABOR LYCEUM

Subject: "Surplus Value." Speaker: LARRY ROGIN. Director of Reading Labor College Public Invited

Admission Free Questions Answered

#### SOCIALISTS TO RALLY AGAINST WARS, APRIL 6

National Executive Committee Calls Upon Party Units to Demonstrate Against Growing Threats to Peace

Hoopes Named on Committee To Draft a Model Program For Socialist State Legisla-tion

The National Executive Com-mittee of the Socialist Party in its recent session in New York City voted to send out a call to all Socialist locals to organize anti-war demonstrations April 6, the anniversary of America's entrance into the World War. The demonstrations will recall the Socialist opposition to the war and prepare the workers to resist any future threats.

The executive committee also voted to have the party represented at a conference called in Washington on March 3 and 4 by the Continental Congress of Farmers and Workers. The conference will be in the nature of a check-up on the accomplish-ments of the first year of the "New Deal."

Hillquit Film Memorial  
Authorization was given for the private raising of a fund to buy newsreel films of Morris Hillquit, late Socialist leader, as a memorial.

A series of twelve summer schools for training Socialist organizers was approved by the committee, and an appropriation for expenses of these schools, not to exceed \$1,000 was made.

Assemblyman Darlington Hoopes, State Senator Walter Polakowski of Wisconsin and Andrew J. Biemiller, educational director for the Socialist party of Milwaukee, were appointed a committee to draft a model Social-ist state legislative program and to prepare a pamphlet on the subject.

Arkansas Given Charter  
Arkansas, heretofore without a Socialist state organization, was found by the committee to have met

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#### OPEN MEETINGS FOR PAINTERS EACH FRIDAY

Open meetings for painters each Friday night at the Keystone Fire Co. hall 204 Penn street, are scheduled during an organization drive by the local Painters and Decorators, until March 2, during which time the charter will be held open under an initiation fee of \$5. After the above date the regular joining fee of \$100 will again prevail, according to plans. Speakers will address the gather-ings each Friday night and all paint-ers, whether members of the union or not, will be welcome to attend. Applications for entrance into the organization can be filed daily be-tween the hours of 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. in Building Trades headquarters, 4th floor of 29 Reed street.

#### W. READING T.P.L. ASK OUSTING OF BORO. MANAGER

Unemployed League Cites Un-finished CWA Projects as Evidence of Wagner's In-competence at Council Meeting

#### CHARGE WAGE CUTTING

Extra Police and High Water Rates Also Criticized in Meeting of West Reading Body

Charges of incompetence in the management of CWA proj-ects preferred against Donald C. Wagner, borough manager of West Reading, by the Tax-payers' Protective League of that borough, were followed by a demand voiced by Charles A. Peffley, spokesman for the League, for the resignation of Wagner, at a meeting of borough council last Tuesday night. Follow-ing Peffley's statement to council, President John R. Bingham of that body stated that council had investi-gated CWA charges and had endorsed Wagner fully.

The specific charges preferred caused borough projects to remain against Wagner were that he had un-finished by underestimating the cash requirements necessary to com-plete work which had been approved by CWA, and that he had refused to abide by the rules laid down for the conduct of CWA work.

Cut Wage Rates  
Peffley told council that Wagner had refused to comply with the state safety code until after injury had been sustained by workers, and that he had caused concrete work on Tul-pehocken street to cost \$9 per cubic yard instead of \$5.50 which should have been sufficient. He also charged that wage rates were being cut and cited the case of jack hammer men receiving 50 cents per hour and a registered blaster receiving 75 cents

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#### STUNZI SILK UNION CHARGE DISCRIMINATION

Charges that Earl Hess, general manager of the Stunzi Silk Mills in Reading and West Reading, is dis-criminating against workers who were active in strike activities of last Spring will be carried before the National Labor Board by Local No. 1791, Associated Silk Workers Union, unless complaints to be laid before Walter Stunzi, owner of the plants result in a reversal of Hess' tactics.

The specific instance which the union is preparing to present to the Board is the case of Mrs. Mary Fuicci, who has been idle for 8 weeks following a layoff which, union offi-cials say, was represented by Hess to last only one week. Upon being asked for Mrs. Fuicci's reinstatement, Hess is reported to have an-nounced a new policy of getting rid of all married women. However, as other married women have been hired since Mrs. Fuicci was dismissed, and as both she and her husband were active in the strike which resulted in organization of the Stunzi employees, union officials view the case as an act of discrimination.

Local 1791 claims a membership of approximately 260 members out of a force of 300. The union has recently affiliated with the American Federation of Silk Workers, a branch of the United Textile Workers, and with the Federated Trades Council of this city.

John J. Dean, organizer and Fed-eral mediator for the United Textile Workers Union, is in charge of the Fuicci complaint.

#### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

##### MILITARIZING WORKERS

Objection has been raised by CWA workers to a plan to instruct some of their number the art of first aid. "That," the objectors protest, "is militarizing workers," and then they pointedly suggest that such jobs as caring for the injured should be done by unemployed doctors and nurses.

It seems in line with the general plan of putting the jobless to work to turn first aid over to doctors and nurses, but why the CWA workers should hang their charge of "militarization" upon the hoov of first aid instruction is a question.

The whole thing is just too obvious to demand any specific instance to justify the claim that workers are being regimented and militarized. Of course they are. And the reason they are is because workers have waited for somebody to do some-thing for them instead of uniting to do something for themselves.

Those in charge of the doing will lay down the rules. In course of time it will not be surprising if all workers are told where to go, what to do, and how to conduct their lives—unless they unite as we Socialists have been urging them to and do things for themselves.

##### DRIVING SCHOOL DIRECTORS

When unemployed people urge the Reading School Board to get busy on building projects with CWA funds, as they urged this week, they are seeking to advance their economic in-terests. That's natural and intelli-gent.

But when big taxpayers, meeting in civic clubs and behind closed doors urge the same taxpayers to go slow in anything which will increase the tax rate, they are doing the same thing.

There has always been a clash of interests between those who own and those who do not own. Those who own pay the public bills to the ex-tent that they own. Those who do not own simply can't pay but, on the contrary, stand to gain something by making those bills as high as possible. Last November the people voted to increase the School Board's bills so that workers' children could have schools and the unemployed get jobs. But the same people who voted for public expenditures also placed the power of public office in the hands of Fusionists who represent the big tax-payers.

Perhaps the above few words of explanation will at least help some folks to understand why the present School Board is going slow in the matter of borrowing, building and providing jobs at the expense of the taxpayers.

##### GILES AND SLOT MACHINES

Police Commissioner J. Stanley Giles spoke to a young people's church group this week and told them about the evils of slot machines. It seems that the Fusion police boss is opposed to these gambling devices mostly because they are geared to

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#### When Your Subscription Expires

When you receive notice that your Advocate subscription has expired, renew it as promptly as possible.

In the city and in some boroughs the Advocate has collectors in the field. When the collector calls, pay him on the first visit, if you possibly can.

Your co-operation will save time for these comrades whose faithful service has contributed greatly to the building of a strong Socialist press.

