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Strikes in Spring is Trade Union Warning

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

I HAVE JUST finished reading a 20-page pamphlet issued by the Republican National Committee, and the immediate reaction is that I have a great desire to laugh. The pamphlet is captioned, "C. W. A. Scandals." It is replete with documentary examples of graft, favoritism and political venality. It cites instances of ridiculous uses and misuses of the time of millions of jobless workers. And it ends with the demand that the CWA set-up be liquidated at once.

IT IS THAT last demand which supplies the laugh. The Republicans are so right in their estimate of the sanity of CWA policies—and so wrong in assuming that such insanity can be discontinued. The fact of the matter is that the Capitalist system is such a crazy and outworn affair that only crazy emergency policies will delay the general smash-up. To do the right thing would be to trade in the old Capitalism for Socialism, to give people emergency government jobs and start putting them to work in productive industries which would enable the producers to consume all they produce. But the Republicans, despite their horror of Democratic relief policies, will have none of that. After pointing to the weakness of CWA and demanding its abolition, the utmost which the GOP defenders of Capitalism can suggest is that those workers who are not needed by the private profiteers be returned to the "open roads." As though the bill—or the graft, for that matter—would be any greater if millions of men were relieved of the tasks assigned them by CWA!

ASKING ANYBODY TO be sensible in dealing with the collapse of the Capitalist system without abolishing the system itself is about the most unsensible thing one could imagine.

I am reminded of an incident which occurred in our printing plant a number of years ago. We had an old machine which had gone wrong, so we called in a mechanic who was

SOCIALISTS UNITE TO RAISE FUNDS

National Drive, Beginning in Chicago, Feb. 27, Sets Goal Of \$50,000 in "Day's Wage" Campaign

Individual members of the Socialist Party and Socialist groups throughout the country will participate in the nation-wide finance drive that will be carried on by the party during the month of March. The official opening date of the drive has been set for February 27th when a big Socialist mass meeting and rally will be held in Chicago. Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president in 1932; Daniel Hoan, Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee, and Leo Krzycki, chairman of the party's national executive committee and member of the executive board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, will speak at this meeting.

To Ask Day's Wage
"A day's wage—a year's program" is the slogan of the 1934 UNITED (Continued on Page Four)

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Feb. 18—Miles Williams

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

CHEAP DOLLAR, RISING PRICES SEEN AS INCENTIVE TO DRIVE FOR GENERAL WAGE INCREASE

Bosses' Control of Industrial Codes Will Increase Poverty, A. F. L. Survey States—Even 30-Hour Week Will Leave Millions Jobless, Union Investigators Declare. Hold 60-Cent Dollar Will Boost Prices 72%

WASHINGTON (FP).—In its monthly survey of business, the American Federation of Labor warned, February 9, that the 59c dollar means a general rise in the cost of living, perhaps of more than 50 per cent and a direct threat to workers' living standards.

Warning that workers' buying power is now scarcely more than half its 1929 value, the survey advises that "this spring is the time to drive for wage increases." "Favorable" dividend changes are greater than for any month since December, 1930. In January, \$212,000,000 was reported paid in dividends against \$178,000,000 a year ago.

Bosses' control of the code machinery "will concentrate wealth, increase poverty and continue the unbalance which leads to business booms and depressions," the A. F. of L. report asserts. "Many codes make it possible for employers to limit production and keep prices up beyond the reach of most working men; by this process they could make larger profits on a small volume of sales. Unless workers have constant contact with policy making groups, code wage and hour provisions may become rigid, hindering wage increases and reduction of hours."

Labor Not Represented
Labor has representation on "barely a dozen of the 230 codes," the report adds. Coupled with this denial of union representation on the code authorities is the doubling of membership in company unions in the past year. "Employers dominate the code authority," the A. F. of L. report sums up, "if they control their workers through company unions they can dominate the adjustment agencies which enforce code provisions."

In calling for the shorter work week, the survey points out that even the 30-hour week would leave 2,064,000 unemployed. Gen. Johnson, NRA administrator, is quoted as stating that even if business reached (Continued on Page Four)

LILITH WILSON WILL SPEAK IN CHURCH SUNDAY

The public is invited to hear Mrs. Lilith Wilson speak on Social Legislation in Pennsylvania, at the Open Forum, Sunday, February 18, in the Church of Our Father, Franklin near Fourth. After the address there will be a period for answering questions.

HEART THROBS AND CHUCKLES AT REUNION OF SOCIALIST OLD GUARD

By HARRY W. WICKEL

On Friday night, February 9th, 1934, the Veteran Socialists of the old 13th Ward, reassembled again in a united body for the first time in an interval approximating 25 to 31 years. This unique event in the history of Local Berks took place at the present Ward Headquarters, 1311 North 9th street. The event was the outcome of a conference between two old-timers in Bill Hilder's office, with whom the writer had often discussed a desire for its fulfillment. Within an hour old-timers Clarence Bouchat and Bull Brahms were notified to get on the job rounding up a list of names who were eligible, and with their usual assiduity, in three days they reported... "O-Kay, Wick. We cleaned up that list; give us another one if you thought of any old-timers missed in the first rap on the mem-

SAYS POLITICS COST HIS JOB ON CWA WORK

Kenhorst Foreman Also Charged With Cutting Wage Rate on Job Which Requires Mechanical Ability

SOCIALIST TO MAKE APPEAL

J. N. Eisenhardt Plans to Protest Dismissal in Personal Interview With State Supervisor Biddle

Charges of discrimination for political reasons and rate cutting on CWA work in Kenhorst were voiced this week by J. Nicholas Eisenhardt, who attributes alleged misuse of authority to Frank Young, supervisor of Kenhorst projects. Eisenhardt states that he has carried his story to the office of Louis H. Rothrauff, CWA administrator, without receiving satisfaction. He is now taking steps to secure an interview with Eric Biddle, state administrator, in an effort to secure redress for treatment which he considers contrary to the rules governing CWA work.

According to Eisenhardt, he was removed from a position as blacksmith and a laborer was given the job. Prior to the (Continued on Page Four)

SUNDAY NIGHT EDUCATIONAL FORUM

7:30 o'clock

LABOR LYCEUM

Subject: "Historical Materialism"

Speaker: RAYMOND S. HOFSES

Public Invited

Admission Free Questions Answered

WE PROTEST!

The County Committee of Local Berks Socialist Party last night voiced their protest against the slaughter of Austrian Socialists by Fascist troops under the direction of Chancellor Dollfuss, in a communication which was ordered sent to the Austrian Ambassador in Washington, D. C.

The communication follows: "The Socialist Party of Reading and Berks County, Pennsylvania, in the name of humanity, vehemently protests against the brutalities of your government as reported in recent Associated Press dispatches from Austria."

"The bombing of working-class apartment houses, and the wanton slaughter of women and children, because their husbands and fathers were guilty of defending their homes against the savage attacks of Fascist brutes, wearing the uniform of your government and under orders of a dictator who has trampled under foot the constitution of his country, is a crime which no civilized person can allow to go unchallenged."

"The whole world knows that Vienna, under Socialist administration, was one of the best governed cities on earth, and that it has done more in recent years for the advancement of living standards among working people than any other city in Europe or elsewhere. We know that it was the rising power of the working class, which had enabled them to make Vienna an outstanding example of administrative ability, that has brought down upon their heads the brutal wrath of a combination of exploiters and nobility, bent upon firmly establishing a Fascist dictatorship and ruthlessly destroying the labor and Socialist movements and their civilizing influences."

"The usurpation of illegal and dictatorial powers by the privileged classes of Austria, and their use to forcibly suppress all opposition to their illegal rule, has converted the class struggle into class war. Upon the heads of the governing powers rests the responsibility for this war, and for the workers' blood that is being shed in defense of their homes, their families and their liberties."

"We express our solidarity with the embattled workers of Austria, and our hope that the rulers of that unhappy country will soon meet their just deserts, and pay the extreme penalty which their crimes and brutalities warrant before the bar of unbiased justice."

FRITZ WANTS THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Harry Z. Fritz (Himself) wants it known that he is not the person mentioned in last week's Advocate story as the mover who paid a man ten cents for helping to move a piano—and we don't blame him. The concern to which the story referred advertises itself as "Fritz's Van and Motor Service" and "Bates Van and Service," with offices at 618 North Eighth street.

