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## Save Profit System, Roosevelt Urges Exploiters

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

READING THE ADDRESS of President Roosevelt at the conference of code authorities and trade association code committees, in Washington last Monday, I was reminded of a story which most of you have heard. It is the one about the "bad nigger" who was standing on the scaffold about to be hanged. When, just as the noose was being placed around his neck, he was asked whether he had anything to say, the doomed man replied: "All I want to say is that this is going to be a good lesson for me."

Speaking of the Capitalist racketeering which continued until the entire system crashed, Mr. Roosevelt sounded like the Negro who admitted that "we did not know as much as we know now."

It may be believed that a poor, illiterate Negro will follow the path of crime, heedless of the gruesome goal to which he is heading and learning the error of his ways only when he is standing upon a gallows with a rope around his neck. But it is more difficult to understand such ignorance of cause and effect on the part of an individual who, like Franklin D. Roosevelt, had the education and political training to foster awareness of the economic and social consequences of the private profit system.

LIKE THE SCOTCHMAN, I "ha-me doots."

I just can't believe that Governor Roosevelt was entirely lacking in a realization of the consequences which President Roosevelt now sees quite clearly; namely, that unrestricted profit-taking would ultimately bring destruction to the entire profit system. I do suspect, however, that he, and others of the profit-taking class to which he belongs, did not realize that the collapse was so close or would be so widespread and severe. He must have known that the deluge was on its way, but like a certain French king, he was hoping it that it would not arrive until after he had passed from the scene. It is a historical fact that each generation seeks to pass the consequences of its mistakes to the next.

THERE MAY HAVE been a reason why educated Americans were mistaken as to time. But there was no reason for them to be in doubt as to the ultimate fate in store for us all if Capitalism were permitted to run its course. History furnishes many examples of what happens when economic systems are continued after the justification for their existence has vanished. And we Socialists have not been backward in pointing to the signposts which clearly told us that further travel along the highway of Capitalism would soon land us in the ditch of social decay.

Mr. Roosevelt and the rest of the Capitalist class may not have known, but they should have.

UNDERTAKING TO MAKE adjustments of social relations would have been a virtue prior to the world war in which 2,000,000 people were slaughtered in a vain effort to preserve the robber system of Capitalism. Today, however, instead of being a virtue it is a necessity; for the point has been reached when Capitalism is not working even for the Capitalists.

Moreover, even the things which "New Deals" champions propose leave no doubt of their intention to (Continued on Page Two)

### SOCIALIST

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### SACRIFICE PART OF LOOT AND KEEP PROFIT RACKET PRESIDENT TELLS OWNERS

Congress of Business Dictators Hear Plea For Less Grabbing as Only Escape From Depression—Tells "Rugged Individualists" That Reduction in Hours Won't Help Unless Wages Make Buying Possible

WASHINGTON (FP).—Both Houses of Congress met as usual at noon, March 5, but nobody paid any attention to them. All eyes were concentrated on the Congress of Business, a preliminary taste of Mussolini's corporative state, which met in Constitution Hall.

Inside were more than 3,000 representatives of industry, broad-paunched, heavy-jowled. Impassively they listened as President Roosevelt opened the first meeting of code authorities. Silently they heard him beg to slow down on profits while millions are jobless; to put humanity for once above dividends in an effort to save a dying social system.

#### Ease Up On the Grab

Forewarned of employers' opposition to shorter hours and more pay, the President, waved discreetly the threat of governmental compulsion, mentioned the fact that communism and fascism have come in other countries, implored employers to permit their workers to unionize. Skillfully he painted the picture of a capitalist system on the road to ruin unless rugged individualists who own America agree to ease up a bit on their profits.

Applause swept hot, crowded Constitution Hall as Roosevelt finished. "A fine speech," said one business man to another. "Constructive," "statesmanlike," said others. More powerful, however, than the President's speech or any temporary softening of the "leaders of industry" was the unseen presence over the conference of a million stock and bondholders, demanding their pound of flesh, even though farmers, wage and workers starve in a land of plenty.

Wants Buying Power Increased. "We must remember," said Roosevelt, "that the bulk of the market for American industry is among the 90% of our people who live on wages and salaries and only 10% of that market is among people who live on profits alone. No one is opposed to sensible and reasonable profits, but the morality of the case is that a great segment of our people are in actual distress. I give to industry today this challenge: It is the immediate task of industry to re-employ people at purchasing wages and to do it now."

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### SOCIALIST WOMEN WILL BE ACTIVE IN PARTY'S BAZAAR

"What are you going to do at the Bazaar?"

The above question is being repeated quite often these days in Socialist circles. For practically everybody who is active in the Socialist movement will have something to do at the big indoor festival which will be held by the Socialists of Local Berks in Odd Fellows' Hall on April 11 to 15.

As usual, the Socialist women will be the mainstay of this big indoor event. The women of the Northeast Branch will handle the ice cream, the Northwest women the cakes, Southern the candy and Central the lunch. The boys and girls of the Young People's Socialist League will conduct a fruit stand.

#### A Bargain in Entertainment

With dancing every night, and with the small admission fee of 15c, the hall should be packed to capacity throughout the entire five nights. The fact that every patron will have an opportunity of receiving a free night door prize as well as a grand prize of a Copeland Electric Refrigerator will make the Bazaar one of the biggest amusement bargains in the history of Reading.

A special feature will be the Sunday afternoon program at which an address will be given by Jasper McLevy, Socialist Mayor of Bridgeport, Conn. McLevy is also a member of the National Executive Committee.

### SOCIALISTS WILL HOLD TWO BIG MASS MEETINGS

The Lecture Committee of Local Berks announces a completion of plans for two mass meetings during March. Both will be held in Odd Fellows' Temple, 8th and Franklin streets.

