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## State Socialists Name Strong Ticket

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

I HAVE BEEN accused of being an "orthodox" Socialist, and hereby plead guilty. The person who indicted me has a record of many years membership in the Socialist party, but right at this time is convinced that President Roosevelt and his "New Deal" is going to secure for the workers the things which Socialists have always wanted. "So," he argues, "there is no necessity for Socialists to worry about the future. Capitalism is dead, Socialism is in the future. Roosevelt has set the nation upon a course which must inevitably result in the socialization of industry."

I MADE A countercharge against my accuser: "You speak the language of Fascism," I told him.

He agreed: "Certainly it is Fascism; that is the next step, but what of it?"

And then this former Socialist party member attempted to justify his case. "The trouble with Socialists is that we make our appeal to the working class," he declared. "We expect the workers to act together for their own emancipation. That's quite all right as an ideal, but in practice it's all bunk. Workers never did and never will do anything for themselves. They're too ignorantly contemptible. They want something for nothing so much that they never see the possibility of gaining the whole world for themselves. They're slaves because they are slave minded and the owners, for the most part, are no better."

"Among the owners there are a few individuals who understand the benefits of co-operation and who are willing to go along with the 'New Deal' as a means of maintaining control of their privately-owned resources. They are intelligent enough to see that the economic order has been changed by the development of machinery and to realize that the

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### TPL BURIES COMRADE WHO DIED TO ESCAPE POVERTY

John Sherment found a way to escape the horrors of Capitalism.

John was only 23 years old. He had a wife and one child. He should have been happy. But happiness vanishes when poverty enters the home, and John Sherment had been unemployed for a long time.

The Sherments were living with John's mother-in-law. It was because of that that the relief administration refused to give John any assistance. But John saw that his wife's folks were unable to keep him. So John solved his problem last Saturday by shooting himself.

Sherment was a member of the Taxpayers' Protective League, so that organization prevented his body from reaching a dissecting board in a Philadelphia hospital. The League made arrangements with Undertaker Gallman, and John was buried yesterday in St. Mary's Cemetery with members of the League acting as pall bearers.

The League is still carrying on its fight for decent consideration of Capitalism's victims. But every now and then, discouragement causes some of its members to wonder whether it would be better to take the easy and short way out of a world which recognizes a worker's right to live only when some exploiter needs his services.

**SOCIALIST Radio Program EVERY SUNDAY at 12:15 P. M. over 361.4M WEEU 830K**

Feb. 25—George M. Rhodes.  
Mar. 3—Darlington Hoopes.

**WRW TUESDAY, MAR. 4—7 P. M. James Dundore.**

### HOLMES FOR GOVERNOR, MAURER U. S. SENATOR, TO LEAD PENNA. CAMPAIGN

State Party Convention in Harrisburg Lays Plans For Vigorous Campaign—Socialism Only Escape From Fascism Secretary Limbach Declares In Keynote Address—Delegates Endorse Reading Radio Program—Platform to be Adopted In June

In a convention of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania which was marked by enthusiasm and purpose, 150 delegates, representing locals and branches from all sections of the corporation-controlled "Keystone State," met in Harrisburg last Saturday and Sunday to name candidate for statewide offices and prepare for a vigorous campaign for the economic principles upon which the party has always stood.

James H. Maurer, Reading's internationally-known class warrior, was selected as candidate for United States Senator and Jesse H. Holmes, professor of philosophy at Swarthmore College, was nominated to make the race for governor. Other candidates named were: For lieutenant governor, Birch Wilson, Reading; for secretary of internal affairs, Franz E. Daniel, Allentown; for judge of Superior Court, Meyer E. Maurer, Philadelphia.

Limbach Sounds Keynote. In the absence of J. Henry Stump, Reading, state chairman, who was prevented from attending the convention by a serious eye infection, the keynote speech of the convention was made by Sarah Limbach, state secretary.

In a short but vigorous speech, Secretary Limbach threw the gauntlet of the Socialist opposition at the feet of those who are seeking to delay the next logical advance of the human race, Socialism.

"Only the development of a Fascist dictatorship will keep society from making the advance into Socialism," the Socialist secretary declared. "We are going out among the people this year to stress the failure of the 'New Deal.' More than that, we are going to make a definite bid for working-class power. The safety of the race demands a Socialist victory and the time has come when we must convince the workers of the logic of our program for the socialization of industry."

Adopt Resolution on Austria. Scarcely had Limbach ceased speaking when Raymond S. Hofes, acting as a member of the State Executive Committee, presented a resolution.

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### CONFERENCE DISCUSSES TRADE UNION PROBLEMS

About seventy-five trade unionists, representing almost every union in Reading were present, Tuesday night in Hosiery Workers' Hall, at the second monthly conference called by the Federated Trades Council to discuss problems concerning the local trade union movement. The discussion dealt with the problems of keeping union members interested in union activities, and of settling the every day shop grievances. Lawrence Rogin, director of the local Labor College, led the discussion on the first topic. Luther Adams, president of Branch No. 10, American Federation of Hosiery Workers, spoke on the problem of a new union in adjusting itself to the handling of the shop matters with which it is faced. He was followed by L. E. Ross, of the Carpenters Union, who spoke of the conditions in the building trades unions.

Each of the speakers was followed by a discussion by the members of the various unions present. Particular problems facing unions were brought forward in an attempt to solve them.

One of Mr. Rogin's suggestions as a method of making union members come to meetings was introduced between the speakers. This was a skit, "From Office Boy to President," which was presented by the dramatic group of the Reading Labor College. Earl White, organizer of the Federated Trades Council, acted as chairman.

### IN HARNESS AGAIN



JAMES H. MAURER

"Jim" Maurer, warhorse of the local Socialist movement, who has again been drafted for service.

### KENHORST COUNCILMEN ANSWER EISENHARDT

Socialist Members of Borough Body Declare Incompetence, Not Politics, Caused Blacksmith's Removal

Declaring that J. Nicholas Eisenhardt was removed as blacksmith on CWA projects in Kenhorst because of incompetence and not, as claimed by Eisenhardt last week, because of any political reason, Socialist members of Kenhorst borough have issued a statement to justify his dismissal.

The statement, signed by Charles Smith, Clarence Searfoss, Lester S. Himmelberger and George H. Stoudt, Socialist borough councilmen, also refuted Eisenhardt's charge that a laborer was given his job. This action, the Socialist councilmen reveal, was an emergency measure and a competent mechanic has been engaged at mechanics' wages.

The statement follows: "In answer to Eisenhardt's charge of politics and wage cutting we wish to state that when the eight projects in this Borough were handed in there was no provision made for skilled labor, all labor being turned in at the rate of 50c per hour. After much aggressive action by Burgess Moser and others, the rates were changed to fit the position that each worker held insofar as it was in their power to do so.

"The real cause for Eisenhardt's removal is as follows: At a meeting between Councilmen Searfoss, Smith and Himmelberger, Socialist members of council and foremen and timekeepers of the various projects, January 25, several complaints were presented in regards to the work of Eisenhardt as blacksmith and as the days went by more complaints were entered by Mr. Young, foreman, and workers on the various projects with few exceptions. A careful investigation by Councilmen Searfoss and Himmelberger, taking into consideration the weather and digging conditions, showed a large percentage

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### OPEN UNION MEETINGS

Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helper Union, Local No. 429, will have an open meeting for all truck drivers, teamsters and helpers, Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p. m., at 117 Penn street. Prominent speakers will address the meeting.

Painters are again invited to an open meeting tonight (Friday) in the Keystone Fire Company hall, 204 Penn street. An interesting program is promised. This invitation applies to non-union as well as union painters.

### PENNA. JOBLESS MUST ORGANIZE ALEXANDER SAYS

Local T. P. L. Official Declares Only Four Counties in State Respect Rights of the Unemployed

### SCORES 'RELIEF' PRACTICES

Child's Hand Frozen When Fuel Is Delayed—Insurance Sacrificed to Cut Relief Bills

Declaring that only four of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania are giving relief to the unemployed in amounts which approximate state allowances, Harry Alexander, executive chairman of the Taxpayers' Protective League, this week scored the efforts of local relief workers who constantly strive to drive down the living standards of jobless families. Alexander stated that a comparison of relief allotments justified the efforts put forth by such organizations as the Taxpayers' Protective League of Berks County and the Allegheny County Citizens' League.

"We have learned of one section of Lancaster County in which families of eight are allowed but \$3.25 per week for food, while the allowance should be \$8 or \$9, depending on the amount of adults in the family," Alexander said.

Deplored what he termed "playing economy with human misery," the T. P. L. official declared that humane societies would prosecute and imprison persons who treated

### READING UNIONISTS ARGUE PRETZEL CODE AT WASH.

Walter Riegel, Francis Scheip, Francis Bauer, Clarence Kreisher, Ernest Borrell and George Rhodes returned from Washington where they represented the Pretzel Workers' Union at the pretzel code hearing.

The union demanded a minimum of 40 cents an hour instead of the 25 cent rate proposed by the bosses. The workers demanded a 32 hour week with a 36 hour maximum for a 6 week period instead of the 44 to 48-hour week proposed by the bosses.

The workers also ask for equal representation on the board of code authority.

The bosses made an effort to discredit the testimony of the workers because they did not represent a large percentage of the people employed in the pretzel industry.

The statement that they have accomplished much through their organization of bosses and their attempt to establish a low wage in the code by using the argument that the workers were not sufficiently organized, is evidence of the need of a strong union of pretzel workers.

The Reading delegation received support from the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union, which

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### BERKS SOCIALISTS WILL RAISE FUNDS BY EASTER CANDY SALES

Hollow Chocolate Novelties at Bargain Prices to Make Local's Quota of National Fund—Samples on Display at Branches—Every Socialist Urged to Co-Operate

Buy your hollow chocolate Easter supplies from the Socialist party and help to raise Berks County's quota of the \$50,000 which is the goal of the United Drive for party finances by the National Executive Committee. That is the appeal which is being made by the Local Berks United Drive Committee in every branch in the County.

Arrangements have been made with a candy manufacturer to furnish all the hollow chocolate novelties which the Reading public may require. During the last two weeks in March the entire first floor of Labor Lyceum, with the exception of that portion devoted to the cigar business will be used as a display and sales room in which the usual candy pieces can be bought and orders given for novelty numbers. The main efforts of the committee will be centered upon nests containing an assortment of hollow chocolate pieces of various designs and sizes. One nest will sell for 75 cents and another for 90 cents.

In stressing the possibilities of the Easter chocolate enterprise, Mark Ed. Seltzer, chairman of the committee, declared yesterday that there is no

### RAPS DELAY BY SCHOOL BOARD

Spokesman For CWA Workers Says Board May Now Lose \$600,000 Gift From Government

Charging that unwarranted delay in the School Board building program has placed the citizens of Reading in danger of losing the \$600,000 which the federal government would have given to promote PWA projects in this locality if the board had promptly heeded the wishes of Reading's voters by floating the \$2,000,000 loan authorized at the last election, Stewart L. Grow, business agent for the CWA-PWA workers of Berks, again condemns the Board for the loss of employment which many workers have suffered as a consequence.