THE AUSTRIAN SLAUGHTER

Human freedom is being raided in Austria. The blow has been struck to fasten the chains of Fascism upon the limbs of Austrian workers and today thousands of Socialists who, true to their principles and traditions, sprang to the defense of democratic liberties, lie dead. Karl Marx House, the world's largest apartment and home of 2,000 families, has been changed from a monument of Socialist achievement to a debris of stones and dust. As this is being written, the horror of events makes it difficult to take a clear view of the situation, difficult to think the thing through to logical conclusions.

However, of this there can be no doubt: What is happening in Austria today, and what happened in Germany yesterday and in Italy before that, is the natural result and inevitable development of an economic system which divides human beings into two hostile groups. The street battles in Austria during the past week were demonstrations of what the Class Struggle is like when it is robbed of the sham and pretense of a master's democracy.

In the voices of howitzers and machine guns the rulers and exploiters have again demonstrated their conviction that the greatest possible criminal is a rebellious slave. The ruthless and brutal Austrian Fascists under Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss are determined to drown Austrian democracy in Socialist blood; that is the dark side of the story. But the Austrian Socialists are exalting the workers of the world by demonstrating their possession of that spark of manhood which down through history has fired minorities to martyrdom in defense of freedom.

Austria is now expounding many lessons which workers need to learn. Chief of these is the fact that, despite the maudlin maunderings of sentimentalists, there is a deep and constant conflict between those who rule and exploit and those who work and are exploited; the struggle between the master class and the slave class is worldwide and will never end until the injustice of human slavery is abolished.

Today the Austrian workers are in the vanguard of that struggle. They are fighting for the right to shape their own lives, to make their own laws and—being Socialists—for freedom from the tribute which the owning class exacts from the working class. But the struggle is not only in Austria. All over the world, wherever owners prey upon workers, the fight is being waged.

In Austria the weapons are blood and iron. In our own nation those who recognize and oppose the robbery of the many by the few use ballots, demonstrations, boycotts and strikes. Are American exploiters more tolerant than their European counterparts? No, they permit the masses to vote, demonstrate and strike only because the owners still are able to rule by deception. The workers of America still vote for their masters, obey their masters' laws and conform to their masters' system. But the exploiters in this nation are not likely to peaceably permit the exploited masses to gain economic justice. Just as in Italy, Germany and Austria, so in these United States, when the workers use their ballots in sufficient numbers to menace the masters, then the masters will attempt to take that weapon out of the workers' hands. And then American workers, like their Austrian class-brothers, will have to make the decision between slavery and death.

It is deplorable that the workers of the world lack the awareness of their class position which would unite them in a common cause. Dearly have they paid for their failure to so unite. In time of peace they pay the price of economic slavery. In war they pay with their lives. In Austria they are paying now for permitting the masters to fool, divide and rule them.

But it is not only the working class which will have to pay if Socialist policies are not adopted. Today Civilization itself is in the balance. Europe is seething with suspicion, jealousy, greed and all the ugly emotions which move men to violent action when an economic order dies. War, the natural child of Capitalism, is brewing. The reduction of Karl Marx House to ashes may soon prove to be merely the prelude to destruction on a scale large enough to make the slaughter of a few thousand Austrian Socialists a forgotten incident.

It is because the alternative is so terrible to contemplate that a victory for Socialist principles is desperately important at this point in world history. Capitalism has outlived its usefulness. The exploiters of the world are turning to Fascism and oppression in a last desperate effort to avert the inevitable collapse of the old order. But even dictators cannot long retard progress without inviting disaster. Socialists need not waste their time in efforts to destroy Capitalism; the capitalists themselves will do that. But unless Socialism is adopted as an economic policy, worldwide ruin and social decay threaten to be the result. It is to avert that ghastly fate that the Socialists of Austria are now laying down their lives.

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

WHY PAY DUES TO A UNION?

The above question is one of the arguments which the exploiters of Reading use in an effort to discourage their workingclass victims from organizing in unions. Some of the weaker sisters (of both sexes) couldn't think of any answer until it was given to them by the Superior-Supreme Pretzel Company a week ago.

The answer was presented in the form of a 10% wage cut, and now the company unionists at that plant know that it costs more to be out of a real union than in one. It's a fact that everybody pays union dues. Some pay and have a union; others pay to the boss in the form of low wages and miss all the benefits which organization might bring. It is also a fact that we all pay for the privilege of living under the Capitalist system. How much we pay can be seen in the low living standards of workers in this age of potential abundance.

SAYS YOCOM LOST HIS TEMPER

Stewart Grow, Business Agent for the CWA-PWA Union, reports that Councilman Yocom became angry when Grow visited city hall and asked the councilman to permit union notices to be posted on CWA city jobs. Grow also quotes Yocom as saying that the CWA workers are not giving full co-operation to the extent of working diligently on the jobs to which they are assigned.

If that is the Yocom's worry, then he certainly needs to read the 20-page pamphlet issued by the National Committee of his own Republican party. The G. O. P. leaders are not blinded by ballyhoo. They know and freely state that the purpose of CWA jobs is not to get work done, but to provide an excuse for giving jobs to the workers who can no longer be used by private industry. In addition to being a defender of the Capitalist system of exploitation, Mr. Yocom appears to have (Continued on Page Five)

UNION CONFAB HERE TUESDAY

Reuben Block and Ex-Mayor Stump Will Lead Discussions At Conference In Hosiery Union Hall

Carrying out its program of service to the trade union movement the Federated Trades Council has arranged a conference for trades unionists to discuss some of the problems that trade unions are facing. Two important aspects of union work will be dealt with at the conference which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Hosiery Workers' Hall, Tenth and Penn. streets. They are: "How to keep members interested in the union," and "How to deal with the everyday shop grievances that come up in every mill."

Block and Stump to Speak
The speakers at the meeting will be Reuben Block, Eastern Pennsylvania representative of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, and former mayor, J. Henry Stump, who was for many years president of the Reading Federated Trades Council. Mr. Block will deal with the question of the efficient handling of shop problems, while Mr. Stump will discuss ways and means of keeping union members active. A full discussion will follow each speaker, and attempts will be made to solve some of the actual problems facing the unions now.

Entertainment for the delegates to the conference will be supplied by the production of a skit by the Labor College dramatic group. This will be the first attempt of the group and will be watched with interest for that reason.

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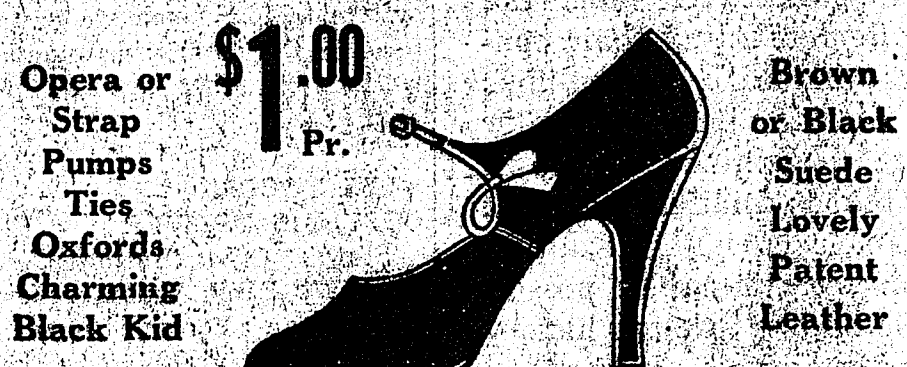
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Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer

PRETZEL WORKERS WATCHING QUINLAN SCHEMES

Workers at the Quinlan Pretzel plant see an attempt by the employer to disrupt and destroy the Pretzel Workers' Union in order to cut wages and increase working hours in that plant.

Even though 75% of the workers in the plant are members of the union, the management has placed a ballot in the workers' pay envelope to be voted on today. The question to be voted on is "Shall the Pretzel Workers' Union bargain collectively for all workers in the plant."

As Mr. Quinlan has signed an agreement with the union to this effect, union leaders declare that it comes with poor grace to ballot on that question. They view it as a veiled attempt to cut wages after first testing union strength.