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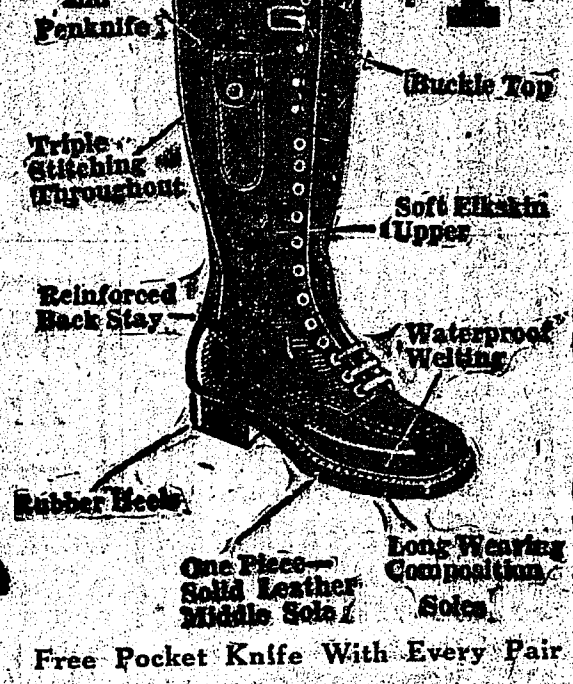
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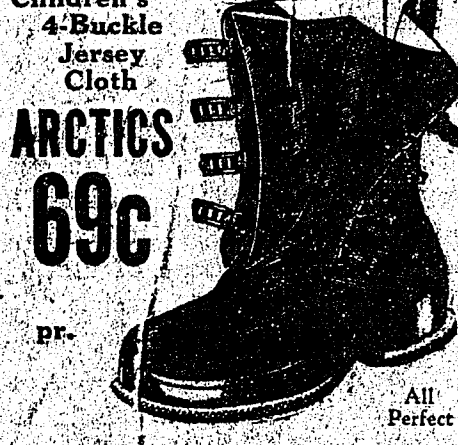
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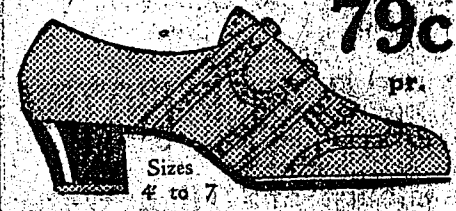
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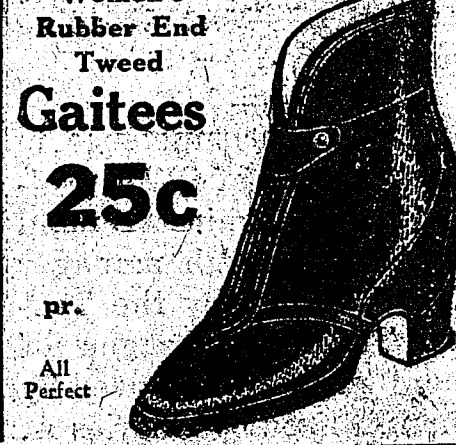
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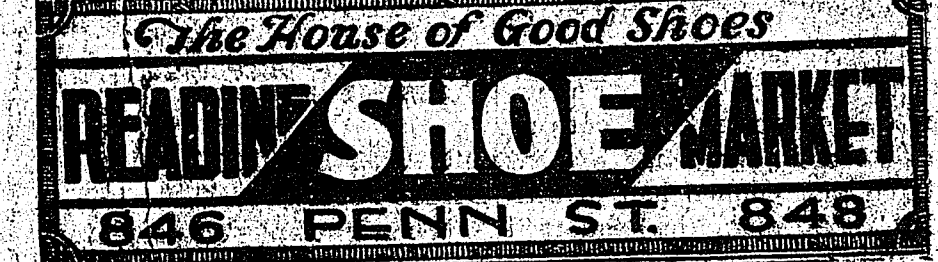
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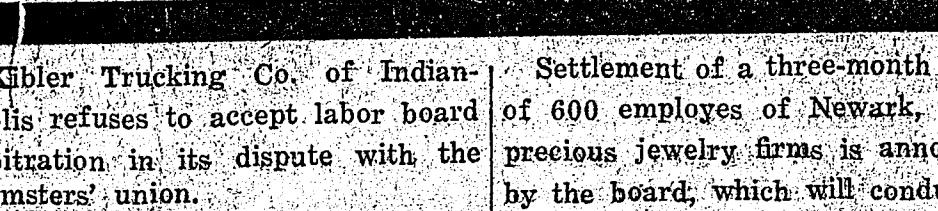
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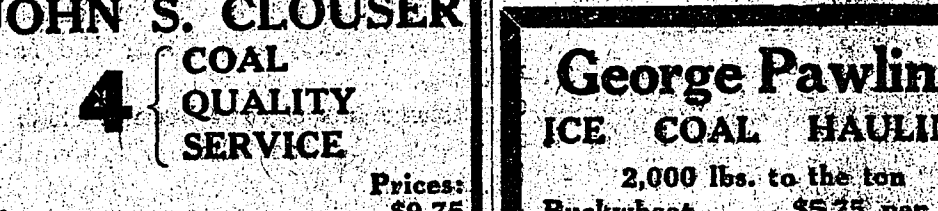
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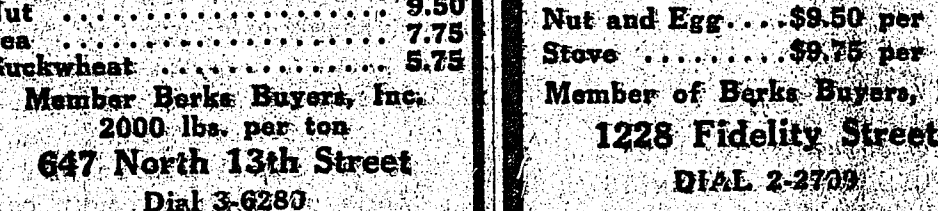
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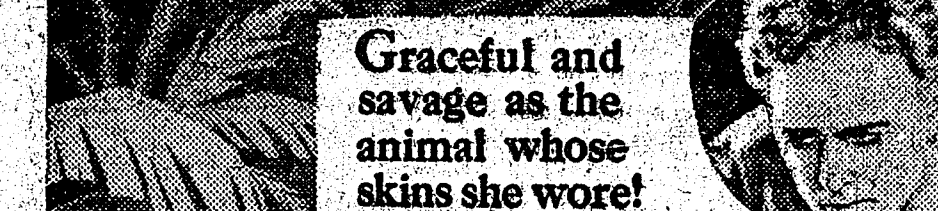
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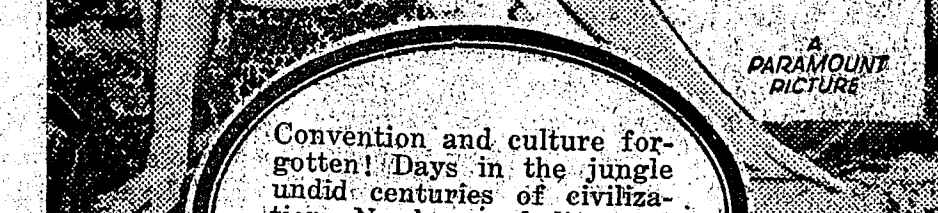
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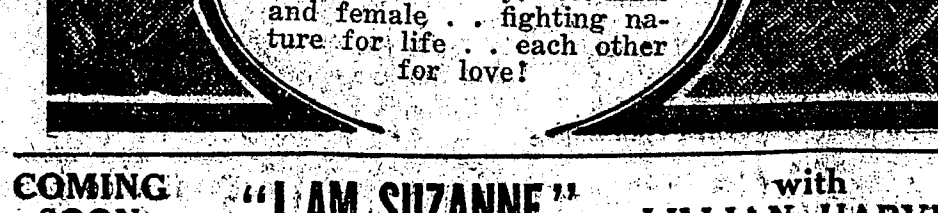
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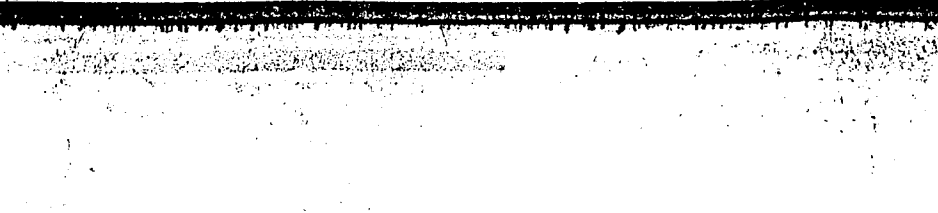
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## FOUR FRIGHTENED PEOPLE STARTS TODAY AT EMBASSY