Grow addressed a letter to President E. L. Hettinger, on February 7, urging prompt action in the launching of the building projects authorized by the voters.

### Blames Two Committees

"It is apparent that inaction on the part of the property and finance committees has prevented this work from being started," Grow said yesterday. "It is also a question whether the work will ever be done under conditions which will enable the city to benefit by the \$600,000, which the federal government stood ready to provide as an outright gift. The curtailment of all CWA and PWA operations may find Reading too late to get the benefits which other communities received."

"It is not difficult to foresee that bricklayers, masons, plumbers, plasterers and other tradesmen will not rejoice in the action of the School Board. They have been flouted as voters and neglected as workers by the board."

### Served Big Taxpayers

"With the property committee negligent in its duty of finding suitable site for construction, and with much quibbling as to the costs of the respective school buildings under consideration, the only interests which have been served are those of the big taxpayers who feared a tax increase as a result of the \$2,000,000 loan, which was authorized by the

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### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

#### HELL AT THE READING SHOPS

"It's just hell out there," an employee of many years standing told us this week. He was speaking about the locomotive shops of the Reading Railroad Co., and had come to report that 96 more men had been added to the long lists of lay-offs.

"They drive you almost to death and they don't give you the proper tools to work with," he continued. "No lights in the electric sockets of the tool room; no tools and nobody to keep tools in condition; every wheels ground hollow so that you can't put a straight sharp edge on a tool—if one of them would fly apart it might kill a couple of us."

"Anything else?" we asked. "Well, yes," he replied, "almost everything else. If you are on the night shift and walk away from your job you don't go far before you are in such darkness that you can't see; I saw a fellow take a nasty spill over an air hose the other night. He might have broken his neck. And there's the water system. They have electric coolers. But I don't believe a single one of them is connected with the current. The water is warm and the tops of the coolers are black with dirt because nobody is paid to look after them. I tell you, mister, it seems as though the company is determined to let the shops, the road and everything else go to ruin; they're not spending a cent they can get out of."

We don't know whether this story is as interesting to you as it was to us, but—

Once we had an automobile which we were going to trade in. We didn't fix a thing on the darn old bus. It needed tires, paint, top dressing and fresh spark plugs. But we

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### JESSIE HUGHAN TO SPEAK HERE

Socialist Women's Committee Secures Noted N. Y. Educator For International Women's Day Event

Friday, March 9, has been set aside by the Women's Committee of Local Berks for the celebration of International Women's Day. The slogan of the day will be "Peace" and the committee has secured Mrs. Jessie W. Hughan, of New York, as the speaker. She will speak in Odd Fellows hall, at 8 p. m., on "Socialist Women and the Next War."

Jessie Wallace Hughan has been active in the Socialist Party for many years, having been a candidate for a number of offices in New York State, including those of Secretary of State, Lieutenant Governor, and United States Senator. She is a Ph.D. of Columbia University (School of Political Science) and is a teacher, lecturer and writer. Among her books are "A Study of International Government" and "What Is Socialism?" Certain of her militant pacifist poems have been collected and printed for the benefit of the War Resisters' League.

She was an active pacifist throughout the World War. In 1915 she initiated the Anti-Enlistment League, and in 1924 the War Resisters' League, of which she is the secretary. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and one of the founders of Alpha Omicron Pi fraternity.

As a teacher in the public schools she received a good deal of notoriety during the World War, being one of the three who was denied the certificate of loyalty under the Lusk Law. In addition to Mrs. Hughan we are expecting to put on a Peace Pageant. Music will be furnished by the Women's Socialist Chorus and there will also be mass singing.

**Milwaukee Bazaar Aids Austrian Socialists**

MILWAUKEE. — The three-day Socialist bazaar now in progress here has set up a red barrel for contributions to be sent to the Austrian Socialists.

### LEAGUE TO ATTACK BUDGET IF BOROUGH MGR. REMAINS

Repeating the demand of the Taxpayers' Protective League of West Reading for the removal of Donald C. Wagner as borough manager, Harry B. Fries, organizer for the League, yesterday declared that his organization is preparing to protest the borough budget in event that Wagner is retained on the job.

Fries mentioned a score of CWA rules which he said Wagner had violated. He further charged John R. Bingham, president of council, with "white-washing" Wagner's actions and trying to "steam-roller" opposition to the engineer.

"Time after time petitions have been submitted against the borough manager and they have all found their way to the councilmanic wastebasket," Fries said. "In spite of all opposition, council has reappointed Wagner. We are opposed to him because we feel that he has neglected the interests of the entire borough as well as the unemployed in his underestimating of CWA requirements."

As a consequence of what the League considers incompetent estimating, CWA projects were delayed in West Reading, while workers from that borough are transferred to projects in Wyomissing.

### SUNDAY NIGHT 7:30 o'clock

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prepared a brief opposing many points in the proposed code. The employers made an effort to establish a low rate in the code by stating that machine competition in the industry makes it impossible to pay a higher rate. The union countered with the argument that any industry whose existence depends on starvation wages for its workers has no excuse to survive.

**Quinlan Vote Illegal**  
It was learned in Washington that the vote taken at the Quinlan plant last week was illegal according to the decision handed down by the government in the Weirton Steel Co. case, which follows:

"Choosing their form of organization is solely the workers' business and that the workers may transact that business without interference is what the Board is endeavoring to safeguard under the president's order."

However, the vote which was intended to test the union's strength resulted in a union victory as a majority of the workers refused to vote and a number of those who voted registered their approval of the union.

Next Friday, the Pretzel Workers' Union will conduct a social at their headquarters at 918 Buttonwood street. Short talks, and entertain-

ment by the Labor College Dramatic Group will be on the program with many other features. All pretzel workers are invited to attend.

**"GOOD DAME" AT EMBASSY**

Sylvia Sidney and Fredric March are co-starring again for the first time since their memorable "Merrily We Go to Hell" in "Good Dame," the B. P. Schulberg-Paramount picture, which comes to the Embassy Theatre Friday.

The results are happy. A breezy, fresh and well-sustained comedy drama stands ready for your stamp of approval.

The supporting cast adds materially in making the picture likeable screen fare. Jack LaRue stands out in another of his realistic menace roles. Noel Frances, Kathleen Burke, Bradley Page, Russell Hop-ton and William Farnum also do their bits in grand style.

The story is a lively comedy romance of the love of a "good" dame or a "bad" boy. It is spiced with sparkling dialog and amusing situations which evoke constant laughter. Miss Sidney seldom has been more effective as the wistful "good dame." Marion Gering directed from an original story by William Lipman. Sam Hellmann wrote the dialogue.

If we really become what we eat, why do so few cannibals turn out to be missionaries?

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**GETTING THE RANGE**



These Heimwehr fascists were just getting the range as they pointed their machine gun at workers' families on Vienna's streets shortly before they began attacks which brought on the Socialist revolt and widespread fighting. It was troops like these who killed men, women and children like these in the cannonading of workers' homes.—(Federated Pictures).

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ARE TALKING ABOUT**

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ran the car without spending anything on it.

If we owned a railroad and expected the government to take it over by and by, we'd probably act the same way. Maybe we wouldn't care about the welfare of workers or the safety of passengers—especially if we had a supreme court decision which guaranteed us the "replacement value" of the road. We, too, might make our employees the "goats" while we owned the railroad and bleed the public when the government turned it over. After all, under capitalism workers are only human tools and the public—well, "the public be damned" is the motto of private business. Blame the owners if you want to. But also reserve a few choice cuts of words for the workers who vote to place the power to do such things in the hands of a master class.

**REAL UNION WORKERS  
WERE NOT WANTED**

A notice, posted in the local Meinig mills this week, invited "ALL MEINIG EMPLOYEES" to attend a meeting of the Meinig Employees' Association—which is another way of saying "Company Union." So—

A number of unionists who belong to the A. F. of L. union decided to accept the invitation. However, when they arrived at the headquarters of the N. E. Republican League, where the meeting was held last Tuesday night, they found that they were not considered as "employees" within the meaning of the invitation. On the contrary, they were not only invited to leave, but were furnished with police escort out of the building. The incident was enlightening and amusing to the bona-fide unionists. Some have suggested that they rename their organization the "Meinig Step-children's Union."

**RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM  
UNDER THE "NEW DEAL"**

A worker in the northwest section of Reading, whose name we will not mention because it costs money to advertise in the Advocate, is distributing business cards offering to do carpenter work for 35 cents per hour and common labor for 25 cents.

Obviously, this worker is exercising his sovereign American right of remaining out of a union. However, when we compare his offer to the wages of union carpenters and CWA laborers, we note that individualism is an expensive luxury.

Here is another answer to the question, "Why Pay Union Dues?" The 35-cent carpenter pays just about 65 cents an hour to work under union rates. Even union dues are not so expensive.

**BERTOLET FOR  
GOVERNOR**

Some people were amused and others outraged when they read in the daily papers this week that Wellington Bertolet, Reading's Fusion boss, was being mentioned as the Republican candidate for governor.

However, there's nothing out of the ordinary in that. The only difference between Bertolet and some other old party candidates is that we know more about Bertolet here in Reading. As a matter of fact, it is quite appropriate that "Fusion Wellie" should be governor—unless

the people are ready to vote the straight Socialist ticket.

Bertolet believes in everything which the Socialists oppose. He thinks it is proper for a few owners to control the means of life and to reap profits from the labor of workers. He has time and again made it plain that his idea of a patriotic worker is one who will accept whatever his employer wishes to give and ask for nothing on his own account; even 5-cent-an-hour jobs are considered good Americanism by Wellington. So what about it? Why shouldn't he be satisfactory to those workers who vote for Capitalism? After all, it isn't Bertolet who is to blame for Capitalism's evils. It's the system itself which must be either abolished or accepted. Workers who voted for what they are getting ought to be for Bertolet; he'll see to it that they get more of the same.

**THE CLASS STRUGGLE  
ON MANY FRONTS**

**AUSTRIA**

Two thousand workers, their women and children, die in defending their liberty and their homes against the Fascist government of Austria.

**GREAT BRITAIN**

Thousands of hunger marchers from all parts of England are marching on London. Some are on the road for more than a month. They are scheduled to arrive in London today. Oxford students parade with revolutionary banners singing the "International," preparing to meet the Lancashire contingent of hunger marchers.

Girl students raising money for food and clothes besides volunteering as cooks to attend the wants of the marchers.

**SPAIN**

Thirty thousand miners strike as demonstration of solidarity to Austrian workers.

**FRANCE**

Socialists demand a general election in order to let the people decide the course the government should follow. The reactionary government is opposing the move because they fear that the electorate would vote the Socialists into power.

**CUBA**

Strikes and bombings in various parts of the country are signs of continued unrest against the present regime which is favored by Wall Street.

**AMERICA**

Socialists and Laborites demonstrate solidarity with Austrian workers in many parts of the country. Protests pouring in to the Austrian Embassy at Washington against the brutal murder of workmen and their families.

**Reading**

Unions file protest to the Administration of NRA violations by employers, claiming many discriminations.

Pretzel workers protest against low wages proposed in pretzel code at Washington hearing.

Thirty-two one-half cents an hour is the minimum wage for the light sewing industry; in the smoking pipe industry, 35c.