The employer has already used pressure on a number of workers, especially young girls who are union members. The vote is to be taken in the office of the plant.

Union leaders have warned workers against this intimidation and advised them not to take part in balloting on a question that has already been decided and on which they have nothing to gain.

Pretzel Workers are ready for any attack on their organization and any effort to cut their wages.

"Now that we have united with the Bakery Workers International we will be able to fight on many fronts if a fight comes. We are prepared, as already we have been wired support from Chicago headquarters of the Bakery Workers Union," stated one of the union leaders.

BUILDING UNIONISTS GO TO WASHINGTON

Reading Unionists will be well represented in Washington, D. C., during the next ten days.

Because of differences arising between the CWA Administrator, Louis Rothrauff, State Employment Manager, Paul Kintzer and the Building Trades Council over the issue of them not selecting skilled mechanics from the local unions, as provided in paragraph seven, CWA Bulletin No. 10, the various Building Agents are journeying to the Capital City today to secure a decision from the National Administrator, Harry C. Hopkins. They are securing the assistance and counsel of National President M. J. McDonough, of the Building Trades Department A. F. of L. and Charles Read, assistant to the president at the offices of the Electrical Workers Brotherhood in that city.

HEARING TUESDAY ON PRETZEL CODE

Tuesday, February 20, the Pretzel Industry's Code of Fair Competition is to be heard in the South Lounge of the Ambassador Hotel, Washington, D. C. The Pretzel Workers Local Union No. 168, Bakery and Confectionery Workers International, is sending Walter Riegel, Francis Baur and Ernest Burrell to protest against the sub-standard wages and long hours proposed by the manufacturers and attempt to secure labor representation upon the Code Authority. The boys will be assisted either by George M. Rhodes, President Federated Trades Council, or Jack Zamford, organizer from the International Office at Chicago. Reading will probably be the only city with the exception of a few unknown isolated sections in the country that will have its workers represented at the Code hearing. Time reservation making it possible to be heard was

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HOME CURED, HOME SMOKED HAMS..... pound 19c

SMALL REX HAMS 15 LB	ARMOUR STAR and RACO HAMS 17 LB	LEAN SMOKED SHOULDERS 10 LB
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NECK BONES—PIGS' FEET..... pound 5c
STEWING LAMB..... pound 9c
FRESH GROUND BEEF—FRESH PORK LIVER..... pound 9c
PURE LARD (1-lb. cartons)..... pound 9c

SHOULDER OF LAMB..... pound 14c	LEAN STEWING BEEF..... pound 9c
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CAMEO AND SILVER BELL BUTTERINE..... 2 lbs for 25c

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WE REDEEM UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOUCHERS

filed with Deputy Administrator, Walter White this week.

The Confectionery Industry's Code of Fair Competition is to be heard on Monday, February 26. The organized Confectionery Workers at Ludden's, Inc., decided Thursday night representatives to protest the hours, wages and conditions proposed by the manufacturers.

HOOPES ADDRESSES HARDWARE UNION

Workers employed in the Hardware Industry, who are members of the union and attended their meeting last Friday night at St. Casimir's hall, were well repaid for the evening spent in attending their semi-monthly meeting.

Darlington Hoopes provided an excellent educational organization talk and captured the prize for brevity in doing it. The social and entertainment committee had plenty of stuff on the ice and lunch on the table, a good time was had by all until the lights went out.

SHOE WORKERS HOLD MEETING

As a result of a circular distribution at both large shoe factories on Monday and Tuesday morning the Shoe Workers meeting was well attended Tuesday evening. Considerable resentment was expressed against the proposed welfare scheme now being fostered at Fein & Glass Co., in an effort to wean workers away from their real economic instrument—the union. As a result of the drive a number of delinquent members paid up their back dues while others reinstated themselves.

WINDOW CLEANERS' UNION GAINS

Following a conference between the Federated Trades officers and the Berkshire Window Cleaning Company, this establishment again got themselves straightened out with the Window Cleaners' Union. All men out of this shop are now members of the union.

MEAT CUTTERS MEET SUNDAY

The Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen are holding another organization meeting Sunday, February 18, 2 p. m., in Bricklayers' Hall, 836 Elm street. A record attendance is looked forward to.

Mexican Bullfighters Organize

MEXICO CITY.—The slogan of organization has spread even among the Mexican bullfighters. More than 200 professional matadors, along with 28 of their agents, have organized themselves into the National Mexican Society of Bull and Bullcock Killers and have received the approval of the Mexican labor board. The society has as its professed aims the keeping up of professional standards and protection of pay rates. Boy bullfighters of less than 12 are barred from membership.

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PAINTERS WILL HOLD OPEN MEETING TONIGHT

Another open meeting for painters will be held tonight at the Keystone Fire Company hall, 204 Penn street, under the auspices of the local Painters and Decorators Union. A speaker

will be on hand to address the gathering on the benefits of organization.

These meetings are part of an organization drive which is now being conducted by the Painters Union. Until March 2, initiation fees will be \$5, after which they will again be advanced to the regular \$100 rate. Five applications have been received and two new members installed since the union opened its charter.

No restrictions on hours in the canning season, is the bosses' code proposal for that industry, together with a 30c minimum in the North and 20c in the South.

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Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LABOR LYCEUM

The Yipsels will hold their regular card party on Saturday, the 17th. The prizes will be on a par with those of the Southern Women. Hand sewed and hand stitched garments of lasting and durable quality plus various other things equally useful and pleasing.

A good home cooked meal may be had at reasonable prices with PIE baked by the Southern Women to top it off.

Card playing will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock. Price per player, twenty-five cents. Everybody welcome.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

The Northeast Women will hold another of those enjoyable card parties on Saturday night, with the usual valuable prizes and "good eats" to enliven the occasion. Playing will begin at 8:30 o'clock. Don't fail to be there.

CAKE SALE SATURDAY BY LAURELDALE BRANCH

Do you like to eat cake? If so, you can give your sweet tooth a treat and help to boost the radio fund by visiting the cake sale which will be held by Laureldale Branch at Yergers' store tomorrow. The sale will start at 9 o'clock and last all day, and proceeds will be used to keep the Socialist voice on the air.

Friends of the branch can help to make this event a success by patronizing it, and also by donating flour, sugar, cakes, etc.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT WEST READING

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SCHOOL NIGHT AT SOUTHERN TONIGHT

After the regular business meeting tonight, which will be as short as possible, the women comrades of the branch have planned an entertainment for the enjoyment of all. We cannot tell you what it is—for that is a secret. Just help to swell the crowd with your presence. We're sure you'll have a good time.

HOKUM AND CARD PARTY AT NORTHWEST TUESDAY

If you're looking for a good time on Tuesday night, you will find it at the headquarters of the Northwest Branch, Green and Gordon streets. The women of the branch will hold a hokum and card party beginning at 8 o'clock. Old timers know, and it will pay you to learn, about the happy times which are always had at these parties.

TOMLINSON TO SPEAK AT SUNDAY NIGHT FORUM

Stewart Tomlinson will be the speaker at Southern Branch on Sunday night. While quite a few of the comrades will be attending the convention, it is necessary to keep things going at home, too. If you want to spend an enjoyable Sunday evening, spend it at 429 S. 10th street. Tea will be served.

WOMEN'S CHORUS TO SING AT SANITORIUM

Thursday, February 22, will be a holiday for the Socialist Chorus. They have planned to entertain the patients at the Berks County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. All chorus members will meet at the Labor Lyceum, at 7:30 p. m. Note: Joint rehearsal at Labor Lyceum, Monday night, and also on Wednesday night at the Northeast Branch.

FORUM

Preparations are under way in Y. P. S. L. ranks for a forum on Negro rights, to be held on or about March 4. Watch this column for further information.

Y. P. S. L. CIRCLE ACTIVITIES

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Circle 6, Speaker.
Circle 8, Speaker.

YIPSEL PAPER

The first issue of the Yipsel paper will be out in the near future as soon as the persons who are contributing articles turn them in. The first issue will contain an article on the History of the American Labor Movement, by Larry Rogin. Watch for it.