Noted for providing the ultimate in screen entertainment, Cecil B. DeMille scores another big hit with his latest Paramount picture, "Four Frightened People," which is coming to the Embassy Theatre today.



Story, acting, settings and direction held the audience spellbound with one eye-filling surprise after another.

From the time the four principals, two men and two women, escape from a Dutch steamer on which bubonic plague has broken out and start their journey to civilization through the Malay jungles, there is not a moment in the picture when interest wanes. Their gradual reversion to the primitive provides some highly novel situations.

Claudette Colbert is outstanding with one of the most colorful roles of her career, that of a prudish school teacher whom the two men consider in their way. When the jungle causes her to blossom into a wild, beautiful creature, the men start fighting over her.

Herbert Marshall and William Gar- gaine give splendid performances as the marooned rubber chemist and newspaper correspondent who fight over Claudette's charms, while Mary Boland, in a deft comedy characterization, walks away with many of the honors of the picture.

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win. "You can't win," is what he told his audience.

Well, and how about number racks- ets? Can we win there, Mr. Giles? For more than two years the Fusion- ists have had the law-enforcing power of the city in their hands. But in- stead of disappearing, the number writers have been becoming more numerous. True, some offices have been closed and some writers have been fined. But the closing has been done in such a judicious manner that one might be pardoned for believing that Stanley is merely driving competi- tion from the field in order that a few favored racketeers might operate more profitably.

We wouldn't think the facts worth so much space if it were not that Giles and his colleagues entered of- fice after a campaign in which num- ber racks—then an infant industry—were one of the chief points of is- sue. Somebody was fooled, and we suspect it was the rank and file voter. Certainly, the anti-Socialist past- ors appear to be satisfied; they ceased discussing commercialized vice as soon as the Socialists were defeated.

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per hour. He told council that the 50 cent men in this case should have received semi-skilled wages, while the blaster was entitled to the \$1.20 rate for skilled mechanics.

Refusing to comply with the regu- lations for purchasing necessary equipment was another charge voiced by Peffley.

Calls Wagner Incompetent

Taking issue with council's en- dorsement of Wagner, Peffley stated yesterday that Wagner had proved himself incompetent by underestimat- ing every project approved for West Reading.

"We find that Mr. Wagner esti- mated \$800 as the requirement for grading Franklin street. As a matter of fact, this figure should have been \$4500," Peffley declared. "As a con- sequence of such slipshod figures all West Reading projects remain un- finished while West Reading workers have been transferred to projects in Wyoming where the allotted funds have not yet been exhausted."

Offer Other Criticisms

The spokesman for the League also voiced objection to the increasing of the borough police force, telling council that the citizens are law- abiding and that one extra officer who was recently appointed was un- necessary and should be removed.

The water rate of 30 cents per hundred cubic feet was also ques- tioned. Peffley suggested that the rate be cut to 20 cents and that service charges be reduced from \$1.75 to \$1. The borough is paying rate be cut to 20 cents and that 15 cents per hundred cubic feet for Reading water. Under the present rates the consumer is paying exactly twice as much as Reading charges the borough.

## CASSEL'S

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## ECONOMIC FALLACIES OF FATHER COUGHLIN

A Reply to Father Coughlin's Radio Speech of Sunday,  
January 28, 1934

By FRED M. MERKEL and LEON MINKER

One of the largest audiences ad- dressed regularly by anyone over the radio, is that addressed every Sunday afternoon by Father Coughlin, of Detroit, Mich. Starting quite small, he has captured the imagination of a great number of people, in practical- ly the same manner as the orator from Austria whose orations have re- cently led to the enslavement of the German people—Adolph Hitler. Like Hitler, Father Coughlin was left alone by Socialists, and the result is that at present he is deceiving a vast multitude. The final result will be disastrous if the people continue to be duped by his economic fallacies.

We have studied the situation and be- lieve it very necessary to expose these fallacies, show what they really are and what result they will have.

When a minister or priest speaks of religion, we take it for granted that he knows whereof he speaks. But when a man of the cloth speaks on such unrelated problems as our banking system, we may well ques- tion what he says, particularly where church and political power are close- ly related, and he may often mislead—perhaps intentionally.

What About Money Policy?

Father Coughlin in his radio ad- dress of January 28 said that the passage of President Roosevelt's Monetary Bill made Saturday the "doomsday" of an era and "the birthday" of financial independence for the American people.

"Now," he said, "our most im- portant public utility is no longer owned by a small group but by the Amer- ican people. Now the depression is behind us. Now it is possible to re- store the price level of 1926 and maintain it."

President Roosevelt's Monetary Bill provides for the transfer of title to our monetary gold to the Treasury department, revaluation of that gold at 50 to 60 per cent of its present authorized statutory value, the end of gold coinage and use of the ex- cess gold after revaluation to stabilize foreign exchange.

Information Misleading

We are doubtless all very much thrilled to know that the ownership of the gold held in the money sys- tem of this country has now been transferred to the National Treasury. What we haven't been told and do not often realize, is that the certi- ficates of that ownership—the paper money and coins and control of bank account balances—is not held by the Treasury Department, but by the same group of individuals and con-

cerns that controlled the gold before it was transferred to OUR National Treasury. We have made a fine ges- ture. The only trouble is that we haven't really transferred anything.

Father Coughlin says, "National prosperity can no longer be entrusted to the men responsible for the acts revealed by the Pecora investigation. The control of credit and currency by private groups of bankers must cease permanently." We wonder if Father Coughlin knows that Mr. Woodin—the greatest Secretary of the Treas- ury since Andrew Mellon—was on the Morgan preferred lists, as was also Mr. McAdoo, a former Secretary of the Treasury, and now a U. S. Senator interested in national financial affairs? He fails to realize that the Treasury Department, as well as the Federal Reserve System, is a happy hunting ground for private business.

We live in a society controlled by business men and ideas. Our daily menu consists of an assortment of written and spoken words designed to perpetuate our present ways and ideas of life. It is dominated by busi- ness leaders. They control the poli- cies and ideas of the Treasury De- partment as fully as they controlled the Federal Reserve policies. What is needed is a fundamental change in our economic structure to remove the dominance of the owning class from our institutions. Only then will the National Treasury Department be OUR Department.