An Austrian Memorial Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 18, at 8 p. m., to pay tribute to the gallant stand for democracy which the Socialists of Austria made against the Fascist Heimwehr of Chancellor Dollfuss. Leo Krzycki, national chairman of the Socialist Party, will be the principal speaker.

August Claessens will speak on Sunday, March 25, at 2 p. m., at a public meeting. Claessens is one of the foremost orators in the Socialist movement. He has the happy knack of combining side-splitting humor with unanswerable argument, which has won favor for him in a number of previous addresses in this city.

Both meetings will be open to the public. There will be no admission charge.

### SOCIALISTS UNITE IN FUND DRIVE

Sale of Hollow Easter Chocolates Under Way in Every Section of Reading and Berks County

In every section of Reading and Berks County members of the Socialist Party are preparing for a fortnight of intense activity to raise Berks County's quota of the United Drive for \$50,000, which will be divided between Local, State and National treasuries of the party.

Hollow chocolate-Easter novelties is the vehicle on which the Socialists of Local Berks are planning to ride to a successful finish in the race for funds. "We are going to sell not less than five carloads of hollow chocolate goods during the two weeks preceding Easter," declared Mark Seltzer, chairman of the Drive Committee.

Will Have Display at Headquarters. Two weeks before Easter the greater portion of the first floor of Labor Lyceum will be given over to the committee to be used as a showroom. Every minute of the day and far into the night there will be workers in attendance to take orders. Practically every design of Easter novelty will be on display, and, best of all, the prices will be such as to defy competition.

Right now the Socialists of Berks are "talking up" the plan among their friends, neighbors and shopmates. "Don't buy your hollow chocolates until you see what your money can buy at Labor Lyceum," is the advice they are handing out. Thousands of workers have heard this suggestion and, as practically everybody spends some money for such articles at this time of year, the number of buyers is certain to run into the many thousands.

#### Agents Already Active

While the main sale will not begin until two weeks before the holiday, already party workers are pushing the goods in every section of Reading and Berks. At the present time efforts are being centered on three articles. They are attractive nests in two sizes, which contain an assortment of articles, a giant egg and a tall standing rabbit. From all branches reports of sales have been (Continued on Page Four)

### CHAUFFEURS, TEAMSTERS TO HOLD OPEN MEETING

All Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers are invited to an open meeting of Union No. 429 on Sunday at 2 p. m. at 117 Penn street. Conditions of the trade will be discussed and guest speakers will be on hand to address the assemblage. Non-union as well as union men will be welcome.

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On Wednesday night in the city of New York thousands of people of many races and religious faiths met in Madison Square Garden to voice their protest against the tyranny of German Nazi-ism.

In that gathering the Germany of Adolph Hitler was convicted of the assassination of democracy and treason against the principles of free speech, free press and free assembly, against the arts and sciences, against world peace, against women and against all liberals, workmen and minorities. "We declare," read the indictment of the assemblage, "that the Hitler government is compelling the German people to turn back from civilization to an antiquated and barbarous despotism which menaces the progress of mankind toward peace and freedom, and is a present threat against civilized life throughout the world."

Neither time nor space permits a newspaper of the Advocate's limited resources to give a detailed report of a meeting of such magnitude, a meeting which was addressed by twenty speakers, all of whom occupy prominent positions in the groups which they represented. But we can and do give our unqualified approval to the indictment which was appropriately made against Nazi Germany. More than that, we repeat the call of the Socialist National Executives to all workers for an economic boycott against Nazi Germany for as long as the Hitler regime persists in its present liberty-destroying policies.

No American who values civil liberty in any of its phases can afford to be indifferent to the atrocities against human rights which are now being perpetrated by the so-called "National Socialist" regime of Germany. For the same forces which raped constitutional government in Germany are at work in every nation on earth including our own. Those forces are the unyielding advocates of the private profit system who will stop at nothing to maintain the unholy privilege of reaping profits from the labor of the propertyless working class and who, when Capitalism finally ceases to function, will not scruple to enslave workers as an alternative to Socialism.

Fight Fascism wherever it is found. Boycott Germany. Serve notice upon the tyrants of industry, finance and politics that the American people will never surrender their human rights in order that an outworn social and economic system may be preserved.

### AGED WORKER FREEZES IN "THE AMERICAN WAY"

Because Eugenio Brocco was only a poor Italian who didn't know how to pull the right strings in these days of depression, he froze to death.

Eugenio lived in an old house in Birdsboro. He was 63 years old and the house was near the river where the wind drove hardest and where the air was damp and cold. When they found him they saw that he had attempted to escape his fate by burning furniture, rugs and part of the flooring for fuel.

About a month ago Eugenio went to work on a CWA project. However, he was unfit to do the work which was given him, and after one day on the job, he was forced to quit. He was just another worn-out victim of Capitalism. Brocco asked to be taken back on the relief, but friends say that the relief officials told him that he was a poor board case and refused to help him.

It was because Eugenio did not know the ways of American relief agencies that he went back to his shack to starve and freeze. Perhaps it was because the relief agencies were too busy caring for other cases (Continued on Page Two)

### BOSSSES' UNIONS WANT REAL UNIONISTS BARRED

For the third time in almost as many months in various towns in Eastern Pennsylvania, police officers have been called in by hosiery employers to rush union hosiery workers out of company union meetings. Recently in Nazareth when the Kraemer Hosiery Company was putting over an "Agreement" on its workers, several union men and a union representative were given the "bum's rush" out of the meeting, and further, out of the town, by a burly cop, when they attempted to say a word in opposition to the wishes of the employer who was running the meeting.