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methods of conducting life must change to conform with changing economic conditions. At the other end of society are a few intelligent workers who belong to the Socialist party and to other workingclass groups who also understand what is going on and are capable of co-operating. The members of these small groups in both economic classes deserve self-government. But the rest of humanity—by far the largest number—do not. They need a dictator. Socialists make the mistake of believing that great masses of people are capable of reasoning and acting together in a purposeful manner. They are therefore out of tune with reality.

I WISH IT were possible for me to defend the working class of the charges made by my pro-Fascist friend. But facts are facts and, certainly, the manner in which the workers of this and other nations have voted approval to the Capitalist slave system does not give their advocates much to argue about on that score. Nevertheless, I can defend myself and other workers who recognize Capitalism as slavery and spend their lives in the Socialist struggle to end the slave system.

So I said to this former party member: "I am of the group which understands. I know what I want. And, knowing what I want, I will continue to refuse to approve of less. Franklin D. Roosevelt wishes to find a way to enable Capitalism to recover. I want to find a way to end Capitalism and usher in the Socialist Co-operative Commonwealth. Millions of workers may be as contemptible as you describe them but, I would be even more contemptible if, understanding that the 'New Deal' aims to stabilize and continue slavery, I would accept it as the best possible thing under the circumstances."

"Socialists do not want a better Capitalism. They do want Socialism. They do not want the robbery of rent, interest and profits regulated. They do want it abolished. They recognize the failure of the workers to act in their own interests, but Socialists who deserve the name will never stop trying to enlighten the workers. We may be out of tune with reality and probably always have been. But we will not stop protesting against injustice, no matter how real that injustice may be, or cease in the effort to make our ideals become real facts. We have set ourselves to the task of gaining the world for the producing class, and we will be diverted neither by the arrogance of dictators who offer to buy us with compromises or by the ignorance of masses who do not yet understand that only by their united efforts can they be freed from exploitation."

IT WAS AT that point that my friend called me an "orthodox" Socialist. I have been thinking about his charge for several days and have come to the conclusion that it is justified. Moreover, I am convinced that orthodoxy is the best test of any worker's Socialism and that any departure from it merely leads the masses to a position where they will once again sell their birthright of industrial justice for another mess of pottage.

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## RAPS DELAY

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voters. The unemployed have lost their wages and the citizens may have lost the school buildings which, it is admitted, are badly needed. If, as now appears probable, the Board is unable to get PWA funds, the money will eventually be borrowed from private bankers at a higher interest rate.

### Union Growth Reported

Due to the rapid growth of the organization it has become necessary to find a larger hall for future meetings.

The membership is approximately 500 dues paying members with about another five hundred signed members who have not as yet paid dues, as it is rather difficult to connect with them except on the projects. The business agent is being called here and there by the boroughs which are also organizing and want to affiliate with the CWA-PWA Union.

The membership approved of continuing with the "Organizer," the organ of the organization. It will be issued at least once a week and as

often as necessary to keep the workers informed of the trend of events. At a meeting in Harmony Hall last Sunday, telegrams were drawn up to be sent to Seibert Witman, Louis Rothrauff, Eric Biddle and Harry L. Hopkins, protesting any and all attempts to decrease the wages or the number of working hours.

### Union Women Fight Wage Differentials

WASHINGTON. — Union women will present vigorous objection to wage differentials against women workers in NRA hearings to begin Feb. 27. The National Women's Trade Union League has taken the initiative in forming a united front to present women workers' claims. Among the organizations to join the protest are the League of Women Voters, the National Consumers League, the Y. W. C. A., the Federation of Women's Clubs, the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association.

If nature isn't cruel, why does a woman with a 220-pound chassis have a lap-sitting disposition?

## SENATE SOUNDS DOOM OF C.W.A. ON F.D.R. ORDER

Defeat of Cutting Amendment Indicates Loss of Jobs For Millions After May 1

### PROGRESSIVE VOTED DOWN

New Mexico Senator Scores False Hopes That Industry Will Absorb Jobless Deserted by U. S.

WASHINGTON (FP). — Answering the crack of the White House whip, the Senate by a vote of 58 to 10 rode down, Feb. 8, the Cutting amendment to the CWA-relief appropriation bill providing \$2,500,000,000 to continue CWA beyond May 1. By 52 to 14, it defeated the LaFollette amendment providing \$1,500,000,000, and then proceeded to pass the Administration's \$950,000,000 bill, which will throw 4,000,000 CWA workers on the street before May 1.

The 10 senators who voted for continuing CWA throughout the year were:

Black, D of Alabama; Bone, D of Washington; Costigan, D of Colorado; Cutting, R of New Mexico; Dill, D of Washington; LaFollette, R of Wisconsin; Long, D of Louisiana; McCarran, D of Nevada; Shipstead, F-L of Minnesota; Wheeler, D of Montana; Sen. Wagner, D of New York, while speaking for the amendments, refrained from voting.

### Bare False Hopes

While Administration spokesmen for the most part remained silent and reactionary Republicans ranted about the constitution, the budget and the threat of the mob, Senators Cutting, LaFollette, Costigan, Shipstead, Long and Bone tore to shreds the "pollyanna, round the corner peepers" who believe that by May 1 there will be 4,000,000 industrial jobs waiting for the demobilized CWA workers.

Farm destitution, reported LaFollette and Shipstead, is growing worse in the northwest. The AAA program, based on squeezing, "marginal" farmers off the land, can only result in adding to the numbers on the relief rolls.

### Says Purchases Drop

Cutting, examining the chances of employment, picking up, stated that NRA "is decreasing purchasing power rather than increasing it" because costs and prices are going up faster than wages. "If there is going to be a rapid increase in production through the recovery act, it will probably end in a worse crash than anything we have had up to date."

CWA has absorbed only a third of the unemployed, Cutting added. He drew a gloomy picture of mounting relief costs which municipalities can no longer meet and which only the government, with the necessary taxing power, can finance. He pleaded for the government to assume the burden of taking care of the nation's unemployed, irrespective of the budget. "We are the wealthiest country that has ever been known in the history of the world and yet we are still dealing on the old economic assumptions of scarcity and want and insufficient resources."

LaFollette traced the capitalist crisis back to the world war, the concentration of wealth, the increased use of labor-displacing machinery and the \$15,000,000,000 "deflation" of the farmer by Mellon and the federal reserve board in 1920-21.

### Hit 'Round-The-Corner Talk

"Senators are once more beginning to talk as the 'round the corner' boys talked from 1929 to 1933," said the young Wisconsin progressive. "What do they base that assumption on? Have they any statistics; have they any substantial proof? There is no basis for prediction that there will be such a sharp rise in industrial, agricultural and public works activity that 4,000,000 men who are now employed on civil works may be absorbed into industry, into agriculture, into public works?" He produced federal reserve figures showing a steady decline in production, employment and payrolls in recent months. All to no avail. The heavy Administration Democratic majority refused to debate the issue, the Republican minority talked of the terrors of the dole, and the steamroller flattened out whatever chance CWA workers had of getting work after May 1.

The manufacturer, who is too busy to see newspaper men has one consolation. He won't be that way long.

## Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE  
Federated Trades Organizer

### UNIONS WIN CWA JOBS IN WASHINGTON CONFAB

Organized Building Trades finally triumphed in their battle with politicians over the issue of selecting skilled workers on CWA projects. The fight for weeks centered about the local CWA administrator and the manager of the State Employment Service—one passing the buck to the other while it was plainly visible that local politics dominantly dictated the obnoxious anti-union policy.

Officers of the Building Trades and Federated Trade councils became impatient with the attitude of these chaps and decided to journey to Washington, appealing directly to H. C. Hopkins for satisfaction over the issue of placing union men on projects without registering at the local employment office.

Upon arriving in the Capital City last Thursday a telephone call from an officers at the Plumbers' International Union headquarters promptly secured an appointment with John M. Carmody, Chief Engineer CWA and next man in authority to the National Administrator.

The manner in which our host argued, impressed the committee by his ready to go and up and at 'em attitude. Following the round of introductions, he patiently listened to the story. At its conclusion, almost without uttering a word, he called Frank Conner, assistant to Eric Biddle, CWA Administrator for Pennsylvania at Harrisburg.

In concise, deliberate manner he spoke to his subordinate, who apparently replied, he did not believe that such was the condition existing in Reading, whereupon Carmody handed the phone to one of the committee. Following the assurance by the member speaking to Harrisburg that such was the case, Mr. Carmody instructed Conner to call Reading immediately, relay his instructions to the Berks administrator and call him back.

"Your complaint seems to be a just one and it must be remedied immediately," Carmody declared. "Pennsylvania has been one of the worst offenders in the Union in not carrying out work relief set up. If it becomes necessary to discharge men who are not faithfully carrying out the program as it's written, that will be done in Pennsylvania as its been done elsewhere. The business man and politician unsympathetic to this program and unfamiliar with handling large bodies of men are the worst offenders, and in their blundering favoritism, are putting obstructions in the way of reconstruction and recovery. I personally wrote paragraph seven in Bulletin No. 10 and it means just what it says, and I mean to see to it that it is carried out."

"I'm sorry this matter wasn't called to my attention earlier for correction since the entire CWA set-up is being rewritten and you probably won't receive your full share of work you were entitled to. The new set-up, however, will provide that the prevailing union scale of wages be paid in the community where a CWA or PWA project is under way and Building Trades Unions exist. Your unions shall be provided for under this set-up and it will be up to you to see to it that you receive your just share," he concluded.

Meanwhile during the time he was conversing he was emphasizing his points by words understandable by anyone, gestulating by pounding his huge steel desk, and enthusiastically puffing on his not-too-mild pipe.

### Conner Falls In Line

Upon his advice the committee journeyed to Harrisburg to see Frank Conner, who was somewhat disturbed because of our coming directly from Washington and being familiar with what his instructions were. He was about to tell the committee a few things, when upon retaliation it turned out to be a real amicable interview.

From his office it developed into a foot race between the committee and Conner to reach Miss Carr's office, Secretary of Labor and Industry. Meanwhile, part of the committee had been conferring with A. W. Motley, Director State Employment

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## TAKE A LESSON FROM JAPS TO BOOST MADE-WORK JOB

NEW YORK (FP). — Six thousand men are at work on the Lake Merced Parkway Blvd. in San Francisco. Newreels show long lines of them, pushing wheelbarrows of earth from one part of the roadway to another.

The Japanese have found a more effective means for employing the surplus population. They make small, cheap, grass baskets which can be carried on the head or passed from hand to hand. A wheelbarrow will take 150 or 200 pounds of earth. One of these Japanese baskets holds only about 40 pounds.

CWA officials should take this matter in hand without delay. An order for half a million of these baskets would guarantee handsome profits to somebody, and if they were used on big cut-and-fill projects, an operation like the San Francisco job would be able to use 20,000 to 25,000 men, instead of the paltry 6,000 that it now employs.

If the CWA is really trying to make work, even the comparatively inoffensive mechanism on the front end of a wheelbarrow should be resolutely banned, and all work, so far as possible, should be performed with teeth, toes and fingernails.