Danger of Inflation

Then, we are going to make two dollars grow where one grew before. That all sounds very well until we realize that economic history and present happenings prove that prices always increase when currency in- flation is resorted to, and always in- crease faster than wages. The mild inflation already resorted to and its effect on wages and prices is shown by the American Federation of La- bor annual review. Workers' income in the 16 chief producing and dis- tributing industries had increased from \$20.53 a week in Nov., 1932, to \$20.56 a week in Nov., 1933—a magnificent gain. But food prices had meanwhile risen 7 per cent, and clothing and furnishings 21 per cent, so that the workers' real buying pow- er was considerably lower. People who already had jobs at more than a minimum wage lost ground. This hardly sounds as though the "de- pression is behind us." It is, how- ever, in line with the avowed policy of Mr. Roosevelt.

(Concluded next week)

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Giant size ..... 6 for 25c  
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California's  
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WE REDEEM UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOUCHERS

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## HOSIERY BOSSES 'PANNED' BUT NOT PROSECUTED

WASHINGTON (EP). — Severe criticism of the Harriman hosiery mills management at Harriman, Tenn., was voiced by the national labor board February 2. The mill

bosses have refused to recognize the hosiery workers' union, to accept labor board mediation or to re-employ strikers fired for union activity, according to the board. The company has had 70 strikers jailed for violating an injunction. No intention of turning the case over to the department of justice for prosecution was announced. Efforts to have the hosiery code authority deal with the case have been fruitless.

Scabs shall be fired; strikers re-employed, the strike ended and an election held at the Roth ladies' garment shop in Chicago, the labor board decided, on appeal by the International Ladies' Garment workers.

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# Activities of the Reading Socialists

## FALCON'S MUSICAL REVUE AT LABOR LYCEUM TONIGHT

The Flight of the Red Falcons of the Southern Branch will hold a musical revue at the Labor Lyceum, Friday, February 9. The Jug Band, singing numbers and a variety of entertainment will be given by these juveniles. Everyone is invited; but the affair has been widely advertised so you'll have to come early for the best seats. This entertainment will be really worth while. No admission will be charged.

## CARD PARTY AT LYCEUM

The Southern women will again take their turn in conducting the regular card party Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Efforts have been made to procure a particularly fine array of prizes. The rent must be paid, comrades, so your patronage is most earnestly solicited. Let's make this party the biggest one of the season. We assure you, you'll get your money's worth, 25 cents per corner. An excellent supper will be served, starting at 5 p. m.

## NO MEETING TONIGHT FOR SOUTHERN WOMEN

The Southern Women's Branch will not meet tonight, but will attend the Falcon's Revue instead at the Labor Lyceum. Next Friday night the women will hold an entertainment and social night, to which everyone is invited.

## NORTHEAST SOCIALISTS TO HAVE STUDY CLASSES

Commencing on Sunday evening, February 11, at 7:15 o'clock, a Socialist School of Study will get under way with Harry W. Wickel as instructor. The school is free to all folks regardless of political faith from 16 years upward. The course is under auspices of the Northeast Branch of Socialist Party, located at 1811 North Ninth street, where the school will be conducted.

## SUNDAY FORUM AT SOUTHERN SUNDAY NIGHT

One of our younger comrades, Forrest Jones, of the Y. P. S. L., will address the regular Sunday night Forum at the Southern Branch. Discussion and a social hour will follow.

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## VALENTINE PARTY TUESDAY BY NORTHWEST WOMEN

Appropriate to the season, the Northwest women's organization will hold a Valentine Social next Tuesday night, February 13, in the headquarters at Green and Gordon streets. The committee in charge promise that they will have a surprise for you. Don't fail to come.

## VALENTINE CARD PARTY WED- NESDAY AT SOUTHERN

The entertainment committee of the Southern Branch is sponsoring a Valentine Card Party Wednesday, February 14, in their headquarters, 429 South Tenth street, at 8 p. m. Mark Wednesday off on your social calendar, and come down to enjoy the evening with the Southern Branch comrades. A fine assortment of prizes await the high scorers.

## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The Women's Committee will meet Thursday, February 15, at Labor Lyceum. All members are requested to be present as there is some important business to be transacted.

## MOHNTON CHANGES HEAD- QUARTERS

Until further notice, meetings of Mohnton Branch will be held at 159 Wycmising avenue.

## MRS. OSCAR B. HOUP

The Advocate notes with regret the passing of Elizabeth, wife of Oscar B. Houp, at the age of 64 years.

Mrs. Houp was a member of Exeter branch, of the Socialist Party, and a lifelong resident of that township. She died early Thursday morning and, besides her husband is survived by two sons, Ralph and Oscar, jr.

Funeral services will be conducted at her home on Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. Burial at St. Michael's Cemetery, Birdsboro.

## ABE LINCOLN SOCIAL POSTPONED

Because of the death of Mrs. Oscar B. Houp, the Abraham Lincoln Social scheduled to be held at the Lincoln Homestead on February 10, has been postponed until further notice.

## SPEAKERS AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Tonight: Berkshire Heights: Raymond S. Hofes.  
Northwest: Fred Merkel.  
Sinking Spring: Jacob Hiestand.  
Monday, Feb. 12:  
Central: Discussion.  
Northeast: Aaron Eckert.  
Mohnton, at 156 Wycmising ave.: Birch Wilson.  
Womelsdorf: Darlington Hoopes.  
Tuesday, Feb. 13:  
Northeast Women: J. Henry Stump.  
Jacksonwald, at Sutter's: Raymond S. Hofes.  
Southern: William C. Hovetter.  
18th Ward: William Schweren.  
West Reading: Walter Hollinger.  
Muhlenberg: James Roslin.

## STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES

Several branch secretaries have failed to send in the names of their delegates. Why the delay?

## COUNTY COMMITTEE

County Chairman Ed. Yoe urges all committeemen to be present at



## Valentine Greetings

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Knickers are  
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Choice of Spring's newest  
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**LEBANON and BEEF and PORK BOLOGNA - 14c lb.**

FRESH PORK BRAINS 10c LB.	FRESH PORK KIDNEYS 9c LB.	FRESH PORK HEARTS 8c LB.	FRESH PORK LIVER 9c LB.
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## UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOUCHERS REDEEMED

the meeting Thursday, Feb. 15, at 8 p. m. Petitions will be distributed for our candidates and campaign plans will be discussed. This campaign is the most important in our history. Be present, comrades!

## NEWMANSTOWN

The comrades of the Newmanstown branch have arranged for a series of branch lectures to start Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p. m., at their headquarters in the Band Hall. Comrade Birch Wilson is booked as the first speaker. The purpose of these lectures is to have the members know more about the fundamentals of Socialism and other economic problems. Members are urged to bring their friends to the lectures and take part in the discussions during the question period. No admission will be charged.

## LEBANON

I received an encouraging letter from our comrades in Lebanon. New branch officers have been elected for the year and meetings are being held p. m., at Comrade John Matthew's shoe shop, 550 Hill street. The branch officers are: Organizer, Geo. Heverling, Second and Walnut street. Treasurer, Ralph Light, 223 Walnut street. Financial-Secretary, Robert Barr, 65 Walton street, Recording Secretary, Robert W. Reiber, 21 S. 11th street. County Committee, David Buffmoyer, Route 4, Lebanon, and Robert Reiber.