A few weeks ago in the High School Auditorium in Bangor the officers of the Julius Kayser Company called in the cops when one union man wanted to ask a question about a complicated constitution for the company union the mill owners were having their employees vote on. In the case the calling in of the constabulary proved to be a boomerang. The greater portion of the audience, enraged by the arbitrary proceedings, followed the cop and the union man out of the meeting and marched to (Continued on Page Four)

### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

#### BAD BOY OF THE READING SCHOOL BOARD

In the play called Peck's Bad Boy, which was popular in the last generation, there is a bit of dialogue which is recalled by the School Board's regret at having lost a chance at free PWA funds. The bad boy, having committed the offense which caused a lady in the east to scream in anger, and being ordered by his mother to apologize, obeyed the maternal instruction in the following manner:

"I'm very sorry," he said.  
"Well," prompted his mother, "why are you sorry?"

Whereupon the bad boy caused a laugh by giving the right answer: "Because she yelled so loud," he admitted.

And that, one is lead to suspect, is why the majority of the Fusion members of the Board are sorry they missed the CWA workers and the public in general is yelling so loud.

By their own admission some of the Board members are not in favor of the loan which was authorized by the voters. Even now they are authorizing a bond issue of only \$1,500,000 instead of the \$2,000,000 approved at the last election. In this they show a consistent respect for the dollars of big taxpayers and disregard for the needs of jobless workers.

The reduction of the immediate loan, plus the demand that the size and the cost of the Northwest school be reduced, plus the opposition to the payment of PWA wage rates by local employers, plus the original opposition to the loan by the very people whose delay caused the Board to muff its chance after being urged to action by a minority of that body—all these things justify the belief that the regret of the Board is the result of the popular reaction which has worked against Luther Schmehl and his pals. But if the public will only forget before the next election—which probably will be the case—it is not difficult to believe that the Fusionists will have an easy time forgiving themselves.

#### THE PLAUDITS OF A GRATEFUL NATION

That many ex-service men will be grateful for the announcement that they will be given preference in the matter of CWA jobs may be taken for granted. Something, be it ever so little, is always better than nothing, even for the saviours of democracy.

But—compared to the gaudy promises which were handed the boys of 1917, preference in the matter of CWA work might be interpreted as an insult. The treatment used to make the world safe for private profits has given a new and more literal meaning to the promise that "nothing will be too good for you when you get back." While the wartime profiteers have been spending their millions, the soldiers have been blacklisted, unemployed, starved and deprived of pensions and bonuses. The nation's gratitude is shown merely in permitting them to stand in breadlines with their fellows, sell shoe strings and build smooth roads for profiteers to ride upon.

If the soldiers saved democracy, they ought to have a share of it. But they won't have as long as the (Continued on Page Four)

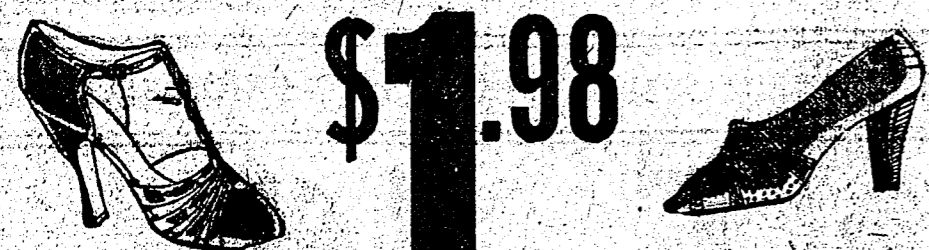
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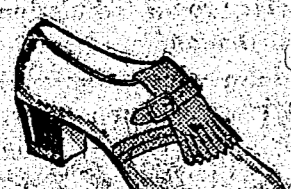
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## REFLECTIONS

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merely tone down on the bad habits  
of the past, not to abandon those  
habits.

"No one is opposed to sensible and  
reasonable profits," declared the  
President. "But profits have not been  
sensible here of late. They were  
sensible when they could be made by  
keeping workers in poverty. They  
were reasonable when they could be  
gained at the expense of human life.  
But they are neither sensible nor rea-  
sonable when they threaten to de-  
stroy the profit game. Therefore  
there must be control and system  
about this business of permitting  
parasites to live upon the labor of  
workers. That is the way the 'New  
Dealers' reason. But any intelligent  
racketeer might just as logically rea-

son along the same lines when his  
racket is in danger.

TO THE EXTENT that Mr. Roose-  
velt or anyone else proposes to main-  
tain the old profit system, we Social-  
ists must be in opposition. For we  
were opposed to Capitalism long be-  
fore it ceased to work, and making  
it function once more will not alter  
our desire for an economic order in  
which social service and not owner-  
ship will be rewarded.

It seems to me that the confession  
that "we did not know as much then  
as we know now" is an admission  
along the line and the opponents So-  
cialism wrong. It seems to me, too,  
that unless we Socialize the industries  
and do it as soon as possible, the  
same admission will have to be re-  
peatedly made from time to time as  
efforts to preserve economic injustice  
fail.

Not to modify, but to abolish para-  
sitism and exploitation should be the  
goal of the working masses. Merely  
to make slavery workable never will  
destroy the inherent immortality of  
the slave system.

WASHINGTON.—All members of  
the national labor board except Leo  
Wolman and Louis Kirstein met Feb-  
ruary 27 in an all-day meeting at-  
tended by utmost secrecy as they  
wrangled over the Weirton Steel and  
other cases.

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## Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE  
Federated Trades Organizer

### N. L. B. AGAIN INVESTIGATING LOCAL PRETZEL PLANTS

Persistence and nagging agitation  
in numerous directions has again  
brought activity from the National  
Labor Board in the Krouse, Reddy  
and Supreme-Superior struck pretzel  
bakeries.