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## Hosiery Workers Win Pay Boosts

HIGH POINT, N. C. — Two mill owners have been impelled to announce wage raises by the organization drive launched in this section by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

A 5% increase was given to workers in the Hatch Hosiery Mill at Belmont, following a flying visit by Henry I. Adams, organizer. At the Hoover mills, in Concord, a 4% raise was granted after Adams addressed a meeting there.

### 500 Loggers Strike

VANCOUVER, B. C. — Five hundred loggers have struck at Bloedil Camp, Vancouver Island, under the leadership of the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union, for increased wages, time and a half for overtime, recognition of the union, and supplies at cost. They demand reinstatement of 50 discharged workers and new safety provisions. There have been many accidents in the camp because of the speed-up system.

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## PENNA. JOBLESS

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animals the way the unprotected unemployed are treated. Alexander charged that Miss Rupert, a relief field representative, has resisted the right of unemployed persons to be accompanied by T. P. L. representatives when reporting cases of neglect. "We will continue to represent the unemployed, however, even though we have to defy the President of the United States to do so," he said.

Alexander substantiated his blanket

charge that the unemployed are cruelly neglected by citing an instance in which a child, in one family which had waited for two weeks for coal, had its hand frozen during the recent cold spell when it cast off the bed covers during the night. He also told of the practice of relief visitors to persuade the unemployed to cash in their insurance policies and thus lighten the relief load. "In one particular case the home visitor instructed a man on South Tenth street to turn in his policy, for which he would receive \$20 in cash, and go off the relief for ten weeks, living at the rate of \$2 per week," Alexander related. He also charged that during the past winter there have been but 20,000 pieces of clothing sent in to Berks County for 26,000 on relief.

Endorse Socialist Candidates

"It is amazing to discover the amount of punishment which workers are able to absorb," the T. P. L. chairman remarked. "I believe that if all the workers throughout the state took the same stand as the local T. P. L. and endorsed Socialists for political office, we could solve the problem of unemployment, and possibly avoid the chaos which has al-

ready visited many European countries. The time is rapidly approaching when all workers, employed and unemployed, will have to unite politically as well as economically."

## KENHORST COUNCILMEN

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of pick breakage. It was felt that the complaints were justified and we advised Mr. Young to remedy the condition, which he did.

"Another man working on one of the projects who said he was a blacksmith was placed at the job for one day but was replaced by a fully qualified mechanic from Reading at \$1.20 per hour and his work has proven satisfactory.

"We feel that we have acted to the best interest of everyone concerned and will exhaust every effort to secure justice for every worker in our community insofar as is in our power."

The patent medicine quacks want to "standardize" prices on their nostrums so that a 2c toothpaste can sell for 50c.

## ECONOMIC FALLACIES OF FATHER COUGHLIN

By FRED M. MERKEL and LEON MINKER

Royal Oak's famous "Fighting Priest," the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, has once again counseled with the American people regarding the state of the union. In addresses delivered over the radio on Sundays, Feb. 4 and 11, he has once again propounded fallacies and half-truths and untruths to a tremendous audience.

First he says that we may not stabilize the American dollar with the English pound because the Australian pound's low value—1/5 of the English pound—would enable the Australian farmer to put the "For Sale" sign on the American farm. Several facts will clear up this matter:

On Feb. 10, 1934, the Australian pound was quoted at \$4.02 as compared with \$5.03 for the English pound. The London wheat agreement of the Summer of 1933 also limits exports to what the importing countries actually require, with Australia's quota being 105,000,000 bushels of wheat. The American wheat crop of 1933 was 150,000,000 bushels short of the domestic needs. The farmers' problem is caused by the failure of capitalism to distribute the national income justly, not by currency manipulations.

Father Coughlin also says that he is often accused of preaching Socialism. His Socialism is summed up in the following remarks:

"We must increase the minimum wage to 80c per hour."

"We must have the 30-hour week."

"We must save private ownership."

"We must keep the nation solvent."

"Our fight is not with capitalism, but with degraded capitalism."

"We must put the unemployed back to work at a profit, on a living wage." (80c per hour for a 30-hour week, \$24 per week, is his idea of a living wage).

More Wages Not a Solution

Increased wages alone is not a solution for business depressions. During the period from 1899 to 1929, the average wage per worker increased from \$426 to \$1,269 per year. Yet in that period we experienced three depressions, and a fourth and bigger one began under the highest wage scale on record. Father Coughlin fails to appreciate that a proper balance must be maintained between production and consumption, that wages must be based on productivity and not on an arbitrary dollar and cent level, in order to iron out our chaotic economic cycles. The fact that unemployment is greatest in the branch of industry—that is, in manufacturing—in which volume production per worker is the largest, will serve to illustrate the meaning. Government economists have recently estimated that our plant capacity in 1927 was sufficient to produce for each family a yearly income of \$6,000, if labor worked 24 hours per week and our factories operated on a 48-hour weekly basis. This compares with Father Coughlin's \$24 per week, and the CWA \$10 per week, and code minimums of \$12 and \$14.

The Currency Fallacy

Father Coughlin also repeats that there is a famine of currency money. The following facts will serve to correct that error:

On June 30, 1929, the amount of money in circulation was \$4,746,296,562.

On January 17, 1934, the amount of money in circulation was \$5,706,000,000.

The per-capita circulation of money in 1929—\$39.05 per person—was the lowest since 1917, when the amount was \$39.05.

Father Coughlin also stresses the "profit" on the gold revaluation. The American Treasury's "profit" of \$4,000,000,000 through revaluation compares with the windfall of \$10,000,000,000 to the war debtors who stuck to gold. Germany alone will receive a remission of \$800,000,000 on her commercial debt.

Would Limit Robbery

He says, "Our fight is not with capitalism, but with degraded capitalism." He admits the robbery and theft of the owners of our industries, which levied a tribute of \$35,000,000,000 in 1925, and during 1933 actually drained off more than half of the national income, but he does not seek to eliminate that robbery. He wants to limit it to some unstated amount. Six per cent is too large an amount to be paid, he says, to owners; but he fails to fix a new rate. Doesn't he realize that economic evolution will make a 5, 4, or 3 per cent rate just as obsolete and unjust as a 6 per cent rate? It is not the amount that is taken that presents the problem, but the fact that something is

taken for which nothing is given. The injustice is in the fact that social gains are drained off by private owners, while producers receive a mere subsistence wage at the option of these owners. When thieves are caught in the act of stealing it is not usual to allow them to keep part of the plunder, and to pay them an annuity besides, but that is what the "Fighting Priest" suggests.

Father Coughlin has no solution for the depression, caused by this robbery or unequal distribution of income through private ownership of industry. The transformation of village industry in which the workers owned the tools of production, into world industry by the factory system in which the social tools were owned by a separate class, is responsible for this unequal distribution. The social ownership of industry by all the people would change the tremendous profits of the owners into increased income for the workers. This would enable the workers to buy back the things they have produced, and would enable them to keep industries in operation.

Eliminate Parasite Owners

The elimination of the owners as a separate class, and the planning of the industrial production for the benefit of all, would enable society to put all the people to work—including the present class of workless owners. Father Coughlin is opposed to this plan, and champions the exploitation of the workers, although he suggests that the exploitation should be moderated in order to preserve the system of exploitation.

As opposed to Father Coughlin, we say that our fight is with Capitalism of any brand or variety, and not merely with "degraded capitalism." A system of exploitation of one human for the benefit of another is distinctly un-Christian, Father Coughlin to the contrary, notwithstanding.

The only solution to panics and poverty is the social ownership and democratic management of the means of production and distribution.

(All those in sympathy with the views expressed in this article, are asked to send a card to the authors, in care of the editor, as these articles will be continued only if there is evidence of a demand for them.)

## HOLMES

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lution on the massacre of Austrian Socialists by the Dolfuss dictatorship, which was adopted by the convention. The resolution, modeled along the lines of a similar statement by the County Committee of Local Berks, expressed the solidarity of American Socialists with their embattled Austrian comrades and called upon Socialist locals and branches throughout Pennsylvania to hold pre-test meetings and solicit funds for the relief of the workingclass victims of Austrian Fascism.

Committees Appointed

With the selection of Simon Libros as chairman of the entire session, the convention immediately set to work by the naming of the following committees: Nominations: Welsberg, Pittsburgh; Schwartz, Philadelphia; Hofess, Reading; Cullem, Philadelphia. Resolutions: Stark, Pittsburgh; Schwartz, Elliot, Blumenthal, Trachman, Philadelphia. Constitution: Tait, Pittsburgh; Belz, Reading; Branginsky, Philadelphia; Hoopes, Reading; Green, Philadelphia. Platform: Wessner, Reading; Cook, Philadelphia; Merkel, Reading; Beitchman, Philadelphia; Allison, Philadelphia. Finance: Sands, Reading; Libros, Philadelphia; Cooper, Upper Darby; Tait, Pittsburgh; Veenstra, Allegheny. Campaign: Teitelman, Philadelphia; Rinne, Pittsburgh; Howells, Harrisburg; Rhodes, Reading; Montgomery, Del. Co. Organization: M. E. Maurer, Philadelphia; Bigony, Reading; Cullem, Philadelphia; Sterrich, Harrisburg; Bowman.

Need for Finance Stressed

Resolutions adopted by the convention were:

Endorsement of the United Drive which stressed the need of the state organization for funds.

Calling upon a drive for the freeing of Mooney and Billings. Renewing confidence in the work of Darlington Hoopes and Lilith Wilson as members of the state legislature.

Protesting against the Fascist tactics of Communists in disrupting an Austrian protest meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York, on February 16th.

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Charles F. Sands, Reading, reporting as chairman of the finance committee, gave recognition to the difficulty of raising funds for campaign and other party activities, but nevertheless reported the committee's recommendation of "heartily co-operation" in the United Fund Drive. The committee also recommended card parties and other social events as a means of raising finances and urged that appeals be made for assistance to labor unions. The committee's report and recommendations were approved.

Approval was also given to recommendations by the organization committee for a conference not later than April to consider the relation of the party to the unemployed. Another recommendation urged the party members to take active participation in the struggles of labor unions and that Socialists stress their viewpoint wherever possible.

A platform submitted by the platform committee was sent back to committee for polishing and additions and will be presented for final

adoption at the next convention in June.

Holmes Addresses Convention  
As the business of the convention was being brought to a close, Chairman Libros called Jesse Holmes to the platform and introduced him to the delegates as the "next governor of Pennsylvania." Holmes responded with a brief address in which he urged that the party's ultimate program be always kept in mind.

"We can make mistakes without hurting ourselves if we remember our main objective," said Holmes. "I will do all I can as a candidate to acquaint the people of Pennsylvania with the Socialist goal and the necessity of reaching it as quickly as possible."

Darlington Hoopes was also called upon and made a brief address.

The convention adjourned with the singing of the Internationale.

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It is the duty of every party branch to organize a Young People's Socialist League circle in your community. The Young People's Socialist League hereby makes an urgent appeal to every party branch in the state, and persons interested should communicate with the state office of the Y. P. S. L.

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# Activities of the Reading Socialists

**CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LABOR LYCEUM**  
With the Women's Socialist League in charge, the regular weekly card party at Labor Lyceum on Saturday night is certain to be a happy event. Fine prizes are promised and the usual good lunch will be there for the hungry. Don't miss this party.