TO ALL EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

A meeting of all Educational Directors will be held at the Labor Lyceum on Monday, February 19, at 8:00 p. m. Be there.

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study classes must attend on Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Labor Lyceum, in the Library.

No new study class will be formed until the Educational Director can secure the promises of ten members to attend regularly.

TO ALL YIPSELS

If you have any notes that you would like to appear in this column turn them over to Forrest Jones, who has been elected Press Agent.

SPEAKERS AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Sunday, Feb. 18:
Newmanstown Band Hall at 2 P. M.: Birch Wilson.
Monday, Feb. 19:
Northeast: Harry Wickel.
Central: Lilith Wilson.
Womelsdorf: Fred Merkel.
Mohnton: Discussion.
Tuesday, Feb. 20:
Southern: Current events.
18th Ward: Raymond S. Hofses.
West Reading: James Roslin.
Muhlenberg: Current events.
Kenhorst: Wm. Hoverter.
Shillington: Darlington Hoopes.
Circles 6 and 8: Fred Merkel.
Temple: Ralph Bigony.

S. P. CONVENTION OPENS IN HARRISBURG TOMORROW

Approximately 70 delegates from Reading and Berks County will attend the State Convention of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania which meets in Harrisburg Saturday night and Sunday.

The convention will be held in Brotherhood Compensation Hall, Sixth and Macley streets, and will go into its first session at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. The Sunday session will convene at 9 a. m., and will last throughout the day with a one-hour recess at noon.

State Secretary Sarah Limbach will be in the Capital City earlier in the day for the purpose of checking up on arrangements for hotels and hospitality offered by Harrisburg Socialists to delegates who cannot afford to pay hotel expenses.

For the most part, Reading's delegation will travel by automobile, delegates with cars carrying a full load on their trip to and from the convention.

This year's convention is considered one of the most important yet held by Pennsylvania's Socialists. Candidates will be nominated for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and other state-wide offices to be elected in November. The result of November's election will determine whether or not the Socialists of the state have polled enough votes to retain their standing as a legal party in Pennsylvania.

CWA-PWA UNION WILL HOLD MEETING SUNDAY

The United CWA and PWA Workers Union will again hold a meeting in Harmony Hall, Rosenthal street and Lebanon Valley R. R., on Sunday at 2 p. m.

Stewart L. Grow, business agent for the organization, reports that the organization has 446 dues paying members. Of this number fifty new workers were added from the skyline project at last Sunday's meeting. The Grievance Committee reports progress in pressing for concessions. Among the demands which have been submitted to the State Administrator are: Permission to build fires, the establishment of shelter for workers' clothing and lunches, and permission to post notices on various projects. A further report will be made on these demands at Sunday's meeting. Plans are now under way to organize the surrounding counties with the hope that the union will become state-wide, Grow reports.

RUSSIAN EDUCATION'L FILM WILL BE SHOWN SUNDAY

"The War of the Centuries," a Soviet Russia educational motion picture, will be presented at Knights of Friendship Hall, 113 North Eighth street, Sunday, Feb. 18. There will be two showings, one at 6 p. m. and another at 8 p. m. The production will be under the auspices of International Workers' Order, Branch 118. In addition to the headliner, a Russian news reel and a Charlie Chaplin comedy will complete the program.

An admission charge of 25c per person will be accepted at the door. All proceeds will be used for the benefit of unemployed members of the organization.

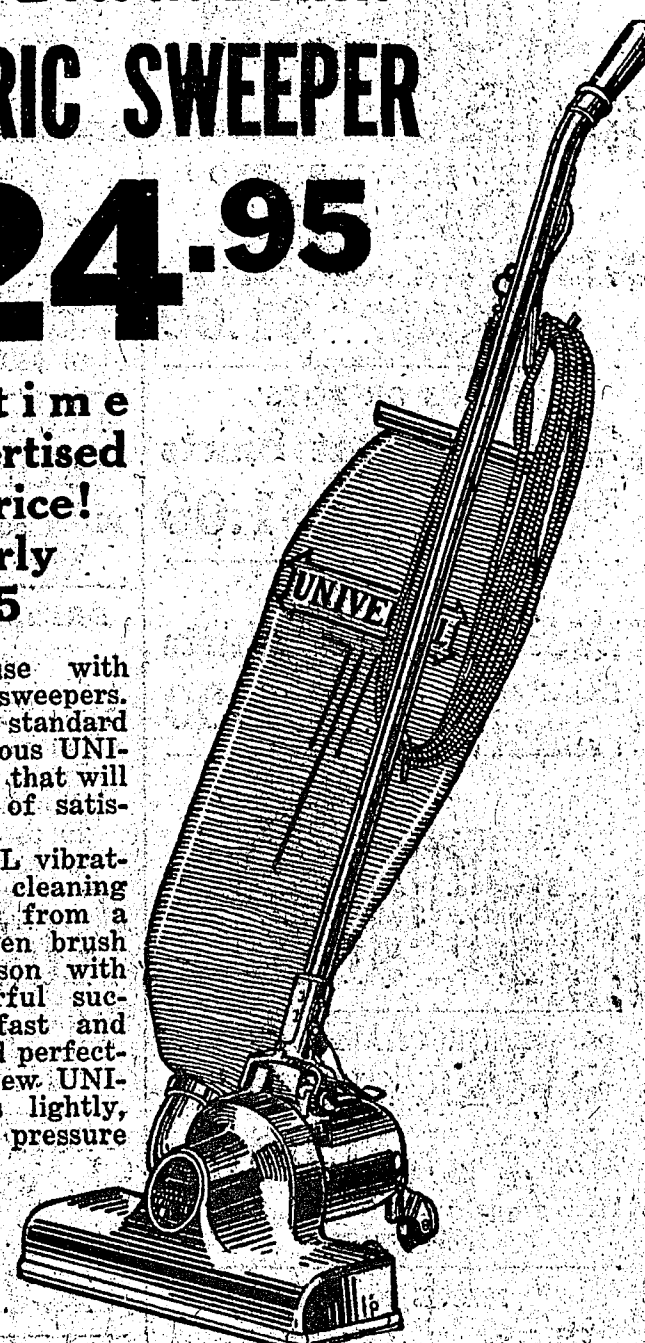
Agricultural workers are those employed by farmers, and not by processors preparing farm produce for the market, NRA has decided.

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REFLECTIONS

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a specialist on that particular machine. After making several tests the specialist selected one tiny part and began filing and fitting. For hours and hours he filed and fitted, fitted and filed. Finally he announced that he was through with the job and that the machine would again give service for a time. Then I asked a question: "Wouldn't it have been cheaper for us to have bought a new part than to have paid your time to fix up the old one?"

The specialist looked me over and then uttered a reply which can be applied to the Capitalist system today: "Yes, the new part would have cost 30 cents," he admitted. "But," he continued, "you'll never be able to use a new part in that machine again. You see, the whole machine is so old and worn that any one part which is new and true would just throw the entire machine out of whack. The part which I fixed was warped, but I didn't straighten it out. What I did was to bend it a little more so that it would fit with the rest of the machine."

To complete the story, I'll merely add that about a year later the same machine "went bad" again—and we traded it in for a new one.

THAT TELLS THE story of the present economic system. The Democratic administration tried to make the private profit machine run by putting in an extra part and calling it CWA. But the machine is so antiquated that the additional part had to be crooked to work at all.

We agree with the Republican National Committee. It is crazy to put people to work doing things which are of no immediate necessity, or which simply would not have to be done at all, while the industries to produce those immediate necessities which millions lack are permitted to remain idle until such time as a few parasites can find some way of reaping a profit by again exploiting workers. It is crazy to pay farmers to destroy cotton and then pat Boy Scouts on the back—as Father Franklin did—and encourage them to go out and collect second-hand clothing for the needy. Oh, yes, there are lots of crazy things, going on under the "New Deal."

But the most crazy thing of all is to try to keep the Capitalist machine running. And in this the "Grand Old Party" is no less imbecilic than their Democratic rivals for political power.