Carry on the good work, comrades, we'll be seeing you soon.

## RABBI WILL ADDRESS UNIVERSALIST FORUM

Rabbi Max J. Routenberg will be the speaker at the Open Forum Sunday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 o'clock in the Church of Our Father, Franklin street near Fourth. He will speak on the subject, "A Modern Approach to Religion."

**T. P. L. Plans Oyster Supper**  
The Taxpayers' Protective League,

Branch No. 1, of West Reading, will serve an oyster supper in their hall at 233 Kline street, West Reading, on Saturday evening, February 10, from 4 to 10 o'clock.

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Zipper Suede Jackets, genuine talon zipper . . . . .	\$5.49	Talon Zipper Lumber Jacks, whipcord or suede cloth, lined throughout. Extra . . . . .	\$1.99	Union-Made Work Shoes, well made and comfortable . . . . .	\$1.99
Oshkosh or Carter's Over- alls, blue-white, pin stripe . . . . .	\$1.79	Genuine Horsehide Lumber Jacks . . . . .	\$6.89	Fur-Lined Gloves, warm and strongly made . . . . .	\$1.89
Fleece-Lined Gloves—all leather, at . . . . .	98c	Work Socks—cotton, plain colors, at . . . . .	10c	Heavy Ribbed Union Suits . . . . .	79c

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Springfield, Mo., boss bakers have  
agreed to deal with the unions, fol-  
lowing a labor board settlement of  
the strike.

The paper mill workers' union won  
a labor board election in the West  
Virginia Pulp & Paper Co.'s mill at  
Covington, Va.

### Washington Newspaper Men Form Organization

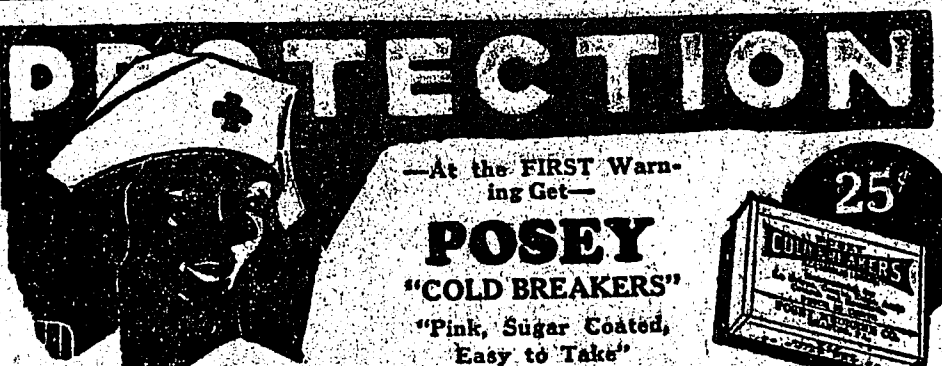
WASHINGTON. — With 115 en-  
rolled as charter members, the Wash-  
ington Newspaper Guild adopted its  
constitution February 4 and prepared  
to take up the reporters' fight for  
wages and working conditions at  
least as good as union printers have  
won. By unanimous vote the news-  
paper men struck out reference to  
NIRA in their preamble and defeat-  
ed efforts to narrow membership to a  
craft basis by adopting the national  
guild's provision to include all edi-  
torial room workers, including copy-  
boys.

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### Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE  
Federated Trades Organizer

#### TRADES COUNCIL PLANS ORGANIZATION DRIVE

At an unusually well attended  
meeting, Tuesday evening, of the  
Federated Trades Council, Luther  
(Fat) Adams, President of Branch  
No. 10, Hosiery Workers Union and  
Vice President of the Council made  
a stirring appeal to the delegates to  
seriously consider undertaking an-  
other huge organization drive all  
along Labor's battle front.

"Employers have been sniping  
upon all of us," he stated, "they  
picked off the hosiery worker, the  
confectionery worker, the window  
cleaner, the shoe worker, the hard-  
ware worker and every other person  
who joined his respective trade union  
for economic security and stability."

"It's high time that we as neigh-  
bors, brother workers and fellow  
unionists, realize our common inter-  
est, and forever stop this picking off  
of individuals to weaken our orga-  
nized bodies. NRA has meant nothing  
to us, the 'New Deal' turned out to  
be a 'raw deal' in many cases, and its  
observation is dependent entirely  
upon our own united effort and eco-  
nomic strength to enforce it," he con-  
cluded.

Adams reported that his union was  
organizing a monster Frolic to be  
given in the Rajah Theatre in the  
afternoons and evenings of February  
26, 27 and 28. Matinees will consist  
of two feature moving pictures. The  
evening performance will consist of  
nine acts of "Kittleville" recruited and  
rehearsed from local talent and will  
displace one feature picture. Ad-  
mission will be 25 cents to adults,  
two children under 12 years of age  
will be admitted on one adult ticket.  
He urged all unionists to attend and  
see what can be done in a big way  
among rank and file unionists.

As a result of Adams' plea a con-  
ference will be called in the near  
future to discuss plans and make  
definite arrangements for a Spring  
and Summer Organization Drive.

#### ASK JOBS FOR UNIONISTS ON CWA PROJECTS

A resolution was adopted by the  
Council calling on the Federal, State  
and Berks County CWA Administra-  
tors and public officials demanding  
that skilled mechanics be secured  
through the regular established trade  
unions as provided in CWA Bulletin  
No. 1, and as adopted in other cities  
rather than parcel jobs out according  
to political prestige.

#### MANY UNIONS REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

The following interesting reports  
were made which are of importance  
to organized labor and their sym-  
pathetic friends:

The delegation from the Barbers  
Union wants the public to know that  
the Traveling Barber Shop, on Penn  
street below 6th, and the Elite, 15  
N. 6th street, its twin brother, are  
both on the unfair list and had their  
union cards withdrawn.

Similar action was taken at the  
Holland Press, 745 N. 11th street, by  
Typographical Union No. 88, with-  
drawing the union label of the Allied  
Printing Trades Council from that  
shop. The Typo's delegate also re-  
ported that the Miller Printing Co.,  
N. 7th street, is now a union shop.

The Electrical Workers delegates  
stated that a signed contract in an-  
other shop has been secured here,  
and that a charter was issued by their  
International Union to the utility  
employees of the Metropolitan Edison  
Company.

Eighty-four new members were  
admitted to membership in the Musi-  
cians Local Union during the past  
month.

The Carpenters Local Union de-  
sires it to be known that their charter  
is open and that they are conducting  
a membership drive among their  
craft.

The Pretzel Workers Union made  
application to the Bakery and Con-  
fectionery Workers International  
Union for a charter this week, which  
in all likelihood will be granted. They  
find considerable difficulty in getting  
local neighborhood grocers to put the  
union made product into their stores.  
An effort will be put forth by the  
Federated Trades Business Repre-  
sentative to interview these arbitrary  
merchants within the next week or  
ten days. The results will be made  
known to the labor movement  
directly.