**WESSNER WILL ADDRESS N. E. STUDY GROUP**  
Did you ever receive something for nothing? The Northeast Branch, at 1311 North 9th street, is giving a course in Socialism absolutely free to all individuals who find it worth their while to attend the Socialist School of Study. This Sunday James Wessner will lecture on the "Struggle for Existence." The school convenes at 7:30 p. m.

**SUNDAY NIGHT FORUM AT SOUTHERN**  
The Sunday night Forum will take the form of a round table discussion this week. Instead of having the usual speaker, there will be a discussion of Current Events on three main topics. Three discussion leaders have been chosen: Emma Sands, Austin Adams and Mark Brown. This will be a little different from the regular procedure and promises to be most interesting. Tea will be served later in the evening.

**SOCIALIST MALE CHORUS WILL REHEARSE SUNDAY**  
All members of the Socialist Male Chorus are requested to be at Labor Lyceum Sunday at 1 p. m. for a rehearsal in preparation for a broadcast over station WEEU at 2:15 p. m.

**BAND REHEARSAL AND MEETING WEDNESDAY**  
All members of the Socialist Band are asked to be at Labor Lyceum on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock for a rehearsal and an important meeting.

**WOMEN'S COMMITTEE WILL MEET THURSDAY**  
All members of the Women's Committee are requested to attend a special meeting in Labor Lyceum next Thursday at 7:15 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to complete details for the International Women's Day celebration.

**YIPSEL NOTES**  
The County Chairman would like to have the names and addresses of all Yipsels in good standing.

The Yipsels will hold their Constitutional Convention at the Labor Lyceum at 1:30 p. m., at which time the Constitutional Committee will submit the new Constitution for our approval. Be there on time!

The Yipsels may prepare to take their tests in the very near future. If you do not pass the test you will NOT be dropped. You will be given a retest within two months. Then if you do not pass this test you WILL be dropped if you are considered an undesirable member.

Your cooperation in this matter is earnestly solicited. Be at your circle when the test is scheduled to be given and obey the instructions that will be given to you implicitly.

Preparations are under way for a monster Anti-War Forum, to be held on April 8, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. L. with the cooperation of the Socialist Party.

We need Yipsels who are willing to sing in the chorus, take part in a play or skit, or act as ushers. If you are interested get in touch with Mark Brown. Yipsels, we need your 100% cooperation in this matter. TURN OUT!

The Educational Director is willing to form a new class of study as soon as he can get ten members to attend it regularly. Remember we are primarily an educational organization. Prove it by your response!

The next Yipsel radio speaker will be Comrade James Dundore. He will speak over station WRAW at 7 p. m., on Tuesday, February 27. Tune in.

Circle 6, once the pride of the Yipsels, has dropped off tremendously in attendance! This article is directed to those old members who have failed to attend their meetings.

Won't you please attend your meetings? The circle meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock on the 3rd floor of Labor Lyceum.

Circle 4 is high in the city for having gotten the most subscriptions to the "Challenge." Come on you other circles. They want some competition. Give it to them!

**Circle Activities**  
Circle 1—Read the "Parable of the Water Tank."  
Circle 2—Educational Program.  
Circle 4—Jim Maurer (speaker extraordinary)  
Circle 6—Discussion.  
Circle 8—Discussion.

**SPEAKERS AT BRANCH MEETINGS**  
Monday, Feb. 26:  
Northeast: Fred Merkel.  
Central: Lillith Wilson.  
Womelsdorf: John Reifsnnyder.  
Temple: Ralph Bigony.  
Tuesday, Feb. 27:  
Southern: Darlington Hoopes.  
18th Ward: Birch Wilson.  
West Reading: William Hoverter.  
Muhlenberg: Walter Hollinger.  
Laureldale: Fred Merkle.

## ITALIAN T. P. L. WILL HOLD ENTERTAINMENT - DANCE

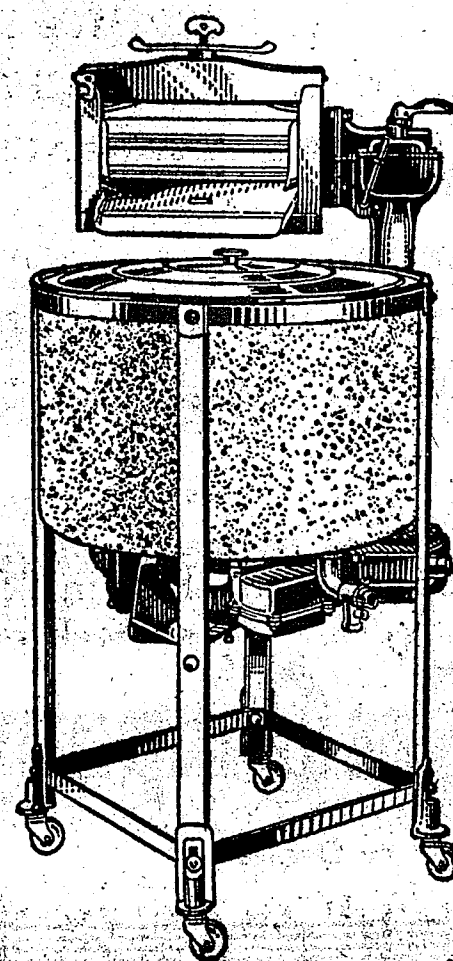
With C. Pingitore, the world's greatest magician as the headliner in a program of entertainment, the Italian Branch No. 15, T. P. L., will hold a dance and entertainment in St. Marco's new hall, Temple, Saturday night. Doors will open at 7 o'clock. Another interesting attraction will be "Tony, the Salesman."  
The committee in charge promises dancing and entertainment "for as long as you wish." Plenty to eat and drink will be available and a real good time is promised.

## FORUM SPEAKER WILL TALK ON LABOR'S OPPORTUNITY

On Tuesday evening, February 27, Harry Newton Clark will address the Community Open Forum in City Hall Auditorium. His topic will be "Today's Challenge To, and Opportunity For Labor."  
Mr. Clark is an advisor on labor policies, human relations and management problems besides conducting classes on these subjects in High Schools and Universities.

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## LABOR COLLEGE TO HOLD DANCE-ENTERTAINMENT

In order to get to know one another better as well as to raise money to finish up the school term, the Reading Labor College has arranged a dance and entertainment which will be held on Thursday, March 20, at the Hosiery Workers' social club, 120 Mulberry street. Music will be provided by a band from the Musicians' Union and entertainment by the Labor Dramatic Group. Tickets are twenty-five cents and can be obtained at the Federated Trades Council headquarters, 705 Walnut street, or from any of the students at the Labor College.

**To Study Public Speaking**  
The class in public speaking, announced last week, will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30, at the Southern Junior High School. The class will be open to anyone interested in becoming an effective speaker at public meetings. Instruction will be free to all those registered at the Labor College. There will be a nominal charge to newcomers to cover the cost. Larry Rogin, director of the College, will be instructor for the course, which will last until the end of April.

**Dramatic Group Scores Hit**  
The Reading Labor Dramatic Group covered itself with glory with its presentation of the skit, "From Office Boy to President," at the Trade Union Conference last week. Demands for its production at union meetings have already been made by three unions. More recruits are necessary if the group is to be able to fill the demands made on it. Meetings are held every Thursday night at the social room at the Hosiery Workers' headquarters, Tenth and

Penn. streets. A new skit is to be put into production at the next meeting.

The relative merits of craft and industrial unionism will be expounded in a debate at the Wednesday night class at the Labor College. Walter Stettler and Elwood Children will claim that craft unionism is the most effective method of organization, while Clarence Krick and Joe O'Connell will say that it is not as useful a method as industrial unionism. The debate will begin at 7:30. Visitors are welcome, and discussion will follow the debates.

## SOCIALISM AND RELIGION, TOPIC AT CHURCH FORUM

Sunday evening, at the Open Forum in the Church of Our Father, Franklin near Fourth, William J. Arms will speak on the topic, "Religion and the Rise of Socialism." This address was to have been given some time ago but was postponed at that time to allow another speaker to appear before the open forum.

Mr. Arms will depict the place religion has had in the rising tide of Socialism and contend that, on the American continent Socialism has to a large extent cut itself off from the ferment of religion. There will be a question period following the address. The public is invited.

## January Building In Chicago 7.8% Of Normal

CHICAGO—For every dollar spent on building construction and repair in 1929 on the monthly average only 7.8c was spent last January according to the Illinois department of labor. Just a fifth of one cent was spent on new residential construction in January for every dollar spent per month in 1929.

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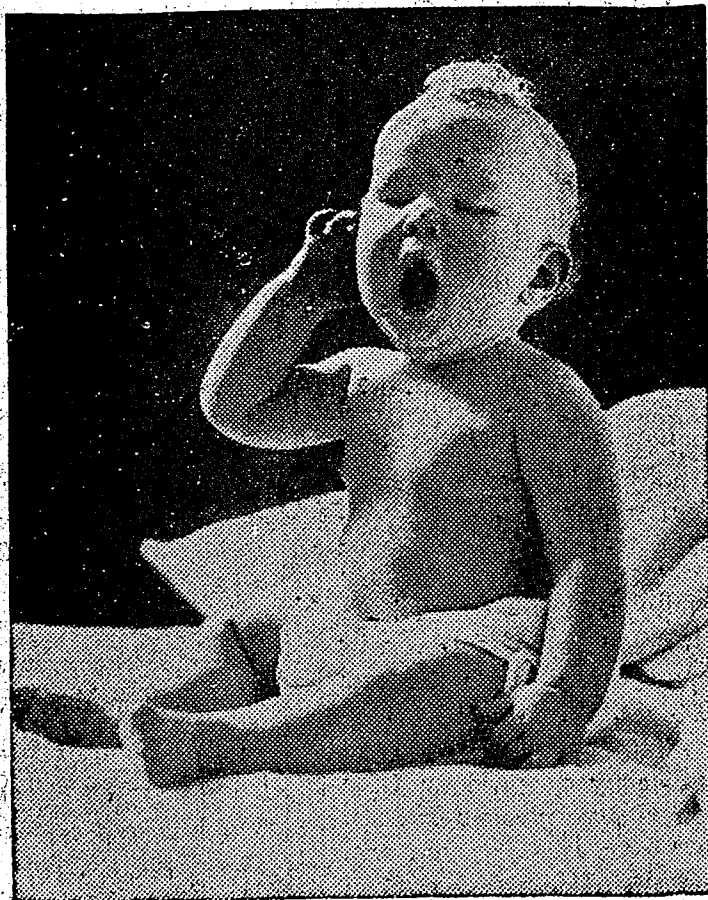
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## RUSS. CONGRESS COMPARED U. S.

Overproduction No Problem For Lawmakers of Advancing Workers' State — New Railroads Chief Need

MOSCOW (FP).—The meeting of the Soviet body which compares with the U. S. Congress—it has a strange name, the Central Executive Committee—brings contrasts galore with the meeting of the American body in Washington in early January.

Superficially there are the striking costumes of the peasants of many lands, for what Americans call Russia is more truly, as its correct name implies, a Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Together with the thick sprinkling of workers' blouses, the peasant costumes make sharp contrast with the well-dressed, silk-hatted congressmen at home.