AND IN CONCLUSION, a word to the workers of hand and brain. You may be grateful for CWA employment or you may agree with the Republican National Committee that it should be abolished. But what can you hope for the future of the race if the affairs of state continue to be conducted by the present group of politicians? On the one hand we have the Democrats who want you to be satisfied with \$12-per-week jobs on work of doubtful value. Opposed to them are the Republicans whose highest hopes for you is that you be returned to food vouchers until such time as the Mellons, Morgans and exploiters of lesser degree can again exploit you and your children.

Do either of those programs suit you? If they don't, help to scrap the old private profit machine by joining the Socialist drive toward a co-operative commonwealth.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS LAUD AUSTRIANS

Local Youth League Expresses Admiration For Socialist Resistance to Fascism—Urges Unity In America

Roused by current happenings in Europe, the local headquarters of the Young People's Socialist League of America expressed its solidarity with their fellow workers in Austria and France. The statement also expressed the determination of American young Socialists to build quickly a movement strong enough not only to resist reactionary forces, but also to establish a Socialist commonwealth in the United States. The statement, as released by the County Executive Committee of the Young People's Socialist League, follows:

"The Young People's Socialist League of America hails with admiration the refusal of their Socialist comrades in Austria tamely to submit to the domination of Fascism. Faced with repeated violations of elementary civil liberties and right to organize, and threatened by Fascist Germany and Italy, the Austrian Socialists have put all their strength in a desperate struggle to maintain their fundamental rights and to continue their work. In their splendid housing developments and social services, the Austrian Socialists have set a model in living standards for the workers of the world.

"Equally inspiring is the example set by our French comrades in the general strike and demonstration of February 12 to warn the French government that they will not tolerate Fascist dictatorship and are prepared to resist any move in that direction.

"The menace of Fascism hangs heavy over Europe. Signs of its approach appear already in America. While our German and Italian brothers languish in prison camps or exile, while our French brothers prepare to resist reaction in France, while our Austrian brothers are barricaded in the magnificent workers' homes they have built, our duty lies clearly before us. We must build now, build quickly, labor unions, unemployed leagues, a Socialist party and youth movement strong enough to withstand the violent death struggles of capitalism, so that we will be able to take possession of the resources and industries of our great country and lead the workers forward to a Socialist world."

SAYS POLITICS

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change he received the mechanics' rate of \$1.20 per hour. Now, he declares, the job is being done by a worker who receives only 50 cents per hour.

Politics and Wage Cutting
"I believe that Young was particularly eager to get me off the job because I am a Socialist," Eisenhardt said this week. "He appeared to resent my action when the job started when I protested against working for 50 cents per hour. I claimed the \$1.20 rate because I was doing a mechanic's job of treating tools, etc. When I protested Young attempted to compromise on a 70-cent rate, but I still objected. Finally I received the \$1.20 rate and have been getting it for the five weeks during which I have worked for CWA. Now I have been dismissed and the 50-cent rate is being placed upon the job."

Charged With Holding Two Jobs
Eisenhardt reported that the reason offered by Young for his dismissal was that he (Eisenhardt) had been holding two jobs. This charge the latter denies.

"I showed a friend of mine in Blandon how to install an I-beam, but it was a personal favor and I received nothing for the work," Eisenhardt explained. "I told this to Young but he insisted that I was fired. Now he has taken a man from the ditch and placed him upon my job at laborer's wages."

Eisenhardt states that he has worked at blacksmithing for a matter of about 12 years. He further charges that other persons, known to Young, are doing extra work for wages and still retaining their positions.

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tions on CWA projects. He says he will not submit to discrimination without exhausting every effort to secure justice. Accordingly, he is seeking an opportunity to tell his story to Eric Biddle.

SOCIALISTS UNITE

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SOCIALIST DRIVE, mirroring the basic goal of the campaign, which is to visit every employed party member and sympathizer in the country to ask him to give one day's wages to a special fund to build for Socialism in community, state and nation. Of the funds so raised, 45 per cent will be kept for the work of local organizations, 10 per cent will go to the state offices and 45 per cent to the national work of the party.

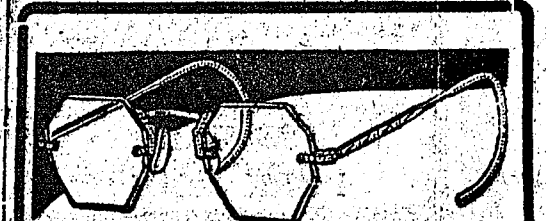
In the national quota of \$50,000 which has been set as the goal in this drive, a certain share has been assigned to every state in which there are active Socialist groups. The following states have already formulated plans for their participation in this country-wide campaign: Massachusetts, Illinois, New York, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Washington, West Virginia, Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New

Mexico, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, Idaho and Wyoming.

Norman Thomas is chairman of the 1934 United Socialist Drive committee while Clarence Senior, executive secretary of the Socialist Party of America, is director. Other members of the committee are: Simon Libros of Philadelphia, Darlington Hoopes of Reading, Pennsylvania; Julius Gerber and Louis Waldman of New York City, and Otto Hauser of Milwaukee.

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1929 levels again, there would be 4,000,000 men jobless, due to the replacement of labor by machines. Workers' production mounted 12% between 1929 and 1932.

Real Wages Menaced
In a lengthy report entitled, "What is Ahead of Us in Real Wages", distributed to delegates at the recent general A. F. of L. conference, a somber picture is painted of declining workers' income under NRA codification. Sec. Frank Morris of the

A. F. of L. assured Federated Press that the report, although unsigned, is an official A. F. of L. document.

In general, there has been no increase in real wages under NRA, according to this report. While minimum money wages were raised, wages in the higher brackets were not shoved up proportionately and the increasing cost of living has wiped out any apparent gain for workers.

"It would be a very innocent and naive person who supposed that the operation of the existing codes in the coming months will serve either to increase money wages or to check the increase in prices of goods," continues the report. "In general, the probabilities are pointing strongly in the opposite direction. So much for the codes as new existing; and no one supposes that by reopening

the codes and beginning a new round of dreary public hearings we shall be able to cause money wages to rise as fast as prices. Our hope lies rather in organization and collective bargaining."

Pointing to the danger to real wages in the Roosevelt gold revaluation policy, the report quotes Prof. Kemmerer's figures that a 60c dollar will mean prices 72% higher than at present.

This report, while unsigned, is believed to have been prepared by Matthew Wolf and his associates, who have been making a determined fight on the pro-NRA ballyhoo within the Federation.

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LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By LARRY ROGIN

In response to an impressive demand, a class in public speaking will be organized for labor college students. The class will begin on Tuesday, February 27, probably at the Southern Junior High School. The students felt that the training they received by making reports in class was not enough for those who wanted to be able to talk before large groups. While the class will be organized particularly for those workers who are already students at the labor college, anyone interested in the course should come down to the first meeting, or see the director of the college, Larry Rogin, at his office at 705 Walnut street. Next week's Labor College Notes will give the exact time and place of the class.

The Monday night debate on "Has the NRA Been a Benefit to the Workers?" was won by the negative, both by the decision of the judges and that of the audience. About ten visitors were present, as well as a full class, to listen to Franz Cremer and Harold Huber argue the merits of the President's program. The Monday night class has arranged its second debate,

a scrap between a team of men students and one of the women over the question, "Is Capitalism Doomed?" The men will say that it is doomed and the women that it will continue.

The classes organized with the aid of the Berks County Emergency Education Committee and under the direction of Max Putney are averaging an attendance of over 100 students a week. Students can enter these classes whenever they desire. The one in Reading is held on Thursday nights at the old City Hall. It begins at 7:30. Other classes are held in the 18th Ward, in Kenhorst, in Penwyn and at Hyde Park.

The labor college dramatics group has a very busy week ahead. On Monday night there will be a dress rehearsal of the skit before the class of the labor college. Tuesday night the skit will be presented at the trade union conference at the Hosiery Workers Hall. The Wednesday night class will see it also, as part of their regular studies. Meetings are still being held at the social room at the Hosiery Workers headquarters, at 10th and Penn streets, on Thursday nights. All those interested in this work are invited to attend and take part.

All the classes at the labor college last week took most of their time for a discussion of the menace of Fascism to the working class, with special reference to the Austrian and French situations. The tendencies in America were also brought out in the discussion. The morning class in parliamentary law held its first meeting last Wednesday at 9:15 at the Hosiery Workers Hall. The class will continue weekly at the same time. Anyone interested in how to run an organization smoothly is welcome to attend the sessions.