Following a letter sent last week  
by the Federated Trades organizer  
to the National Labor Board and a  
visit to Mrs. Pinchot by a committee  
of Pretzel Workers at her own invita-  
tion this week, these cases of flout-  
ing defiance were again reopened  
and a hearing promised in Philadel-  
phia next week before the Regional  
Labor Board.

Subsequent to Mrs. Pinchot's  
scathing denunciation of General  
Johnson's lack of law enforcement,  
last week she proceeded to gather  
actual facts to lay before the NRA.

Krouse and Reddy violations are  
cases remaining unprosecuted since  
the beginning of NRA. Repeated ef-  
forts to have their Blue Eagle re-  
moved likewise brought no action.

While the committee of Pretzel  
Workers were in Harrisburg this  
week they called on Miss Charlotte  
Carr, Secretary of Labor and Indus-  
try, and were requested to make all  
NRA complaints directly through her  
office with the assurance that the  
machinery of her department will be  
used to bring prompt action on the  
part of the national government en-  
forcement tribunals.

### TRADES COUNCIL WILL BOOST UNION PRODUCTS

At the Federated Trades Council  
meeting Tuesday evening a commit-  
tee of five members was selected  
from as many unions to co-operate  
with the Pretzel Workers Union in  
visiting merchants who handle unfair  
products. The committee proceeded  
to function immediately upon its ap-  
pointment and a vigorous, effective  
campaign is planned. At the same  
meeting the bulletin committee was  
authorized to proceed with its plan  
to establish a Buyers' Guide to be  
published monthly carrying a limited  
amount of Labor News.

### UNION BRING HARDWARE ORDERS TO READING

As a result of the committee's ef-  
fort from the Hardware Workers  
Union, a portion of the building  
hardware for the Hosiery Workers  
Apartment project at Philadelphia  
was ordered from the Reading Hard-  
ware Company. A half dozen similar  
but larger projects throughout the  
country are in formation stages and  
possibilities are that the committee  
can report similar success in giving  
employment to workers employed in  
Reading's hardware industries.

### KRZYCKI WILL ADDRESS LABOR CONFERENCE

Leo KRZYCKI, nationally known  
Amalgamated Clothing Workers or-  
ganizer, has been secured as the  
principal speaker for the Federated  
Trades Council's Organization Con-  
ference to be held Friday, March 23,  
at 8 p. m., in the Hosiery Workers  
headquarters, 10th and Penn streets.  
Other prominent and equally com-  
petent persons will be on the speak-  
ers list, which will be announced  
later.

### TO SUPPORT WAGNER BILL

A mass meeting is being arranged  
by the Federated Trades Council for  
Sunday, March 25, to muster public  
support for the "Wagner Bill," put-  
ting teeth of enforcement into the  
NRA. Efforts are under way to  
secure some prominent personages  
from Washington to be the principal  
speakers. Names and place of meet-  
ing will be announced later.

### CONFECTIONERY UNION APPLIES FOR CHARTER

Confectionery Workers and Meat  
Cutters and Butcher Workmen in  
Reading made application to their  
respective International Unions at  
Chicago this week for charters. In  
anticipation of its arrival this week  
the Meat Cutters and Butcher Work-  
men are arranging a meeting for  
Sunday, March 11, at 2 p. m. in  
Bricklayers' hall, 886 Elm street, to  
install the charter and elect regular  
officers.

### Leader Fired; Unionists Strike

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Discharge  
of their union president caused 16  
delivery-truck drivers employed by  
the George B. Peck Dry Goods Co.  
to strike. Emmett Eslinger, the  
president, had been employed there  
11 years. All Kansas City union  
workers have been asked to boycott  
the firm until he is reinstated.

## HOW EXPLOITERS GRAB THE SWAG

Millions In Bonuses to a Few  
Profit Pirates While Nation's  
Producers Suffer From  
Poverty

WASHINGTON (FP). — Forty  
cents an hour codified workers now  
have a chance to see what the "big  
shots" get, in the federal trade com-  
mission report to the U. S. senate on  
salaries and bonuses paid executives  
in 1928-33.

Bonuses exceed straight salaries in  
many corporations, the report shows.  
Pres. G. W. Hill of American To-  
bacco got \$705,000 in bonus in 1932,  
in addition to his \$120,000 salary,  
while Vice-Pres. C. A. Penn glommed  
\$577,000 in bonus and Vice-Pres.  
A. C. Mower got \$505,000. At that  
time tobacco growers were getting  
less than the cost of production and  
cigarette factory girls worked for  
less than 20c an hour.

American Smelting & Refining  
paid its chairman \$100,000 in salary  
in 1933. Anaconda Copper's chair-  
man got \$214,000, with the president  
on the payroll to the tune of \$208,-  
000 in 1933, when most of Ana-  
conda's jobless miners were wonder-  
ing where the next meal was coming  
from.

The Steel in Steel  
Coca Cola's R. W. Woodruff hauled  
down anywhere from \$75,000 to  
\$120,000 a year. Charley Schwab of  
Bethlehem Steel was worth a mere  
\$250,000 to his company in 1933  
while Pres. "Million Dollar Bonus"  
Grace justified his title by getting  
\$1,623,000 in 1929 and \$1,015,000  
in 1930 as bonus. He is down now  
to a mere \$180,000 salary.

Lammot duPont, the powder mak-  
er, must scratch along on \$99,999,  
a figure which cuts down his income  
tax. Myron C. Taylor, big boss of  
U. S. Steel, has been whittled down  
from \$250,000 in 1930 to a bare  
\$162,000 last year.