### Record Production Reported

More fundamentally, there is the contrast of the reports of the executives on the state of the two countries. Premier Molotov reported on an increase of 11% in the production of heavy industry, an increase not from the bottom of an all-time depression but an increase to an all-time high record. He told of the huge grain crop of 3 1/2 billion bushels, 1/4 of a billion bushels more than the year before—and not a stalk plowed under. His report of difficulties was as strange to American

ears as his success story—the railroads cannot carry all the traffic ready for them and in 1934 there must be a 65% increase in railroad investment to bring the carriers up to a place where they can handle the business offered.

The meeting of the two bodies may be alike in that each government was able to report a decided forward step in their international relations—they had resumed relations with each other. When Molotov reported this as the outstanding achievement of Soviet foreign policy for 1933 he was given an ovation. He gave President Roosevelt credit for starting the negotiations and Foreign Commissar Litvinov acclaim for his work at Washington in bringing them to a successful conclusion.

The Central Executive Committee has two parts as we have a Senate and a House. One represents the various republics and peoples, the Council of Nationalities; the other the population as a whole, the Council of the Union. They hold separate meetings but also more commonly meet together than our two houses do.

### IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

By JOHN PAINE  
Federated Press

They imprison guilty guys like former Asst. Sec. of Commerce William P. MacCracken in a 3-room suite in Washington's swank Willard Hotel, later sentence him to 10 days in the house of the

Innocent Tom Mooney and Warren Billings are still in California's Sun-kist prisons after 17 years.

The Cuban treasury has been bankrupt for months. So, the bighearted U. S. government LOANS \$10,000,000 worth of foodstuffs and supplies to the "pearl of the Caribbean."

When the Corporative State law, which abolishes representative government in Italy, came up in the chamber, Mussolini insisted that a vote be taken.

The count was not mentioned in news dispatches, however.

Of the 37,000 letters received by the CWA in one week, 62.6% were complaints.

Several Memphis high school R. O. T. C. cadets collapsed recently while marching in a review in sub-freezing weather.

If there were more collapses, per-

haps the boy-soldiers would not stand for the so-called training.

George Dimitroff was acquitted in the Reichstag fire trial.

"Your son, if he were released, might make propaganda against us," explained an official to Dimitroff's mother, who demanded his release. "We consider him a dangerous individual."

Another Tom Mooney?

U. S. imperialism again rides high in Cuba's saddle.

As secretary of the Cuban treasury President Mendieta has drafted a onetime lawyer for the National City Bank, J. M. Saenz.

You'll be glad to know, we're sure, that the Department of Agriculture is fighting seagulls which make holes in golf courses.

Signs of the Times  
Toy machine guns are being sold to the kiddies.

Al Smith should take lessons from the Rockefeller.

The cold breezes blow past the empty Empire State Building, while it's considerably warmer over in the 75%-filled RCA building.

Where's your blackjack, Al?

It is said that U. S. Ambassador William E. Dodd expresses himself strongly to MRS. DODD AND THE CHILDREN about Hitler's Germany.

They've just named a new naval destroyer for Secretary of State Hull.

There should be some politics by the name of "World's Greatest" and "Second to None," to have boats named for them.

According to government figures, CWA Administrator Hopkins has put 4,000,000 men on his payroll, thereby using up most of the \$400,000,000 allotted to him.

Sounds like big money, but it means an average of \$100 per employee from November 25 to the present.

Take Your Choice!

The old Roman emperors gave the destitute bread and circuses.

Mayor LaGuardia gives New York jobless a bowl of soup and a jigsaw puzzle.

On the eve of the revolution, Austria appealed to the League of Nations.

Before the League had time to send a commission to study the situation and publish a book, hell broke loose in Vienna.

U. S. Railroad Expand Despite Depression

Even in 1933, U. S. railroads were building new lines, says a news item. They added 24.24 miles to American lineage.

P. S.—They tore up 1,876 miles.

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## MANY ACCIDENTS TO CWA WORKERS

Injury Rate Startles Officials, N. Y. State Report Shows. Casualties Are Aftermath of Depression

NEW YORK (FP).—The rate of accidents among CWA workers has reached such sensational proportions that a serious drain on CWA compensation funds is feared, so the New York state department of labor and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. are to cooperate in a campaign to reduce accident frequency.

On one job, it is admitted, 1% of all the men employed were injured in one week, and a fifth of the injuries were serious. Since the program calls for 400,000 CWA employees in the state, the officials face an appalling possibility of 4,000 injured employees a week, of which some 800 would be hurt seriously.

"Many of the CWA employees have been without work for years," Labor Commissioner Elmer Andrews said. "Naturally they are more subject to injury than men who have been employed recently. In some cases they have lost working skill. Many are not as strong as formerly, due to lack of exercise in accustomed work or, in many cases, to malnutrition—going short of food either because they couldn't afford more or because what food could be obtained had to be divided among a large family. In some instances, the work may be expected to bring out old weaknesses and aggravate them."

## RALLY TO SUPPORT OF AUSTRIAN COMRADES

SEND FUNDS to aid the wounded, to support legal defenses, to finance refugees and to carry on revolutionary activities against the Fascism of Dollfuss, Hitler and Mussolini alike, addressed and made payable to the Socialist Party of America, 549 Randolph street, Chicago.

Contributions will be forwarded by cable to the Labor and Socialist International, Zurich, Switzerland, from which point relief will be directed.

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Brotherhood, Founded by Defiant Employee of New York-Edison Co., Summons Workers Everywhere

### EXAMPLE FOR MEGO LABOR

Battle Waged Before Federal Authorities Has Established Rights of Union For Utility Slaves

By FRANK L. PALMER.  
NEW YORK (FP).—This is an NRA success story, the story of a \$22-a-week David who challenged a billion-dollar public utility Goliath—and won.

The story began on June 16, 1933, the day that President Roosevelt signed the National Industrial Recovery Act. That night, Robert C. Berry, a clerk employed by the United Electric Light & Power Co. of New York, attended a meeting of the Association of Employees, with about 30 employees and officials present, and introduced a resolution endorsing the collective bargaining principle of the act. Every worker present voted for the resolution; every official remained silent.

Dismissal Threat Flouted  
Soon thereafter, Berry was called to the superintendent's office and threatened with dismissal for talking unionism. That \$22-a-week job looked pretty good last June but Berry faced the giant and stood his ground. He demanded a ruling from President Frank W. Smith of the New York Edison system on the threat of discharge, insisting that he had acted within his rights.

Smith ruled that this troublesome clerk must refrain from talking to any employee about unionization or the pro-NRA resolution and that the resolution was never to come up for a vote. Then the giant was again defied. The resolution would come to a vote, Berry declared, and he would support it.

For months an organization called the Brotherhood of Edison Employees had been trying to bring the utility workers into a union. Preachers and teachers had faced police attacks to distribute messages to the employees; secret meetings had been held; a little progress had been made.

Defies Boss Rule  
But the turning point came when, after the public utility signed the blanket NRA code, Berry put out a leaflet announcing he had joined the brotherhood. David had dared to challenge the giant, to announce publicly his union membership, and his fellow-workers waited for the giant to strike. But in his leaflet, Berry had pointed out that the company would violate its NRA agreement if it discharged him—and he won.

Later when that rankling pro-NRA resolution finally came to a vote, with 700 employees present instead of 30, it passed unanimously.

The next move by the company was announcement of a plan for using the Association of Employees in collective bargaining. The brotherhood went to federal court and obtained an injunction stopping the formation of a company union.

Timid clerks who had been skeptical that the union was powerful enough to challenge the company rubbed their eyes as they saw John H. McNulty, head of the company union, pacing the floor outside President Smith's office waiting for orders. And when the orders were announced that the meeting had been postponed "because the hall was too small to hold those who wanted to come," a roar of laughter went up. For the clerks knew of the federal injunction.

The company quickly countered with a new company union proposal, accompanied by a letter from President Smith. The brotherhood, however, showed that the Smith letter was almost an exact reproduction of a letter which the president of the Todd shipbuilding interests had sent his workers. It further pointed out that the plans which the utility workers were presumed to have drawn up were worded in almost the exact language as the ship company union's plan. The Edison workers laughed again, and with each laugh, fear of the company lessened and respect for Berry and the brotherhood grew. Thus the union grew by leaps and bounds.

Then came the code hearings in Washington and the opportunity for the final blow. Berry, from sources which could not be denied, showed

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## SPEEDUP, FEWER JOBS IS AUTO PROSPECT FOR 1934

By JOSEPH BROWN

DETROIT (FP).—More speedup and fewer jobs in the auto industry is the prospect that faces the auto workers for 1934. Workers report that the speedup has been accelerated in the Detroit auto factories.

"Three weeks ago 13 men on the line in the motor assembly department turned out 460 motors a day," says a Ford worker. "Now the same number of men turn out 763 in the same length of time. The company merely speeded up the conveyor a few notches. The men have to keep up. They get bawled out if any motor passes them before they can finish their operation."

Injuries Increase  
Many accidents occur in Department 1516, where the Ford chassis is manufactured. Most of the workers operate dangerous presses. Safety men say that the presses are as vicious as rattlesnakes. Foremen are continually goading the workers to greater speed under threat of being fired.

"Two-thirds of the workers at the Plymouth plant have been laid off and nobody knows when they are coming back—if at all," says a worker formerly employed at the Plymouth plant. "In the department in which I worked until I was laid off, the motor assembly, they have greatly increased the speedup. We used to turn out 160 jobs a day, while at the time I was laid off we were turning out between 212 and 220 jobs with less men."

Conveyors have been speeded up at the Packard plant. "Just before the NRA code was signed we made 15 jobs in seven hours and now we must get out 22 jobs. Our day rate and bonus have been adjusted under the Blue Eagle whereby we produce seven extra jobs without any increase in wages," reports a Packard

worker. "All conveyor lines are too short to work conveniently. We are so crowded that we interfere with each other and at times injuries result. The automobile bodies are from one to 1 1/2 feet apart."

Men Ground Into Profits  
A worker in the Briggs Highland Park plant says: "Ever since I have been called back to work, our shop is becoming more and more a hell-hole of the worst slave-driving. Workers in every department, although just rehired after having been out of work for a good stretch of time are not willing to submit to the abusive tactics of their foremen. By the score they are checking out every day, either voluntarily or being fired."

Similar conditions prevail at the Motor Products Co. In the press room our rates have been cut in half; in Department 1 most jobs have been cut. In the polishing department, they used to get 25c apiece for polishing frames, now they get 6c apiece," a Motor Products worker says. "They used to time the jobs so that we could make \$1.10 an hour, now they time us to make 72c an hour and we have to work like hell to make that. Polishing always was unhealthy, but with the increased speedup, it's a lot worse."

"The new model is to come out soon and it will require less men than the old one," says a Dodge plant worker. "They will eliminate the front axle, also the front springs. Not only will it take less men in one department, but it will eliminate another department entirely. Not only is the General Motors adopting the so-called independent wheel suspension, but Hudson and Essex are doing it also."