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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

(Concluded from Last Week)
Witness an extract from his speech of July 24, 1933, in explaining his program:
"The essence of the plan is a universal limitation of hours of work per week for any individual by common consent, and a universal payment of wages about a minimum."
This is the policy endorsed so strongly by Father Coughlin.
He talks of more money as the answer to our troubles.

Inflation Not a Cure
A quotation from James P. Warburg—whom Father Coughlin has severely criticized—is sufficient:
"We have no famine of money—we have a maldistribution of wealth. Making two dollars out of one dollar will not cure the maldistribution of wealth. It will not enrich the poor any more than calling six inches a foot will make you any taller. You will be twelve feet high instead of six, but you will not be able to reach what is out of your reach now."
If a decent living is out of your reach at present levels of wages and prices, how much nearer will it be after prices have doubled or more than doubled—as is hoped in some quarters—while wages lag behind the increase and do not even match the increase in prices?

Why the 1926 Level?
What is behind the statement, "Now it is possible to restore the 1926 price level and maintain it?" Why must we restore the 1926 level in preference to any other? What is so unique about the time?

Do we ever consider that at that time maldistribution of wealth had reached a point that finally led to the collapse of 1929? May it not be true that what we are attempting to restore is the return to ownership, and the security of ownership at the 1926 level? WE ARE attempting to salvage the financial structure at the expense of starving people, who are being burdened with a price level sufficient to maintain the owners at their 1926 level of living—at the cost of mass misery and starvation. Real recovery is NOT possible unless we disregard the financial structure of our country.

Purchasing Power Needed
That Father Coughlin's proposed flood of money will not solve the problem is shown by the fact that at the peak of America's greatest period of prosperity, the amount of currency in circulation was \$4,746,000,000 in 1929, or \$39.62 per person, when the income of the nation was \$81,000,000,000. Now the national income has dropped by \$32,000,000,000 and yet there was \$994,000,000 more currency in circulation at the worst period of the depression last year. If Father Coughlin's argument is worth anything we should have reached the greatest height of prosperity in history at that time instead of the greatest depth of depression and accompanying distress. He fails to understand that it was not currency that caused the collapse, but the restriction of wages by the capitalist class to secure greater profits for themselves. The workers were unable to buy the volume of goods produced by modern machinery. Coughlin deals with effects instead of with causes.

Other points stressed by Father Coughlin was the continuation of the CWA and PWA, and mature and complete development of the NRA. The facts about the CWA and PWA means that if the vast amount of spending goes on with the CWA alone costing many millions every day, it will force the government to print money to pay its bills. That is

the supreme test of whether we shall have inflation on a large scale such as occurred in Germany and led to the collapse of Germany. Evidently Father Coughlin has learned nothing from the lesson of Germany. The Federal deficit at the end of the fiscal year 1932 in last June, was \$5,500,000,000. To date it has increased by \$1,844,728,000. In addition to this, President Roosevelt plans to spend and thereby increase the public debt by \$10,000,000,000 more during this year. This parallels Hitler in public debt without reviving private industry and decline in income of workers and farmers by nearly the same percentage. Yet Father Coughlin pays a birthday tribute to President Roosevelt as "the captain bringing the ship of state safely into the harbor of prosperity."

If the NRA succeeds in its goal of restoring the production and price levels to 100% of the 1926 levels, the completion of over 200 wage codes will leave wages at a level of 80.7% of the 1926 level. At maturity, we thus see, wages will be 19.3% less than the 1926 level, the goal of the NRA. Add to this an increase in production capacity by new machinery and processes, of 15%, and the real buying power of the workers, measured by their production—to buy the products of industry will be over 34% less than the wage level that sowed the seed of depression for 1929.

How can prosperity be restored by further decreasing the power of workers to buy what industry produces? The 10,702,000 unemployed officially listed by the A. F. of L. in November, 1933, and the 3,750,000 graduates of schools who are unemployed but not listed because they never got a job, a grand total of 14,452,000 workers who will remain unemployed, and the expense of their keep as well as that of providing temporary jobs for CWA and PWA workers, will eat like a cancer into the structure of capitalism, and reduce it to a hollow shell that will finally collapse.

Socialism, the Real Remedy
Production and distribution must be planned and balanced; that is the only remedy for depressions and poverty.

The Socialists have the only remedy for the evils of banking and viciousness of bankers! Eliminate the bankers from their private control of banking for private gain and make banking a public business operated for the public good. Let the banks be owned by the entire people, or in other words, the nation with management by the people, with officials able to run it elected by the people co-operating with officials elected by the bank employees who know their most able workers. Merely national ownership of banks would not be enough because a nationalized banking system operated by a government controlled by wealthy industrialists is a Fascist proposal for the preservation of the profit system which Socialists seek to abolish. Unless control of industry itself is taken from the hands of the capitalist class and unless governmental power is thus restored to workers themselves, no banking system, public or private, can be anything other than a powerful instrument for the exploitation of the working class.

Anyone reading this article who is in sympathy with our views regarding the subject matter of this article is asked to drop a card to the authors. Also place the article in the hands of one of Father Coughlin's admirers or disciples.

Standard Oil Subsidiary Faces Labor Election

WASHINGTON — Magnolia Petroleum Co., subsidiary of Standard Oil at Fort Worth, Tex., forced a shotgun company union upon its employees, states Sec. of the Interior Harold M. Ickes, the oil administrator, in approving a report of the petroleum labor policy board asking for an election to decide whether Magnolia workers want the company union or the Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers' union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The national labor board, co-operating with NRA and the department of labor and agriculture, has sent representatives to investigate the tense labor situation in the Florida citrus groves and packing houses. Unrest is reported among 50,000 citrus workers.

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WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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old ideas which is a serious charge against any person who wants to be a public official in these changing times.

IN THESE CRAZY DAYS OF CAPITALIST COLLAPSE
And there's Councilman "Nibs" Nuebling who issues a warning that unless the Ontelaunee dam breast is made stronger than is now intended there is danger of a break and widespread destruction.

"Nibs" also believes in a system which gives prosperity to workers only as long as there is a constant demand for their services. He is a follower of the party of Roosevelt, and presumably subscribes to the destruction of food and cotton which was fostered by Franklin D.

Assuming that Nuebling wants to see business boom and workers employed, it is difficult to understand why he should worry about a break in the dam. Doesn't he know that such destruction as he fears would make work for everybody from the doctor to the undertaker?
Silly talk? Of course it is. But this is a crazy system and only crazy methods will keep it going.

ON ABOLISHING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

There is some sense to the arguments of people who wish to abolish second-class townships. With the mounting debt of local governments and the continuation of PWA policies as a means of preventing widespread starvation, the day is not far distant when many cities, townships and boroughs will be so deep in debt that they will be actually owned by the Federal government.

Since the Federal government must do the financing, why shouldn't the Federal government do the owning and ruling?
It isn't the fault of anybody in particular that things are going to smash. Everybody who voted for Capitalism all these years must share the blame. How could people keep

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their local governments functioning when the laws of the land permitted a few industrialists and financiers to grab all the products of industry for their own use? Sure liberty is dying! Sure political freedom is vanishing! Those things always happen when economic systems approach their end. If you want to save liberty you'll have to take over the industries and operate them for all the people, just as Socialists have been urging.

TAKE WARNING, READING!
An interesting newspaper photo this week revealed Fuson Police Commissioner J. Stanley Giles aiming a machine gun which spits bullets at the rate of 10 a second. "No, Not Austria," was the way the picture was captioned.

No, not Austria, but Reading! Stanley wasn't aiming his gun at human flesh, the news-writer explained. But that doesn't mean that the day won't come when he will do so. In Austria, not so many years ago, civilization and democracy was the order of the day. In Austria before the war it was not even customary for policemen to hurl tear gas at striking workers—as Giles did last summer. But things changed in Austria, and they can change just as

easily in Reading for the same reason. The reason they are killing workers in Austria is because workers there are no longer willing to be exploited by the industrial masters who supported Chancellor Dollfus. When the workers of Reading make a determined and dangerous resistance to the exploiters who support Fuson campaigns—well, then watch which way the guns are pointed. Not gangsters, but rebellious workers, is what causes Capitalist-minded public officials to be interested in efficient killing devices. And that makes it all the more important for workers to see to it that the right people are voted into offices which give them the power to handle the guns.