Five and Dime Loot  
Amazing bonuses paid to Wool-  
worth executives contrast sharply  
with the meager pay of overworked  
girls in the 6s and 10s. Pres. H. T.  
Parsons got \$637,000 in 1932 while  
18 other Woolworth bosses got more  
than \$50,000 each in bonuses.

Just as interesting were the omis-  
sions from the trade commission's  
figures. General Aviation, General  
Motors, Studebaker and American  
Can denied the commission's power  
to get figures. These firms are big  
favorites for stock market gamblers.  
Chrysler, Bendix Aviation, Union Oil,  
Yellow Cab, Dodge Brothers and  
Sloss-Sheffield Steel were among  
those who refused or failed to re-  
port.

Mellon Dodged Probe  
Andy Mellon's Aluminum Co. of  
America did not report because its  
stock is not listed on the N. Y. Curb,  
although traded there and so tech-  
nically did not come under the Sen-  
ate's resolution. Cities Service (H.  
L. Doherty's outfit), Standard Oil of  
Indiana and A. & P. also used this  
loophole. Mellon's Koppers Gas &  
Coke said it was not engaged in in-  
terstate commerce, along with Allied  
Chemical & Dye and other firms.

Unionists fighting for recognition  
in National Steel Co. plants at Weir-  
ton will be interested to know that  
Pres. E. T. "Shoot a Few" Weir got  
\$149,000 in salary and bonus in 1930  
while J. C. Williams, president of  
Weirton Steel, a National subsidiary,  
got \$142,000 in 1930 and \$107,000  
a year later. Some of this money  
went into Williams' country club,  
which he opened to his company  
union before the company union elec-  
tion December 15.

### Fewer Mill Jobs In Ohio

CLEVELAND. — Industrial em-  
ployment in Cleveland in January  
dropped 3.1 per cent below that of Decem-  
ber, it has been revealed by the Bu-  
reau of Business Research of Ohio  
State University. Industrial employ-  
ment for Ohio was off 2.9 per cent from  
the December figure.

## SPRING OPENING New Easter Styles and Models

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## MORE IDLE

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less the NRA program provides for  
wage increases."

The A. F. of L. figures, regarded  
as the most reliable and comprehen-  
sive published, clash with those of the  
U. S. labor department, which esti-  
mates that only 500,000 lost jobs in  
January, against the Federation's  
estimate of 921,000. Both estimates  
contrast with reports of increasing  
industrial activity and point to ad-  
ded speedup of workers with wages  
lowered. The A. F. of L. report is  
regarded as a dismal commentary on  
NRA.

For Short Working Week  
In a plea for shorter hours, the re-  
port states that "for two years we  
have maintained a standing army of  
10,000,000 unemployed. Shall we  
continue this policy, 'The A. F. of L.  
asks, 'or give them normal jobs.'"  
Trade union unemployed comprise  
32 per cent of the total membership,  
according to a preliminary estimate  
for February, while another 22 per  
cent are on part time.

## AGED WORKER

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that they forgot about this poor old  
Italian. Later a friend of Brocco's  
told a visiting nurse that he was sick  
but the nurse also seemed to have  
forgotten.

That's all there is to the story.  
Nobody's to blame much except per-  
haps Brocco himself for not being  
more aggressive in his demands for  
assistance—he and the rest of us  
who permit poverty to exist in the  
midst of plenty under a system  
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Reduction in hours without wage increases, the President warned, "will do no good at all, for it amounts merely to a forced contribution to unemployment relief by the class least able to bear it. . . . The government cannot forever continue to absorb the whole burden of unemployment. . . . Your self-governing groups are not here to devise ingenious plans to circumvent the purposes of the (recovery) act."

Wants Labor Free to Organize

Speaking of the right to organize in Section 7a, the President said: "Those two words, 'free choice,' mean just what they say. It is obvious that the government itself not only has the right but also the duty to see, first, that employees may make a choice and, secondly, that in the making of it they shall be wholly free. I ask that the letter and the spirit of free choice be accorded its workers by every corporation. . . . We cannot tolerate actions which are clearly monopolistic, which wink at unfair trade practices, which fail to give to labor free choice of their representatives."

Both Roosevelt and Donald R.

Richberg, NRA chief counsel, the only other speaker at the opening conference, referred to communism and fascism. They voiced, in terms that carried however an overtone of threat or fear, the assurance that NRA meant neither. Roosevelt deplored "those writers and speakers who proclaim tearfully that we are now committed to communism and collectivism or that we have adopted fascism and a dictatorship." Richberg, more direct, stated that "our country will never drift helplessly, or surge impatiently, into revolutionary violence so long as we have leaders with the vision and courage to mobilize the energies of our people."

Would Save Private Profits

Richberg disclaimed any intent to conduct a general attack on the profit system. Such an effort, he said, would be followed "by a period of revolutionary chaos. . . . requiring the annulment of a large part of our constitutional, statutory and judicial laws, and the rebuilding of a new system of law based on utterly different concepts of individual liberty and rights of property." He warned against drastic attempts to shorten hours and posed the question "how far wage rates can be increased without bankrupting honorable employers."

Unemployed Study Tactics

COLUMBUS, O.—The Ohio Labor School, sponsored by the Ohio Unemployed League, has opened under the direction of Bill Reich, former instructor at Commonwealth College, Mass., Ark. The school will teach tactics among the unemployed in addition to the usual labor school courses.

Socialism is the hope of the world.