The auto barons are preparing for the production of 1934 cars. As in former years, the monthly schedule of production will depend upon the outcome of the auto shows held in New York, Chicago and Detroit in January. Whether the early spring production is high or low, the intolerable conditions preclude a determined resistance by the autoworkers. Before 1933, the resentment of the workers expressed itself in department walkouts. This year a series of strikes swept the Detroit area and Detroit will probably be the scene of mass struggles by the autoworkers in 1934.

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## WASHINGTON SCENE

By HARVEY O'CONNOR  
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON (FP)—Now that the dogs of war are baying for blood, the vultures are aroused. They have descended on Washington in swarms, seeking the easy profits that go with war.

Everywhere you turn in the national capital today there is talk of graft, of profiteering, of the get-rich-quick operators hovering around public offices to scrape the cream of the contracts for their clients. The billion dollar navy appropriations have called forth the wildest enthusiasm from the dough boys. They want to get their arms deep into that tremendous pile of gold in behalf of the airplane, armor plate, shipbuilding, motor and other manufacturers.

As a sample of juicy melons to come with the \$200,000,000 plane contracts to be made under pending army and navy air force appropriations is the revelation that Pratt Whitney made a modest 50% profit on a \$10,000,000 non-competitive order for the navy plane motors. The navy department is supposed to audit the books of naval plane manufacturers, but navy officials testifying before the house naval affairs committee accepted the companies' own cost figures without question.

In fact the House committee could find no one in the navy, from the admirals down, who had much idea of how the plane makers had been able to get away with so much hoo-dle on government work. The committee plans to call Charles Francis Adams, New England aristocrat and Hoover's secretary of the navy and his understrappers in aeronautics for an explanation—if any.

On the army side a front-page scandal has developed regarding the "pooling" of contracts for motorizing military equipment. Contracts were to be written in such a way that each big motor firm would get a big serving of gravy without competition through a 15% payoff to intermediaries. General Motors and Chrysler representatives have already been called before the grand jury to tell what they know about it and Asst. Sec. of War Harry Woodring was obliged to waive immunity before he testified.

A mild effort to forestall a wave of public indignation against profiteering in war supplies is seen in the House amendment to the Vinson billion dollar naval building measure limiting profits to 10% of gross costs. Sen. Bone, D. of Washington, proposed an amendment to the same bill opening the books of shipbuilding corporations to government audit. Bone wants the government to develop its own navy yards as rapidly as possible as a step toward eliminating private profit in war and in the preparation therefor.

What the huge military budget now being enacted really means for profit-takers is explained in a chart just compiled concerning skyrocketing prices of armaments stocks in January. Against an average increase in the New York Times stock index of 8.5% for the month, some of the war babies showed these increases:

Aviation Corp.	28%
Bendix Aviation	32%
Bethlehem Steel	26%
Curtiss-Wright	55%
Douglas Aircraft	82%
N. Y. Shipbuilding	75%
U. S. Steel	15%
Wright Aeronautical	232%

The action of the French Confederation of Labor in calling a 24-hour general strike brings before the American labor movement the real significance of the upheaval in France. The French general military staff is behind the scene in the melodramatic rioting in the Parisian boulevards, pulling the wires for the overthrow of parliament and for the institution of a military dictatorship. Why? In order to declare the "preventive war" against Hitler. The French military clique believes that Hitler must be destroyed now, before he has another year or two to build up German armaments.

But the French people are thoroughly sick of war and will support no "preventive war." Therefore the elaborately staged riots, precipitated by royalist and fascist organizations, the parliamentary crisis, the assumption of the war portfolio by Paul Boncour, recent Socialist. The next step is the overthrow of parliament, the setting up of a military dictatorship and then overt preparation for the third Franco-German war since 1870.

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## NEW DEAL INCLUDES CONTROL OF FARMERS

NEW YORK (FP)—A part of the Roosevelt program foresees the possibility that farmers will be put under civil service and that their land will be taken from them if they do not farm in accordance with orders.

This was shown in an address to the American Society of Civil Engineers by Arthur E. Morgan, head of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the federal Muscle Shoals development. He also gave plans for government ownership of industry and the possibilities of tremendous savings under such public ownership.

"The TVA furnishes a limited area in which various elements of social and economic planning might be worked out before being applied to the United States as a whole," Morgan told the engineers. "The president wished a yardstick of public ownership."

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"I am inclined to think in the long run our farmers ought to be under civil service, in that region, that the ownership of the land should depend upon the proper use of that land, which means planting proper crops, terrace farming, and taking out of cultivation entirely land which should not be cultivated."

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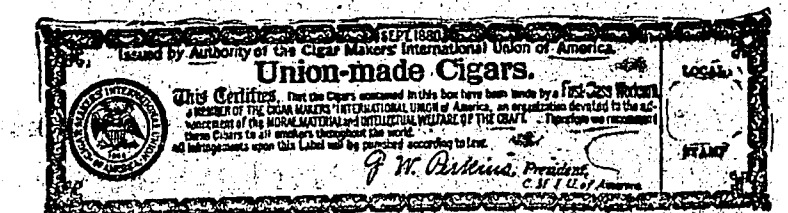
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## SOCIAL WORKERS HIT END OF C. W. A. JOBS

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## MIDWEST UNION LABOR IS GETTING RESTLESS

CHICAGO (FP)—Dissatisfied with the new deal as it has worked out so far, organized labor all over the middle west is grinding for a showdown with employers and to see on which side of the fence the government is standing, or if it is impartial.

A formidable list of 512 grievances has been spread upon the strike ballot by the shop crafts on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. The ballots are returnable to the Chicago office of the seven unions involved by Feb. 21. Every sort of violation of rules by the company and breach of employment contract is alleged. The men are bitter because the Northwestern was the second road in the country to agree to the so-called Baltimore and Ohio cooperative plan between masters and men a decade ago. Over 25,000 workers are affected.

An overflow mass meeting of the seven shop crafts, the machinists,

boilermakers, electrical workers, blacksmiths, railway carmen, sheet-metal workers, and firemen and others held in Chicago Feb. 8 was enthusiastic for bringing the chiseling road to time. Representatives of the switchmen, trainmen, telegraphers, maintenance men, signalmen, clerks, and firemen and engine men also attended.

**Milk Drivers Resist Cut**  
Attempts by the profiteering milk trust to slash wages of milk wagon drivers another \$5 down to \$35 a week were rejected by the union without a dissenting vote. Revelations by Sec. of Agriculture Wallace that the Chicago milk trust was piling up average profits of over 25% a year and paying salaries as high as \$20,000 did not make the drivers especially anxious to make further donations from their modest pay to the Bowman, Borden, Wanzler and Wieland magnates' tin cups.

Nor are the organized dairy farmers satisfied to have the government trim their slender earnings down still further. The pro-strike \$2.10 per 100 lbs was shaved to \$1.85 by arbitration and the department of agriculture sliced that down to \$1.75 before it would agree to license milk dealers and compel them to pay that price to the farmers. Now under an additional rule the price for base milk is cut by the government another 4c, bringing it down to \$1.71 and \$1.21 for surplus milk. The 4c represents service and administrative charges. Organized farmers in the Pure Milk Assn. have been paying 3c per 100 lbs as dues. The extra cent goes to the government for enforcement. Farmers not in the P. M. A. pay the 4c to the government which turns over 3c to the P. M. A. to pay for testing and other services now given to union members only.

The NRA ran into a snag in Chicago when the millinery bosses tried to make a big ceremony out of sewing the first NRA label into a hat after adoption of the code. Pres. John Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor refused to attend. So did Mayor Kelly. Mrs. Kelly was forbidden by the mayor to attend. The reason was that the A. F. L.

does not look with favor on the NRA label which is issued to shops even when they don't live up to union conditions. The NRA label represents compliance only with the insufficient minimum wages and the unnecessarily long hours of the code. It does not represent decent standards of work and living. It is therefore, in A. F. of L. eyes, a chiseling competitor of the genuine union label. Fitzpatrick decided to attend the publicity stunt for trade union reasons. Kelly stayed away for political reasons based on the labor vote. Another outbreak of millinery strikes is expected this spring because of discontent not only with the code provisions but with faulty enforcement of them.

## WORK RELIEF HEAD SAYS SYSTEM IS "SLAVERY"

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP)—"Work-relief" is nothing more than forced labor, Eric Biddle, executive director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Relief Board, declared in his annual report to Governor Pinchot. "Work-relief" is the system under which relief recipients either work a certain number of hours or have their relief cut off. When workers protest they are frequently jailed, if married, for "non-support," or, for "vagranacy" if single.

Biddle caustically criticized the plan which he declared was "in the last analysis slavery." "Work-relief," he declared, has been "in a great number of instances nothing more nor less than forced labor, bitterly and justly resented by the free American citizens upon whom it has been imposed."

## Salt Union Wins Raise

GRAND SALINE, Tex. — Every employe of the Morton Salt Co. in the Grand Saline plant having joined the new Salt Workers' Union under an A. F. of L. charter, the union promptly won a wage increase of 5c an hour, retroactive to Nov. 1. This is the first salt workers' union in the United States.

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## JOHNSON'S FASCIST VIEWPOINT

In a radio address last Tuesday night, which received wide publicity, Hugh S. Johnson, N. R. A. administrator, invited the people of the nation to speak out their criticisms of the codes which have been adopted and are now under consideration. With a great show of frankness, General Johnson admitted that many mistakes had been made, but promised that shortcomings and errors would be corrected with the greatest good for the greatest number as the basis of consideration. "We want your help," Johnson said, "whether you are on the industrial, labor or consumers' side."

In his appeal the General revealed the joker in the "New Deal" which is now offered the American people.

Johnson is assuming that exploiters, parasites and producers can get together and talk a problem to a satisfactory conclusion without changing the economic relationship which has always existed between the classes. He assumes a community of interest which does not and cannot exist under any arrangement which compels millions of workers to submit to exploitation for the profit and advantage of a small but powerful aristocracy of owners. He pretends to believe that the great mass of Americans can—or should—be satisfied with Capitalist slavery if the conditions of servitude are such as to provide the exploited with their material needs.

But stubborn denial of a fact has never destroyed the fact. There is no community of interest between workers and producers on the one hand and owners and takers on the other. On the contrary, there is a fundamental conflict between these groups, which will forever work against the satisfactory functioning of any codification of industry under Capitalism.

Even though every person who takes a rake-off from the exploited labor of workers were as paternalistic as Franklin D. Roosevelt appears to be, and despite the fact that very few workers understand the theory of the class struggle, the age-old conflict between masters and slaves will continue.

Codes will not bring social peace as long as the ownership of industry rests in private hands. To insure justice and bring about a real community of interest it will be necessary to make the means of life the common property of everybody and distribute wealth solely upon the basis of social service performed. Whatever people receive they should get because of the work they do; they should get nothing whatever simply because they already own something.

Moreover, admission should be made that the "New Deal" is justified by the fact that old deals were crooked deals. Having made that admission, the exploiters of Labor should be deprived of their crooked gains.