The 12, 14 and 16-hour day is worked in the lumber industry under exceptions and exemptions provided in the 40-hour week. Joseph Kunz of the coopers' union declared in asking a separate co-operation code with 45c as a minimum wage and a 40-hour week with "no averaging" of hours.

CHARTER NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
No. 13 March Term 1934.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, Penna., for a charter of the following proposed corporation, to wit:

1. The name of the proposed corporation is "Northwest Lyceum Association of Reading, Pa."
2. Said proposed corporation is to be organized under the provisions of the Act of Assembly known and cited as the "Nonprofit Corporation Law," approved May 5, 1933.
3. The purpose or purposes of the proposed corporation are: Encouraging and promoting the study of social, industrial and economic problems and the maintenance of a club for social enjoyment.
4. The Articles of Incorporation have been filed in the office of the Prothonotary of Berks County to the above number and term and the application will be presented to said Court on March 5, 1934, at 9:30 A. M. Eastern Standard Time.
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26 North Sixth Street, Reading, Pa.

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Estate of Mary A. Faller, late of the Borough of Laureldale, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same, without delay, to JOHN FALLER, 1350 Locust Street, Reading, Pa.

or to his attorney, Darlington Hoopes, 26 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

THE RIOTS IN PARIS

It is as difficult to tell where these Paris riots will lead as it is to tell just why they should have broken out now. Their background is bitterness against high taxes, the economic depression, the scandalous forty-million-dollar Etavisky pawnshops collapse in which prominent politicians were involved, and a general contempt for the parliamentary wrangling which is supposed to have protected graft in high places. The situation is being exploited by French Monarchists and Fascists with Communists apparently in temporary alliance with them! A Monarchist or Fascist coup d'état in France would do mighty little to end corruption. It would be the death knell of liberty and probably of any hope for peace on the European continent. Socialists are right in fighting dictatorship in France. But a successful fight requires a lot more than the preservation of what passes for democracy in France.

CODES AND PRICES

One of the most interesting things in the country is the growing popularity of the codes in business circles which once looked with suspicion on this "interference" of government. The reason is that many of the codes give business a magnificent chance to fix prices, and prices that guarantee big profits at that. If General Johnson ever reads this statement he will probably use some picturesque profanity in denying it. Nevertheless, that is precisely what is happening under the guise of preventing cut-throat competition and ruinous underselling. Business almost completely dominates the administration of the codes. Then by various devices such as fixing "normal costs" and by "open price" agreements, it really fixes prices at a level which may sometimes embarrass the little man but gives the big company a huge profit. The President's desire for a higher price level gives them a smoke screen to operate behind.

Lately the Administration has bucked up the personnel and power of consumers' representatives, and this plus the rows some anti-trust Senators have been making, has put a brake upon the monopolistic price fixing plans of such trade associations as NEMA (The National Electrical Manufacturers Association). But there is something comical about the efforts of certain optimists to find a formula which will at one and the same time protect investments in the swollen capital structure of business and guarantee it profits; stop cut-throat competition without favoring monopoly, and on this basis, give business what it thinks is a fair price without gouging consumers! Squaring the circle is child's play compared with this. It is a job that capitalism cannot do.

TAKING IN EACH OTHERS' WASHING

More and more the Administration is depending for its popularity upon subsidizing everybody. The 22,000,000 who have gotten something out of the Federal treasury is increasing day by day. Soon we shall approach the bliss of the island where they lived by taking in each others' washing.

Does this mean that I take back what I have said about extending PWA and improving CWA and enlarging relief? By no means. These are necessary emergency measures. But no healthy society can live by trying to redistribute its own stored-up fat. A political government which has its finger in every kind of pie without real responsibility, is a government which invites bureaucracy and corruption. A government which employs millions of unemployed workers at made-work, sets up a thoroughly unhealthy situation between government and the citizen. We do not want a government which owns preferred stock in capitalist banks where some Jesse Jones can stick his finger in the pie; we want socialized banking. We do not want an indefinite continuance of CWA; we want social ownership and planned administration of industries operated for use, not profit, under boards of directors representing the workers in the industry and the consumers. Which is another way of saying that we want Socialism and not subsidies.

GRIM DANUBE TUNES

Socialists with machine guns and hand grenades are fighting Fascists in the streets of Vienna. In Germany six million Communists let themselves be flattened out by the Hitler machine without a show of resistance. This is one more example of how events in this confused post-war era simply will not run true to form.

As between the Austrians and the Germans, it is accepted doctrine that the people on the Danube are a soft folk, addicted to waltz tunes and light conversation in the coffee houses, whereas the Germans of the north are men of blood and iron.

As between Communists and Socialists, we have the former's word for it that Communists are the militant vanguard of the working class, whereas Socialists are cowardly lackeys to the bourgeoisie. It follows that when it is a question of barricades and gunfire there simply can be no comparison between a Prussian Communist and a Viennese Socialist. In practice it has been just the other way about.—New York Times.

HEART THROBS AND CHUCKLES AT REUNION OF SOCIALIST OLD GUARD

(Continued from First Page)

positioned on the long table his contribution to the festive board—an old 13th Ward custom in co-operative banquets to symbolize the spirit of Socialism. With each new deposit the boards took on a concave, what with bags of pretzels, bottles of pickles and olives, great hunks of cheese (a penalty was proscribed for bringing limburger... with "Chief" Schearer the object of suspicion), potato chips, a large bag of peanuts and so on. From the kitchen came pungent odor promising the good things to come later. Here, in their culinary dictatorship, Bushy and Brahmy were holding forth with large knives slicing up some twenty rings of abattoir products, and dipping excellent potato salad from a Geo. Leininger pot to provide for seventy-five, and a Ralph Dundore can of pepper cabbage... enough for a hundred. Every old-timer, it was noticed, edged his way to the rear as best he could for an olfactory sniff in the atmosphere of the kitchen snipes... a habit, in passing that was acquired for a less pleasant reason when the branch met in their palatial headquarters on the second tier in Milt High's horse stable. A few even indulged in mechanical hand passes before their eyes, imagining, no doubt that cob webs must naturally be present where Socialists assemble. But they were quickly disillusioned. Gone forever are those happy, incipient, though so vitally important days! And with them too, is gone the stinging odium that was once hurled at the veteran pioneers who dragged the first Socialist plow over the old soil of the 13th Ward. The older generation called them "Nuts!" But the younger generation, seeking a job today, call them "Prophets!"

From nuts to prophets... 'twas a long, weary way.
But the "Prophets" are surely fewer.

Then the "Nuts" are today...
Promptly at 8 p. m. fifty-five old-timers were ordered to the second floor, that number having braved the terrible weather outdoors. In short order the writer was elected master of ceremonies, and a motion passed with acclaim that we form a permanent organization to be known as THE OLD GUARD THIRTEENTH.

To meet once a year at the back and tail of an appointed committee. The committee: Bouchat, Brahmy, Wesner, Enoch and Wickel. Then the old-timers were requested to rise in their seats while a list of the departed veterans was read off in the following order: Pop Lambert, Charles Maurer, Fred Parr, Billy Robertson, John Arrowsmith, Birch, Al Goodhart, Bill Boas, Joe Green, Ben Paradise, Sam Schaeffer, Hen Berg, Frank Earnest, Seyfert, William B. Hacker, Ben Butler, Jacob Ray, John Kern, John Homan, Herman Schalibg, Hughie Dobbie.

Hardly had the old-timers resumed their seats again when it was immediately moved and passed that the minutes be spread with regrets for the involuntary absence of Comrade "Gene Ray. Every old Socialist in Berks County will know why this old-timer did not report. But "Gene" will join in with his old friends in a reunion some day... soon, we sincerely believe.