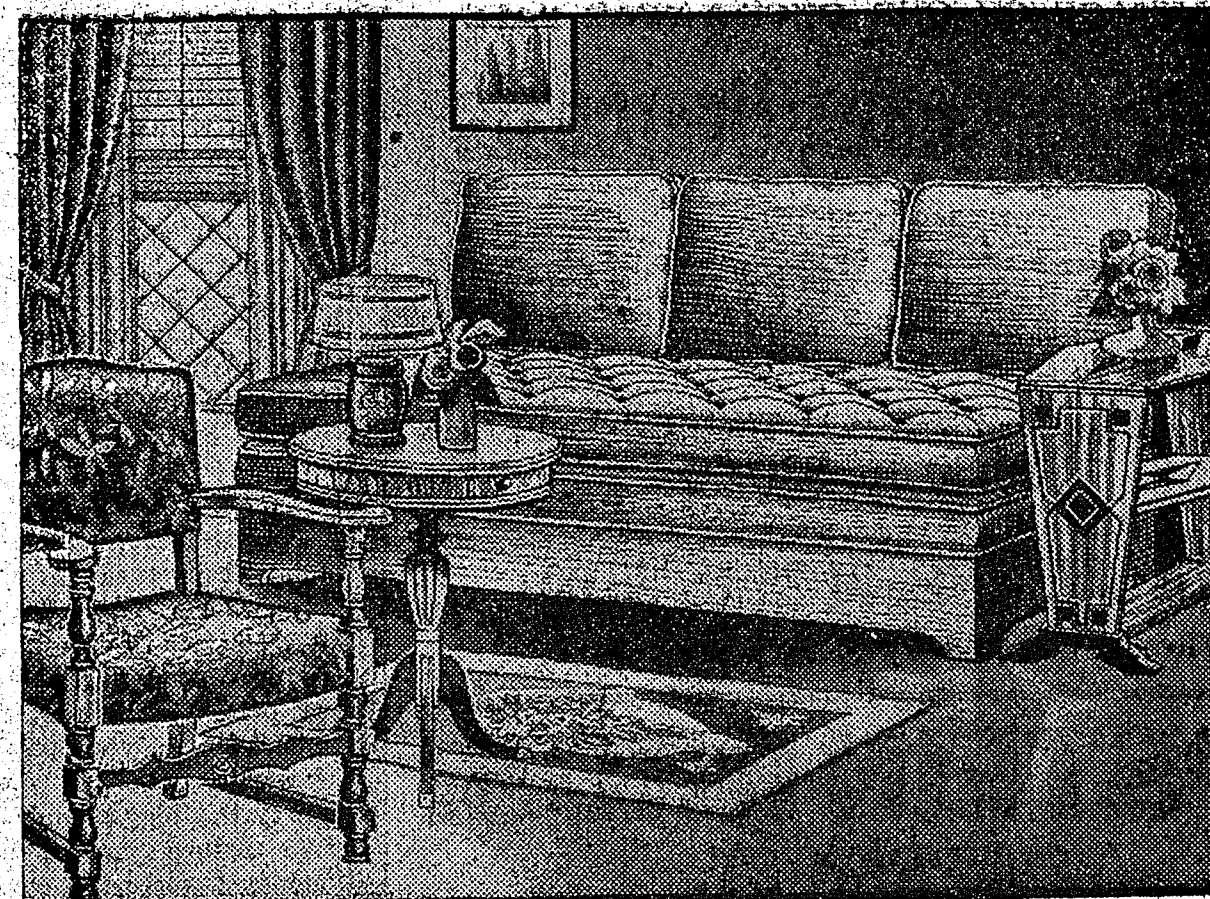
#### CAR WHEEL UNION SEEKS A. F. L. CHARTER

Organized workers in the Reading  
Car Wheel works voted last Friday  
night to make application to the  
American Federation of Labor for a  
Federal Charter. The shop in which  
they are employed is one of a large  
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### SOCIALISTS TO RALLY

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League was authorized to sponsor a  
Youth Committee Against Fascism,  
and an appropriation of \$100 was  
made to the youth organization for  
organization of the "Fascists," a So-  
cialist educational organization for  
children.

Powers Hapgood was given special  
permission to serve as temporary la-  
bor adviser in the drafting of the

NRA code for canneries and Nor-  
man Thomas was permitted to ac-  
cept appointment on a non-partisan  
commission to revise the city char-  
ter of New York.

### UNION WARNS

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term apply to company unionism.  
6. Making labor advisers figure-  
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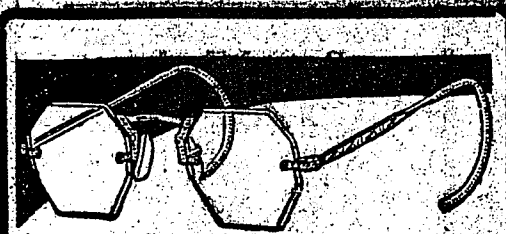
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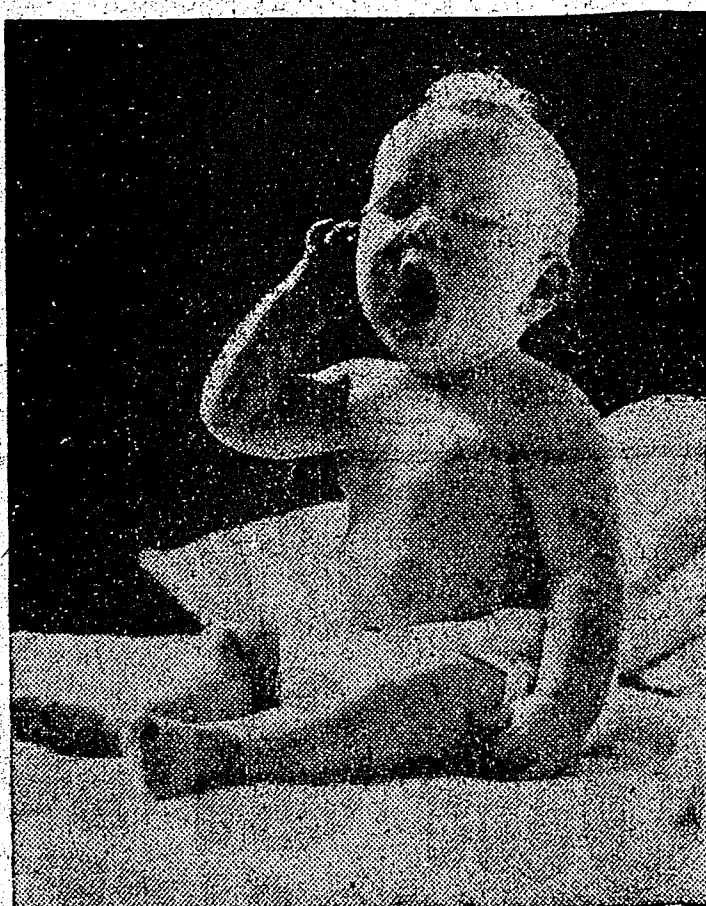
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## IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM

By JOHN PAINE

While \$80,000,000 of economy in the Post Office Dept. for 1933-34 was at the expense of wages and jobs of postal workers, subsidies to shipping and airplane companies carrying

mail increased by \$3,000,000 to a total of \$45,250,000. That's Where Our Wages Go, sing postal employees.

Here's a great idea for getting rid of so-called surplus steers: Send 'em down to Mexico for the bull ring; Mexican bulls are not brave enough, according to the mayor of Juarez.