It is to regulate—and thereby preserve—the unearned and fundamentally-immoral profits of parasites and exploiters, not to abolish that form of legalized graft, that industrial codes have been written. To ask workers to help to make codes satisfactory as long as exploitation remains their purpose is to bargain with freedom and justice. Expecting the dispossessed to agree upon the matter of just how much of their earnings parasites may take is as ridiculous as the burlesque skit in which the simpleton is given the "liberty" of deciding whether he wishes to be choked by the Irishman or kicked by the Dutchman. It's wrong however it is done.

Based as it is upon the determination to perpetuate some form of human slavery, the "New Deal" must depend upon power and oppression in the final showdown. General Johnson sounds the warning of what will happen to workers who reject an unholy dicker with slavery and insist upon a different game rather than a new deal in the old game. In language which any of the dictators of Europe might copy, Johnson warns those who "undermine common confidence" in the N. R. A. that they will be considered "enemies of the common good."

Johnson's words are misleading and his warning is the warning of Fascism. There is no such thing as "common good" for slaves who dare to challenge slavery. Fascism throughout the world is attempting to end the class struggle, not by abolishing classes, but by fixing, prescribing and stabilizing the social duties and economic status of both master and slave. And that description of Fascism applies with startling and convincing fitness to the codes under which both exploiters and exploited in these United States are asked to reach a satisfactory agreement.

If General Johnson has measured and weighed his words, Socialists worthy of the name will be forced to make the choice between becoming the "enemies" whom Johnson threatened or meekly surrendering their democratic right of free expression. For Socialists will seek to destroy confidence in any plan which proposes to maintain the right of an owning class to reap profit from the labor of a working class. Socialists demand ALL wealth for the producers thereof. Nothing less will suffice.

## ECONOMIC RIDDLES

We are in the fifth year of the depression and a year ago the New Deal succeeded the New Liberalism. How much longer, in the view of the Administration, will this nightmare of depression continue? The answer is, three more years! Not till late in 1936 does the Administration offer hope. Is it sure even of this anticipation? No. It only hopes. The nightmare may drag out beyond 1936.

The honeymoon has passed into a drab night of uncertain hope countered by fear. Can the workingclass millions endure the fearful privations for three more years? We doubt it. The Civil Works Administration is turning millions of workers adrift and the program of subsidizing the farmers has been a complete failure. Hence the shift to Federal control mentioned in the editorial below with cotton culture as the first area for experiment.

The proposal is to take 40 per cent of cotton land out of use for which landlords are to receive \$180,000,000. However, there are 800,000 renters and share-croppers on cotton land. What will become of them? It is proposed that tenants and share-croppers be kept by the landlords, but these dependents are prohibited from planting other cash crops as this would add to the production of other farm products. The displacing of 800,000 workers would mean that they would require small patches of land to at least feed themselves.

These contradictions show the absurdities into which the system of producing for sale has drifted. A Socialist economy alone can solve these economic riddles.—The New Leader.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON TAXES

The United States Chamber of Commerce has broken loose again, this time telling Congress what to do about taxes. The Chamber wants the tax on capital gains abolished or reduced. It insists on credit for taxes paid abroad. It warns against efforts to plug holes in the income tax law, and fears that to abolish the personal holding company—Wiggin's favorite tax-dodging trick—may "penalize innocent individuals."

But most of all, the Chamber fights any use of the taxing power as an agency of reform.

"The object of taxation is to produce revenue," says the Chamber. "The correction of economic abuses or social defects should not be sought in a revenue measure."

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce never favored any measure at any time to cure economic abuses or social defects. It is devoted to preserving and extending both.

Taxation can be made the most potent agency of social reform in the world. The manufacture of poison matches was abolished by a tax. The circulation of wildcat banknotes was abolished by a tax. The concentration of wealth in towering fortunes which was the chief cause of the depression—and which is also the greatest single menace to our democratic institutions—can be stopped by a tax on high incomes and inheritances; and there is nothing to show that the work can be done in any other way.

The Chamber of Commerce objects to taxation as an agency of reform chiefly because taxation works.—Labor.

## WOULD HAVE FEDERAL GOV'T TAKE OVER BONDS

Editor Labor Advocate.

Liberty magazine of Feb. 17th carries a very interesting editorial by Bernard Macfadden. Mr. Macfadden quotes the fact that there exists a present "government bonds" (both federal and state), to the extent of fifty billions of dollars. That is a lot of money, but due to the fact that he has made it even dollars, it makes it comparatively easy figuring, even though we do sound like Amos and Andy. He continues his article, by expressing the fact that the government will be compelled to borrow seven billion more this year, and laments the fact that the government is entering the borrowing field to such an extent that it is becoming impossible for business to obtain credits for their varied needs. He offers, as a solution for our difficulties, the printing of seven billion dollars in currency, for the present government needs, thereby saving the interest on a bond issue, causing at the same time a much needed currency expansion, and re-establishing bank credit, and, in his own words, the results would be as follows:

"Instead of farmers looking for money, the 'money' would be looking for the farmers. The millions of owners of this huge sum of money would be looking feverishly for investments, and the last remnants of our so-called depression might be knocked higher than a kite. All this may sound revolutionary, but it's just common 'horse sense.' The conclusions are just as simple as the deduction that two and two are four."

If Mr. Macfadden were not so fearful of the revolutionary reaction to his proposal, I think he should have proposed the recall of the whole "Federal and State Bond" issues thereby saving the interest on the full bonded indebtedness for the people, and creating just seven times as much good in all the arguments he advanced with his proposal of a seven-billion-dollar currency issue. Since he has failed to show what might be done by carrying out the full scheme, I will attempt to do so.

National banks were organized under a congressional act of June 3, 1864. They are required to invest a certain proportion of their capital, one-fourth when the capital of the bank is \$150,000 or less, and one-third when the capital exceeds that amount—in United States bonds. These bonds must be deposited in the national treasury as security for currency the bank is authorized to issue. A bank may issue paper money up to the full par value of bonds deposited with the government. The government prints all bank notes, and redeems them in the event of the banks' failure. There were in 1917, 7,589 national banks having a capital of more than one billion. It requires no stretch of the imagination to conceive the fact that the national banks proceed to make a profit on the currency so issued.

The Federal Reserve System of banks was authorized under financial

stress (although known and operative over a period of many years in Europe) Dec. 23, 1931. These banks were to be located at central points throughout the United States, to be governed by a Federal Board, consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury and Comptroller of Currency—officially, and five other members appointed by the President of the United States for a term of ten years. These banks are really "bankers' banks" and do no business with the general public. Provision is made whereby member banks can rediscount commercial paper for industrial needs and issue currency against paper and credits so acquired.

Now that we have acquainted ourselves with the general activities of these two branches of American finance, can Mr. Macfadden or anyone else tell me why, if the Federal Reserve System can issue currency against mortgaged industrial credits, they could not be empowered to recall the full Federal and State bonded indebtedness, issue currency against the bonds (held as collateral) and issue 50 billion dollars in currency to the national banks, other banking interests and individuals, fortunate enough to hold them, thereby saving in interest charges to the government an equivalent of approximately one-third the national budget?

Without having recourse to government tax-free investments, this money would certainly find its way through the banks to industrial and farm credits. Inflation? That's true—but an inflation of a type that is known and absolute, and the government could set up a sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds, and a withdrawal of a corresponding amount of currency upon its retirement. This would merely be trading financially and industrially on the tangible assets of the nation, as the bonds merely represent a first mortgage on the assets of the people.

How do you, Mr. Macfadden, like your proposal in its entirety? Does it still make "horse sense"?

PEINS KAY.

## Threaten Fight If CWA Ends

NEW YORK.—"Blood will flow in America as it has in Austria, if the CWA is dropped by May 1 and millions are left again without food," a committee of CWA workers told the New York heads of the relief project while thousands outside tangled with police.

The local chiefs listened sympathetically—they had helped organize the demonstration by letting workers off—but only answered, "Tell Washington."

Twenty-six states have signed a compact that working hours in prison labor shops shall not exceed those in codified industry nor shall products be sold at less than free labor market prices.

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

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## REACTION IN AUSTRIA

With the crushing of the valiant Social Democracy of Austria, the ugly reaction of Fascism is in full control. It matters little whether the Austrian dictator is a tool of Hitler or of Mussolini. In either event the unions are dissolved, democracy dead, civil liberties vanished, and the working class left in slavery. Except for their race-nonsense the German Fascists are neither any better nor any worse than their brothers in Italy.

The Socialists in Austria can well feel proud of the battle they waged against overwhelming odds. The only regret is that they waited as long as they did, and were thus unable to make their general strike effective. But it is all too easy to discover errors after the outcome of the battle is known and all too difficult to reach a wise decision in the midst of a gigantic struggle.

It was not true that the Socialists rebelled in Austria. What they did was to defend their liberties and their homes against the murderous attack of the butcher Dollfuss, who coolly and deliberately mobilized the Heimwehr, the army, and the police to destroy the workingclass movement. It is to the glory of our Austrian comrades that they chose to go down fighting. May we have equal courage should a like situation confront us in America.

The triumph of reaction in Austria brings the world a step closer to an explosion. Mussolini had his troops concentrated near the Austrian border, and only persons in his confidence know how close he was to intervention that might have provided the spark of another world conflagration. With Japan eager for territorial expansion at the expense of Russia, with Germany led by a militaristic madman who hates Frenchmen and Communist Russians with equal cordiality, and with an ambitious Mussolini in control of Italy, the stage is set for a major war on very short notice.

This does not mean that war is either inevitable or desirable, though no one can deny the likelihood of its breaking out in the near future. It is possible, of course, that war, by putting guns into the hands of the German and Austrian workers, may put an end to the Hitler and Dollfuss regimes; but war lets loose all the ugly passions of mankind, and is more likely to end freedom where it still exists and raise a new crop of dictators to rule over mankind. War has usually brought reaction rather than progress in its wake. The hope of the workers of America should be to keep this country out of war so that the necessary economic adjustments can be made before political freedom is abolished.

## ROOSEVELT GOES TO THE RIGHT

Meanwhile in this country President Roosevelt seems to have thrown in his lot with the more conservative group in the administration. The Civil Works Administration, the only feature of the New Deal that brought benefits to the unemployed, is to be scrapped by the first of May, and the four million CWA workers are to go back to the charity lists. The revival of business on which Roosevelt is gambling has not as yet given any sign of its coming, and there is no reason to suppose, aside from the Public Works projects, that there will be any more jobs available next summer than there are today.

The plight of the farmer is graphically shown by figures just released by the Department of Agriculture. The gross income of American farmers in 1933 was about six and a third billions, which was half a billion less than in 1931, and little more than half of the 1929 figure. The administration gets what comfort it can out of the fact that the 1932 income was even smaller than that of 1933, but that is small help to the farmer who is unable to pay his bills.

The administration, by approving a plan to compel the farmers to reduce their acreage, has frankly admitted that this year's voluntary reduction plan was a failure. From a social point of view, the difference is one of degree of stupidity. In a hungry world it is sheer madness to curtail production, whether it be accomplished by bribes or by force. Did it ever occur to Roosevelt and his brain trust that the surplus production of the American farms might be used to end hunger?

There is no reason to single out this particular stupidity, however. It is on a par with the policy of having four million men do unnecessary work on CWA projects, when idle factories might have been opened up for them in which to produce the goods that they and their families so badly needed. It is on a par like-

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