## SAYS 'NEW DEAL' DODGES CAUSES

Benjamin Marsh, People's Lobby Official, Declares Roosevelt's Relief Plan Ignores Reasons For Depression

WASHINGTON (FP).—President Roosevelt's substitute for CWA is a "blind blunderbussing and continuation of the President's effort to protect the causes which produce unemployment and poverty," states Secretary Benjamin C. Marsh of the People's Lobby. Marsh's statement in part reads:

"To keep people from starving after the inevitable failure of the stupid NRA, the President devised the scheme of putting people at manufactured work under CWA. May 1 was set as the magic date upon which industry would re-employ about 4,000,000 people. A full month before April Fool's Day that bluff has been called, and the Administration is now caused to fear a genuine May Day uprising instead of re-employment."

"Now comes another of the tricks from our Presidential trickster—folks are to be sent to suburbs and deserts, and light industry is to bloom like a century plant, to give them work for six months, and then by another promised waving of the Presidential wand, commercial employment will be in full bloom. The President must underestimate the credulity of the American people."

"In the meantime he is keeping every special privilege which looks the American people going full tilt. Unaffected by the nationwide protest at last week's hearings on NRA, against the futile hypocrisy of the whole scheme, he opens up his card case and pronounces he had drawn an ace of spades. The unemployed are to be put to work digging up the ground so far from congested centers of ex-industrial activity that they will not disturb the chant of office holders praising the dawn of prosperity."

## "NO MORE WOMEN" EMBASSY ATTRACTION

Even the bottom of the sea is not big enough to hold both Edmund Lowe and Victor McLaglen, those rivals of countless screen battles, who bob up again today at the Embassy in the Paramount picture "No More Women," a riotous saga of salvage divers, perhaps the most colorful offering of the team's career.

Divers by day and Romeos by night, they clout and caress their way through a veritable cyclone of adventures and romance. It all begins when Eddie outsmarts Vic, diver on a competing salvage tug, by recovering \$20,000, in gold from a submerged run-runner.

Matters are not improved when the tug on which Vic works is inherited by a young and attractive girl, played by Sally Blane. Eddie likes her looks and promptly quits his boat to join her crew, causing Vic to be demoted in rank.

From then on the fun is intense. "Betty Boop" To Appear Here in Person

The announcement that Little Ann Little, the original Betty Boop of the screen is to appear in Reading, in person, has created quite a stir among theatregoers. The same Betty Boop you see and hear in the Betty Boop cartoons will be seen, on the stage at the Embassy, for an entire week starting today. In conjunction with the Paramount feature played will be Miss Pauline Comar, America's only girl movie cartoonist who will show the audiences how animated cartoons are made.

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

## SENIOR FINDS SOCIALIST SPIRIT GROWING IN SOUTH

CHICAGO.—The South is awakening to the message of Socialist organization as fast as any other section of the country, in spite of the handicaps of more serious poverty and illiteracy than curse the Northern states. And the newer movement there is meeting the issue of race squarely. These are the two outstanding impressions reported by Clarence Senior, executive secretary of the Socialist Party, following a 5,000 mile speaking trip in "Dixie."

The increase in the organization which followed the first Socialist organizers' summer school at Montezuma, Tenn., last summer, took place largely in the states along the Mason-Dixie line. The outstanding increase in organization is in North Carolina, where Alton Lawrence and Jack Pies, through the party directly and through the Carolina School for Workers, have their fingers on the pulse of the state and are taking advantage of every opportunity to spread Socialism. The party organization has grown 700% over 1932, and the contacts made by these live wires are tremendous.

Whites and Blacks Mingle

In South Carolina, Senior held the first Socialist meeting since 1928, and because of the spunk shown by S. V. Kennison, made the local administration back down on its refusal of a permit for a mixed meeting. It was the first meeting in the history of the city where white and colored people were permitted to participate together. The most encouraging item of the whole tour was the gathering of Socialists, most of them new to party activity, young and energetic, from ten communities in the state, who came down to Charleston to map out a campaign to put the state back on the Socialist map, and to decide how to organize the tenant farmers and share croppers, the worst exploited sections of the farm workers in the South.

Encouraged in Florida

The seven stops in Florida, Senior says, were a constant source of delight in the way the meetings were arranged and the contacts that are being made by the Socialists with the unemployed, the citrus workers, and the unions generally. This state is noted for its transplanted Northerners who try to outdo the natives in being reactionary in regard to all questions, but particularly with regard to the Socialist stand for equality for the Negro workers and farmers.

The outstanding meeting was in St. Petersburg, where four thousand people occupied benches in the city park at the largest meeting in the experience of the Open Forum. An attempt after the speech by a reactionary member of the forum board to upbraid the forum and the speaker for introducing Socialism brought boos from thousands and cries of "Shut up and sit down." "Cut off the mike," and similar expressions of disagreement with the person attacking the speaker. The chairman of the meeting brought cheers from the crowd by a brilliant defense of freedom of speech for Socialists. The party meeting that evening was an overflow, and a new local will be formed by the few Socialists who had been trying to build up the party there.

Work With Unemployed

The Tampa Socialists have been doing splendid work in connection with the Unemployed Brotherhood, which under militant leadership has now become a state-wide organization. They have been active in pressing for justice in the case of a brutal attack by a white CWA foreman on a Negro worker. In the South, white foremen over these gangs generally carry revolvers strapped on their hips. In Tampa also, the party and the unemployed are pushing the case of an illegal lynching that seems to be nothing but an acting deputy sheriff's brutality. This man called for a prisoner charged with chicken stealing at 2:30 in the morning, and half an hour later telephoned that the prisoner had been taken from him and lynched. There is no evidence of a mob, and the only bullet in the

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## Negro's body was from the officer's

gun.