A bunch of well-fed steers (the U. S. feeds unemployed livestock) should give the Mexicans a big thrill. John N. Garner, vice-president of these United States, has one job left—voting in a tie in the Senate (and nobody knows when there'll be a tie). So-o-o-o, his wife gets \$325 a month as his secretary.

"Monkeys possess many traits of men, including intelligence. Therefore, they should be protected," read a proclamation in Canton, China, prohibiting the butchering and eating of monkeys, considered by some a rare delicacy.

With as little intelligence as there is in the world, we should protect it!

"Roosevelt has bet the country's last dollar on a single card," writes an Oklahoma City editor.

Don't get excited, brother. That was only a 60c dollar.

Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda and Public Enlightenment in Germany, discovered that President

Roosevelt and Chancellor Hitler are advancing together against the crumbling fortress of Democracy.

Are the Japanese getting stingy? They gave their new crown prince only a 21-gun salute. Newborn Romanovs (Russian) used to get 101 guns; newborn Windsors (English) get 41.

It is a belief that persists in South America that the war between Bolivia and Paraguay which has raged on and off for 50 years "is a struggle between the U. S. which has always 'It (Roosevelt's budget) reminds you of Russia's 5-Year Plan," wrote The London Daily Express.

Hear! Hear! backed Bolivia and Great Britain which has always helped Paraguay."

Poor Sec. Morgenthau! He's so poverty-stricken that if his aides had not asked for a \$2,500 appropriation for an automobile for him, he would have to ride in a \$750 government machine.

Ain't it sad?

A TASTE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE Joseph Garat, mayor of Bayonne, France, shivered and chattered in his cell when he was arrested and thrown into jail in the Stavisky swindle.

One of his last acts as mayor was to refuse pleas of freezing prisoners that he install central heating in the jail.

Charlie Dawes jumped out of the RFC so his Chicago bank could get a \$90,000,000 loan.

When one of Jesse Jones' mortgage company's subsidiaries applied for a \$1,500,000 loan, he was able to show that he had severed connection with the company before he joined the RFC.

Hanging is a shameful death, say the Nazis.

So they chop off the heads of their victims, and let them fall into sawdust-filled baskets.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES Gout, the disease symbolic of a life of ease, has all but disappeared.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

The more celebrity hungers for publicity, the greater his conviction that Garbo and Lindy are bluffing.

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

### THE RESULTS OF THE NRA

In June, 1933, the month that National Industrial Recovery Act was passed, the millions of workers in the manufacturing industries in the United States averaged \$18.49 per week. One of the chief purposes of the NRA, as everyone remembers, was to raise wages. In November, 1933, after the benefits of the Recovery Act had been made available to the workers of this country, average wages in manufacturing industries averaged exactly \$18.51 per week.

Did the NRA help the workers? The answer is precisely two cents a week. But this is the bright side of the picture. The NRA caused prices to rise rapidly, so that the cost of living at the end of the year was more than five per cent above what it had been in the middle of the summer. The worker therefore needed 92 cents more in November to buy the same commodities. Since his wages were raised two cents, the net effect of the NRA was to lower the standard of living of the working class by 90 cents per week.

In the matter of unemployment the NRA has something to its credit, but comparatively little when the magnitude of the problem is considered. In June there were 12,200,000 unemployed in the United States. By December the number had been reduced to 10,800,000, which means that 1,400,000 had gone back to work. This is of course progress, but it means that only one-ninth of the problem had been solved.

During the last four months, however, the country has been going backward instead of forward. The number of unemployed was at the lowest in September, when a mere 10,100,000 were out of work. Since that time each month has shown an increase in the number of jobless, with the end of the slump not yet in sight. The NRA has evidently shot its bolt.

In the matter of industrial production the country has been slipping much more rapidly than in employment. In June the country produced as much as it had ten years before, not because there was a demand for the goods, but merely because of the desire to produce before prices were raised under the codes. Since June, however, the volume of production has steadily declined, until now the country produced only about three-fourths as much as it did last summer.

The NRA, of course, did have certain good effects. Chief among them, as far as immediate benefits were concerned, was the stimulus given to the organization of labor. Where labor was unorganized, however, the rights given under the NRA proved largely meaningless. No real efforts were made to stop chiseling, and the number of complaints of violation have reached the hundreds of thousands and perhaps the millions.

Probably the chief benefit of the NRA is in the change it has caused in people's habits of thought. The old individualism has been thoroughly discredited, and the country will never return to it. The people have

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CHICAGO.—The growing student revolt against militarism, at Ohio State University and elsewhere, is featured in the February issue of the "Challenge," organ of the Young People's Socialist League. A "New Primer of Socialism" is another outstanding article in this paper, which also contains effective cartoons to get the Socialist message across. Plenty of news is included in the Challenge about activities of young Socialists in all parts of the United States and Europe. Socialists should order bundles of 10 or more at 2c a copy, or subscribe at 35c a year for single subs, or 25c each for four annual subs sent in together.

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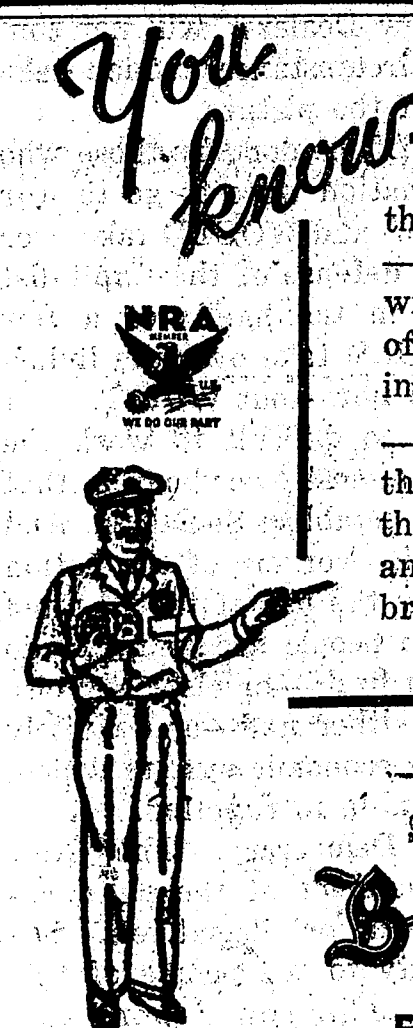
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## FRANCE MOVING TOWARD FASCISM

Outbreaks of popular resentment, arising as a repercussion of recent financial irregularities in which rumor links responsible government officials, have been temporarily suppressed by the armed forces of France at the cost of at least a dozen lives and many hundreds of less serious casualties.

Before the world war, which actually marks the breakdown of Capitalist economy, such an occurrence as took place in Paris this week would have aroused considerably more worldwide interest than it does today. Inured to hardship and tyranny, the peoples of almost every nation have so much trouble of their own that they now read the stories about France as one of the minor sporting events of the day.

However, it must be borne in mind that France is one of the greatest of world powers and is the one nation which has suffered less from unemployment and widespread despair than most others. That Frenchmen are losing faith in their government now may therefore be of far greater significance than many of us realize.

Today Fascism is gaining ground in all parts of the world. The weaker the Capitalist system becomes the more necessary it will appear to the ruling class to employ stern measures to keep the exploited class in its place. France, embarrassed as it is by shifting monetary standards which have been set up in America, terrified and resentful at the willingness of Britain to recognize the German claim to arms, and obsessed with an ingrained fear of what an armed Germany may attempt, appears to be ripening for Fascism.