Old-Timers Recalled

With these necessary details completed, the chairman proceeded to carry out a program of entertainment. The first old-timer called to the floor for a five-minute experience talk was, of course, the Patriarch of Socialists in Berks—Comrade "Dick" Fister. Dick told how he dug a hole in the soil of the old 13th, planted an "Appeal to Reason" in it, and saw his crop grow to the present growth of Socialist votes—the major political party in Reading. Today, said Dick, anyone can become a Socialist and command respect; but in his day it was quite different. So you youngsters, when you see old-timer Dick Fister, look him over. At 73 he's still tall and erect. And he still carries pamphlets in his pockets for bar-barians who believe you can produce 100 per cent and consume 100 per cent, with a 50 per cent distribution in wages. Dick insists it cannot be done. Right!

The next old-timer called was the chap who is responsible for the organization of the Socialists in Berks County—Ed Leffler, on the testimony

of Dick himself. Old-timer "Ed" was the standard bearer in the hottest campaign this Dutch burg ever experienced, in 1912, when he was the candidate for Mayor. Leffler recalled the days when the old-timers of that day placed a ladder against the inside wall of Milt High's stable, and climbed through a trap-door in the floor to the meeting... auditorium!

Old-timer Milt High, absent (reports his old rattle wouldn't start). Old-timer... The ladder-climber who dipped his pen in ink to write his name to a membership card in the old 13th, then sailed on to the boss-ridden Legislature at Harrisburg, carried his personality through almost every state in the Union—was called to Europe to greet and address comrades overseas—returned to be elected Councilman of his native hearth... and went down to defeat in a "two-pluck-one" fight in 1932 to find his name inscribed in "America's Who Who"—James H. Maurer. Old-timer Jim related his progress as a Democrat, a Populist, his nibbles at the S. L. P., and his final decision to join in with Dick and Ed. Old-timer Jim. When such epithets as "Kangaroos" and "Traitors" were hurled across Penn. street at Fifth!

Old-timer Jim Reis. Jim recalled the earliest days of the movement to organize and rated it his proudest day when he signed a membership card.

Old-timer Bill Helder. Down with bronchitis! Bill was, for two weeks, pepped up with the inspiration this reunion held forth; he fought against this perceptible affliction, but on Friday morning he phoned from his sickbed to this writer: "Wick, tell the boys I am more sick at heart than in body. But I will be with them HERE IN MY BED!" Old-timer Bill penned his words for the old guard, which were read and applauded by his regretful friends. Next time, Bill, you'll be there!

Old-timer Arthur Mest. Mest gave an account of the first Socialist paper in Reading, and of the purchase of Labor Lyceum.

Old-timer Ivan Schaeffer. "Coal Oil and Matches" Schaeffer still believes that the only way to fix Henry Dub's sol's he can't do himself any harm on election day, is to keep him from the polls... via the above route!

Old-timer Moses Enoch. The perennial secretary! Reading the old minute books one is forced to the conclusion that a more appropriate name for the party, locally, should have been "The Enoch Party!"

Old-timer Ezra Gottshall. Absent. Wrote today: "Wick! It was my damn old rattle!"
And so on down the line of old-timers, until thirty-two had contributed their bit to an affair in which there wasn't a single, idle, monotonous moment. Milt Bortz, Newt Herr, Fritz Frezeman, Al Ray (the Jack Dempsey of other days who cowed would-be busters of Socialist meetings), Paddy Shade, Milt Leffler, Irvin Banks, Mahlon Buchs, Al Wagner, Harry Brightbill, John Doyle, John Blankhorn, Geo. Boeckler, Walter Hollinger, Warren Balhaiser, Sam Sands, Tom Paine and...

Bigony "Makes a Noise"

A half-pint runt made a noise close to the chairman. He wasn't an eligible; in fact he had no business there. But by virtue of his official position in the Socialist Party, he was allowed to chisel in. Well, all right! He was an invited guest. The chairman introduced the runt-sized guest as the most bustling organizer Local Berks ever had. The runt, spurred on by this compliment, immediately leaped from his tilted chair and launched forth some oratory in which praise and criticism for the old-timers were equally proportioned. Of course, the old-timers were tolerant of his proclivity to reveal his inexperience... Dick Fister, becoming bored, advised him to first blow his nose. Runt Bigony sat down with a loud flop!

Hoch Der Vashkeffer

The concluding feature of the experience session was eagerly awaited by all. The chairman made a lengthy introduction in behalf of this feature. In the old days we listed a comrade from Blandon, who walked to and from the meetings weekly. And he had reported this Herculean feat, on his feet, for the first reunion of his former friends. With tense anticipation the old-timers greeted the

Blandon war horse—"Der Paderly Vashkeffer."

With the old-time fire in his eyes, Comrade Vashkeffer sprung a startling surprise on the old-timers. For tonight he would reverse the usual procedure at Socialist meetings. He would answer all questions first, and then proceed to develop his address on the basis of the questions! Immediately Ivan Schaeffer, with malicious intent, asked for a human translation of the affliction—Paderly Vashkeffer!

With a supercilious sneer of contempt for the questioner's ignorance, Vashkeffer explained that Paderly Vashkeffer was the Blandon etymological rendition for Jim Wesner, in English! Shaking his fist at his audience, Vashkeffer shouted: "Vell! Var iss der nechta vonnerfirtz?" Walt Schaeffer, stretched out the pockets in his jeans, and timidly inquired: "Cumrue Vashkeffer. Nocha when war Blandon ge-naummed?"

These pertinent questions on the critical problems of the day furnished Vashkeffer with sufficient material to base his address.

When the original settlers (the Vashkeffer clan—Wesners) asked the Indians who occupied the territory what they called the locality, the red men answered, "Sche-neet-a-dy." The Vashkeffer (Wesners) glanced at each other in stupefied amazement, not to say disgust for such a calamitous, ungodly, unpronounceable term! A poll was taken on the spot, and these sturdy Vashkeffers took a mighty and solemn oath that henceforth, insofar as they were concerned, the settlement would be called "Blandon," after their ancestral home in Germany, which for centuries was known as "Vashkefferstietle."

Warming up to his subject, Vashkeffer explained that only through a freakish fate was he saved for Socialism, and narrowly escaped being counted with the ranks of Plutocrats. About 1740, one of his forebears, a Vashkeffer, patented a marvelous invention known as "The D. A. (double action) Pump Handle. This singular device was a triumph of Vashkeffer genius. Whether one bore down on the handle, or pulled up on it, water gushed forth in a torrent... Mother Earth literally wept copious tears of pure-limpid water—whether there was water in the well or not! Such was the Vashkeffer D. A. Pump Handle. At once orders for D. A. P. Handles poured in in abundance and promised economic security for generations of Vashkeffers to come. But alas... Just about this period the settlement at Reading received a Borough Charter, an enterprising chap named Fred Lauer began to brew good Lager, Pilsner, and Beck Beer, and orders were countermanded for wooden spigots, instead of D. A. P. Handles... and the Vashkeffers were sunk!

In fact, so fervent was the demand for spigots that to this day there is known no equivalent for the English word water in Blandon! In memory of potential glory the present descendants of this Vashkeffer would consider it a mortal sin to stand before a certain bronze statue in City Park. What a destiny for Blandon through an innocent, serviceable wooden spigot.

In this strain did the imitable Jim Wesner entertain the old-timers in Pennsylvania Dutch. In this political field our Jim is without a peer. If there is... let him come forth! It was a good old-time laugh for all. In truth, Jim Maurer, ruined a perfectly new suit through splitting up his vest! Ivan Schaeffer nearly bit a chunk out of his tongue—only escaping this inconvenient catastrophe through the lack of teeth to clamp on his jaws.

And then the "Eat!"

The speech by Comrade Paderly Vashkeffer concluded the experience meeting upstairs. Then "Bushy" yelled out from below: "All hands down for chuck!" True to his old inheritance from his forebears, Ivan Schaeffer shouted the battle cry of capitalism, "Each man for himself!" Reached the stairway first, with Walt Schaeffer carrying Runt Bigony like a sack, a close second and third. And then... oh boy! The promise of good cheer fulfilled! Joviality... conviviality... glut-tony... the reduction to the status quo of the festive boards!

Shortly—all too soon—the good time was over. One after the other the old-timers took their departure. Again hand-shaking was resumed. Adios were lovingly expressed. The first reunion of an old guard was over. As long as memory, this one will linger.

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