In Atlanta and Birmingham, Senior joined Norman Thomas who spoke to huge crowds, and the organization meetings were held. Those indefatigable workers for the party, Edward and Martha Johnson, are following up this work for the national organization and will remain in the territory for the next month or so. Labor contacts are assured in Birmingham for the first time in years. Thomas spoke to two great meetings of the laundry strikers, and was enthusiastically received. In Chattanooga where no local has functioned for years, the party has a new and vital group of young Southerners, including the president of the teachers' local and a hardhitting young Scotchman who is putting full steam behind a Socialist program of organization and education.

Other States Stirring

Knoxville and Nashville locals both showed signs of becoming real factors in their communities, particularly the latter, where Howard Kester, representing the party, is becoming a real leader of workingclass opinion, both among white and colored workers.

Virginia, under the new state secretary, J. Luther Kibler, is making plans to advance the organization after a state campaign which showed a big increase in votes.

The fact that Georgia is the first state in the union to go over its quota in the 1934 United Socialist Drive, Senior says, indicates that these comrades will make financial sacrifices too, to carry on for their ideal of Socialism in the South. Some of the better organized sections might learn from them necessary lessons of devotion to the cause.

They say the Japs are the world's best bayonet fighters. But wait till they face soldiers that have to be jabbed in the front.

## Bakers' Union Raise Pay

PORT ARTHUR, Tex. — Union

working conditions and increased wages were won from several leading bakeries through a strike by the Port Arthur local of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers' International Union. The new scale specifies \$22 a week for journeymen and \$17 for apprentices.

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Of Those Employed

WASHINGTON (FP)—Sen. Wagner's bill aimed at outlawing company unions, removing company pressure against bona fide unions and setting up a permanent labor board will hardly get beyond first base in this session of Congress unless the White House gives approval. That seems highly dubious.

The bill is in for stiff opposition from employers' lobbies and from the reactionary members of the Democratic party, to say nothing of Republican sharpshooters.

The measure would take the sting out of Section 7a by restoring legality to 100% union contracts, which General Johnson and others have said is barred by the recovery act. It hits at company financing and domination of company unions and removes, so far as words may, coercion used against workers trying to set up their own organizations.

**Labor Board Not Balanced**  
The real danger to unions lies in the proposed labor board, which is to have only two union members out of seven. This is not even as favorable as the present labor board, which is composed 50-50 of employer and union members, headed by Wagner. What a Hoover or a Coolidge or a Harding would do in selecting the three "public" members unionists know only too well.

The following table is the Administration's gage of NRA's results:

	Industrial Production	Factory Employment	Payrolls
1929	100	100	100
1930	96	87	86
1931	81	74	66
Feb. 1932	69	67	58
Feb. 1933	63	73	60
Feb. 1934	81	72	53

**Production Outraces Purchasing**  
The interesting feature is that February production reached the 1931 level, that jobs fell a little short while payrolls, the crucial test of purchasing power in recovery, were not only far short of 1931 but even of February, 1932, and are now little more than half the 1929-32 average, which is represented by 100.

The American Federation of Labor's March survey of business shows the same result. While the individual worker's income has risen only 6.8% since the low mark of March, 1933, combined living costs have gone up 7.9%. Food prices are up 18% and clothing and furnishings 27%. Due to added unemployment, coming partly from a slight industrial recovery but mostly to governmental public and civil works, the total income of all workers is up 39%. That figure will come tumbling down, as CWA is abandoned.

Warning against recent tendencies in NRA to approve codes with lower minimum scales and higher maximum hours, the A. F. of L. survey asserts that "either workers' trade unions must be recognized and workers have a representative in the councils where industrial policies are formulated (code authorities); or labor will be forced into opposition with no way to win its rights except by warfare and strikes."

**Munition Profiteers Alert**  
The munition makers and fellow-ghouls are all hot and bothered about Senator Nye's proposed investigation of the manufacture and traffic in arms. If the Senate foreign relations committee takes up the investigation it will put a crimp into the powerful arms lobby now howling for the billion dollar Vinson naval bill and the 4,000-plane program for the army.

While Senators don't actively engage in lobbying for the munitions

interests and the airplane grafters, apparently it's O. K. if their sons do the dirty work. Ernest W. Smoot, son of the former Utah Senator (one of the saints, incidentally, of the Mormon church), "sold" Western Air Express on the idea that he and his dad could "expedite" their contract for air mail. Young Smoot himself testified that he got \$20,000 or more for lobbying while a clerk of his father's Senate finance committee. Lehr Fess, son of the Republican Senator from Ohio, Herbert Hoover, Jr., and two other sons whose fathers held high governmental jobs were also on the job for airplane outfits.

**Railmen Want Short Hours**  
President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen told the Senate interstate commerce commission that 800,000 railroad men are jobless and 400,000 more are working part time. He asked support for the Black bill providing the 6-hour day in the railroad industry.

### WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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means of producing wealth remains in private hands. For all practical purposes they have ceased to be soldiers and are now merely members of the working class. Their interest, like the interest of all workers, can be served only when the industries of the nation are made social property and when wealth is produced for the benefit of producers instead of for the profit of owners.

### A JOKE ON READING'S CAPITALIST LADIES

Some of the members of the Women's Club—not ALL of them—understand—were thoroughly outraged by the address which Dr. Harry A. Overstreet delivered under the Club's auspices in City Hall auditorium last Monday night. What he said was not what some of the nice ladies like to have the masses hear.

Dr. Overstreet told his audience that the present economic system is doomed. More than that, he declared for socialization and a co-operative commonwealth. And when skillfully questioned by a Socialist in the audience he admitted that what he meant was that the things which Socialists were advocating have to be adopted.

It is funny to see the dear ones stiffen and the hear them murmur and sniff. It will be funnier still if they ever again bring that speaker back to Reading. For Dr. Overstreet actually told them something new—which is the most grievous offense which can be committed against pseudo intellectuals of the middle-class parasite tribe.