What is happening in France is simply another evidence of the hardships which come to people who persist in holding fast to economic and social codes which no longer can serve even the slave interests of the masses.

## WHY POVERTY CONTINUES

The average person, lacking a foundation of knowledge upon which to base conclusions, is easily misled. That accounts for the fact that so many people think that the "New Deal" is doing "as well as can be expected under the circumstances." Statements to that effect are being made from rostrum, radio and movie screen and people, finding through thinking difficult, take the easier course of believing it.

We Socialists must never permit that point of view to go unchallenged. And so we wish to again say that the "New Dealers" are NOT doing as good as can be done under the circumstances.

Let us examine the circumstances. Here we have a country which is pretty nearly self-sufficient in all things and which has a productive capacity in most things which far exceeds the needs of the people.

Why, then, are some people in want while, at the same time, the productive resources of the nation are permitted to stand idle? The answer is that the "New Deal" does not recognize the need of operating industry for the benefit of people, but still clings to the old private-profit motive.

The private-profit viewpoint is, of course, one of the circumstances. But that motive need not be preserved. The only reason that the "New Deal" has not ended poverty within the short space of eleven months is that the "New Dealers" will not consent to operate industry under any circumstances which take profit—or the promise of profit—out of the picture.

There are many things which COULD be done by those who have the power to do things. If this nation were to go to war against the world, those in power COULD and WOULD take over the bodies and lives of workers for the defense of the Capitalist structure which has been established in the hands of a few owners. Similarly, those in power COULD take over the industries for the welfare of the people right now—but WON'T.

The circumstance which makes it so difficult to work the nation out of the misery which afflicts almost everybody is that the rulers of this nation simply WON'T establish Socialism. And that's the circumstance which we ask the workers of the nation to banish from further consideration by the use of their united political and economic power. And the people are going to do exactly what we have been asking them to do—or else. Or else poverty will continue until the owners either find—or definitely fail to find—some way of continuing an economic system which, for more than four years, has been unable to function.

We want Socialism and Industrial Democracy. The "New Dealers" want Capitalism and an adjustment of the old racketeering system of unearned income for the privileged few. Efforts to bring peace, plenty and security to the people of this nation are lagging merely because those in power won't and Socialists can't do the right and necessary thing.

## FARM INDIVIDUALISM THREATENED

Farmers, who enjoy the reputation of being the champion individualists of the human family, will have to readjust their viewpoints if an address delivered recently by Arthur E. Mor-

## LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By LARRY ROGIN

Has the NRA been a benefit to labor? Conflicting views on this problem will be aired at the coming Monday night session of the Labor College at the Southern Junior High School. A debate has been arranged between two of the students, in which Franz Cremer will say that the NRA has been a benefit and Harold Huber will argue against that position. It is expected that a lively discussion will follow the debate. Visitors will be welcome.

The Monday night class is also trying to get a debate between the men and women in the class. Details on this plan will appear in the near future.

The dramatics group has had to move again. It has now found a more or less permanent home at the social room at the Hosiery Workers Headquarters at 10th and Penn sts. Meetings are continuing at 7:30 on Thursday nights. The group is planning to produce its first skit at the class sessions during the week of February 19, as well as for the trade union conference on February 20. Recruits are desired to enable the group build up its supply of budding actors and actresses. Anyone interested in this work can begin activity by going to the first available meeting.

Demand for knowledge on the problems of parliamentary law has led to the organization of a morning class for night shift workers. The class will be held every Wednesday morning between 9:15 and 9:45 at the Hosiery Workers Hall, 10th and Penn streets. The class will precede the regular morning class of the Labor College, which lasts until 11:45. The class will be open to all wishing to get the elements of running a meeting smoothly. As did the evening class, which was recently held, the morning class will use the pamphlet on how to run a union meeting prepared by the Workers Educational Bureau.

## U. S. POSTAL

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up, the substitutes have been obliged to exist on one or two days' work a week.

But when these same postal substitutes apply for local relief, they are told they are government employees and ought to be ashamed of themselves. Delegates told of cases of actual starvation in families of postal substitutes. A substitute is paid by the hour—53c. Whether they work or not they must report for work each morning. Complaints against this form of exploitation mean discharge.

The Washington demonstration which wound up at the White House with a presidential secretary offering the usual sympathy, was organized by the National Association of Substituted Post Office Employees. Their main demand is that 20,000 existing vacancies in the postal service be filled. As a result of their protest, a bill has been promised in Congress to pay substitutes for four hours' work each day they report for service.

gan, head of the Tennessee Valley Authority, is followed by governmental action.

Mr. Morgan, speaking before the American Society of Civil Engineers, threatened to put the screws on the American agriculturalist in a manner which is not far different than was employed by the dictators of Russia. Said Morgan: "If a man will not use his land well . . . it may be taken away from him. I am inclined to think that . . . the ownership of land should depend upon the proper use of that land."

We call attention to this threat, not because we object to the principle upon which it is based; as Socialists we agree that the rights and welfare of society are paramount to the individual desires of even farmers. However, what we do object to is a plan which will make the farmer a servant of the state but which will, at the same time, tolerate and, indeed, protect the private ownership of corporate industries which are operated for the profit of idlers.

We Socialists have always advocated the social ownership of all the means of life. We may have emphasized the industries and slighted over the farm problem because, sometimes, we feared to antagonize the farmer by threatening his status as a free agent. But what we may not have made sufficiently plain Mr. Morgan now says.

At the present time the plight of many farmers is so desperate that opposition to placing them under government control will not be as strong as it would have been only ten years ago. However, farmers should beware lest they sell their birthright for a mess of pottage. Socialists supplemented their demand for social ownership by an equally strong stipulation that the operation of industry should be conducted democratically. Under a Socialist state all workers, including farmers would have a voice in the management of their industries and could see to it that the business of distributing the products of industry were justly conducted. But under a Capitalist state, in which there still remains a privileged class who are permitted to reap profit from the labor of others, social control

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## REFLECTIONS

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use that our great men can find for workers' leisure time is to put picks and shovels in their hands and force them to beautify the world which grafters and idlers own, then I revolt against placing the establishment of leisure time activities by the same old crew.

FOR CENTURIES workers have been browbeaten and exploited, worked and driven for the profit of masters. Now, when it is no longer possible for the owning class to use the labor of their fellows, it is suggested that workers must be told what to do and how to do it when not sweating in the service of their masters. With the past outrage which workers have suffered in mind, can anyone believe that this suggestion is founded upon a sincere concern for the welfare of the masses? As for me, I will await convincing proof to the contrary before I abandon the belief that organized leisure is intended as just another device for

keeping workers under control in the new economic adjustment for which the master class is searching.

The masters are going to keep their slaves in line, whether the slaves work or play. But the resentment which follows this conclusion is tempered by the suspicion that, while workers unite to govern their own lives, somebody else will have to do it for them.

## Police Frameup On Civil Liberties Trio Fails

CHICAGO.—Secretary Tom McKenna and two associates, Theodore Noss and Joyce Gourfain, were acquitted by Judge Gutknecht without a jury on charges of unlawful assembly after police had tried to railroad them to conviction. They had been observing red squad men brutally breaking up an open-air meeting in Union Park.

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