### KENHORST SOCIALISTS WILL BREAK THE NEWS

The Socialist officials of the borough of Kenhorst, who went into office at the beginning of this year, have surveyed their financial condition and learned that their borough is so near to being completely broke that nobody could tell the difference.

So they are going to tell the people about it and find out what to do. At a public meeting in the Farview school tonight the Socialists will show the citizens what their financial statement looks like. It is also probable that they will explain why it is that their community, along with most others, is heading toward bankruptcy at a rapid rate of speed.

The Kenhorst Socialists are setting an example which other public officials had better follow. There's no point in being unduly optimistic and permitting people to think that things are going well until the actual moment of collapse.

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### TO HOLD OYSTER SUPPER

The Taxpayers' Protective League of West Reading will serve an oyster supper at their headquarters, 233 Kline street, Saturday evening, Mar. 10, from 4 to 10 p.m. Proceeds will be used for unemployed members of the league for Easter. Oysters will be served either raw, stewed or fried. Those on the committee are: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peffley, Mr. and Mrs. John Baucknecht and Mrs. Ammon Heckler.

### Wealthy Resent Showup Of Glenn Frank

MADISON, Wis.—Wealthy people in Madison, the higher-paid faculty members of the University of Wisconsin and other reactionaries are resentful at the expose of President Glenn Frank of the university, written by Ernest L. Meyer in the American Mercury. Meyer depicted Frank as a bombastic "journalist on parole," mouthing loud sentiments for the forgotten man but actually playing the part of rich man's flunkie at a high salary and many comfortable perquisites and profitable sidelines.

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### BOSSES

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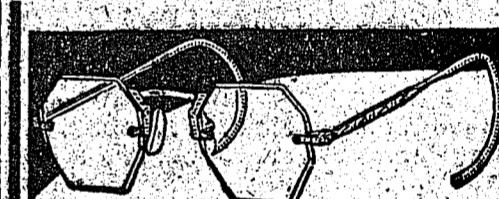
**Same Thing in Reading**

In Reading a few days ago, three union men walked into an advertised meeting of the "company union" for the jersey cloth employees of the E. Richard Meinig Company. The Meinig Company makes hosiery, gloves and underwear in the various plants here and the majority of the workers are members of the union. Notices had been posted in the underwear shop inviting "All Meinig Employees" to a meeting of the Employees' Association (the set name for all company unions in the district) at the N. E. Republican Club Hall in this city. The three unionists who took this invitation at its face value dropped in at the company union meeting and sat down. They were promptly bounced upon by a foreman who informed them that union members were not wanted at the "Employees' Association" meetings. One of the unionists said that he had some questions to ask about the "Employees' Association" but was told that he could wait outside and have the answers carried out to him.

On objecting that this plan was unfair, the three unionists found themselves confronted by police officers who apologetically and shamefacedly escorted them from the hall. "No Unionists Allowed" is evidently the motto of the "Employees' Association," judging from the record.

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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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## LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By LARRY ROGIN

In order to take advantage of a generous offer the Labor College Dance and Entertainment, which will be held on Thursday, March 22, has been moved to Bach's dance hall, at 136 N. 5th street. This will allow more room for the merry-making, as well as bring the dance to a more centrally-located hall. All those who have tickets for sale can exchange them for new tickets at class or at Federated Trades Council headquarters, 705 Walnut street. Old tickets which have already been sold will be honored.

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The Labor Dramatic Group has been in continuous demand by the trade unions in town. Several divisions of the hosiery workers have already asked for their services, including the largest of them, the Berkshire. Other unions requesting their services are the Teamsters, Pretzel Workers, the Hardware Workers and the Carpenters. Meetings are being held every Thursday night at 7:30 at the headquarters of the Hosiery Workers, 10th and Penn streets. More recruits will be welcome. All friends of the Labor Movement, with an interest in dramatics should help out in this work.

## White Motors Yield Increase

CLEVELAND.—White Motor Co. was forced to grant a general wage increase to 2,500 workers retroactive to February 19 on threat of the workers to strike unless their demands were met. The company is negotiating with the union as to the amount of the increase.

# Activities of the Reading Socialists

## CARD PARTY AT LYCEUM BY SOUTHERN BRANCH

The monthly card party sponsored by the Southern women will be held tomorrow night at Labor Lyceum. Let's have a successful affair, by having a large attendance, Southern members. To our regular patrons, we wish to say, that the prizes will be the usual high quality, and will be attractive things that you will be proud to carry home. Invite a friend to come and enjoy the evening with you.

## DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT AT HARMONY HALL

With hoe-downs and city dances on the program, the Northwest Branch is offering a dance tomorrow, Saturday, night which should bring a record crowd to Harmony Hall, Rosenthal street and Lebanon Valley Railroad.

The fact that all proceeds derived from this event will be contributed to the United Drive Committee has won the co-operation of Socialists from every section of the city, and many tickets have already been sold. The admission fee will be 25c.

Help the United Drive and have a good time by attending this big social event.

## HOLLINGER TEACHES AT NORTHEAST SUNDAY

This Sunday night Walter R. Hollinger will again tutor at the Northeast Socialist School of Study, 1311 North Ninth street. The school convenes at 7:30 p. m. Give ear to study at our little red school. You are welcome.

## SPEAKER AT SUNDAY NIGHT FORUM FOR SOUTHERN

The Sunday night Forum of the Southern Branch will be addressed by Comrade Harry Gross of the Central Branch.

Discussion will be thrown open to the audience; and tea will be served later in the evening.

## NORTHWEST BRANCH WON'T MEET TONIGHT

In order to permit all Northwest Socialists to attend the International Women's Day celebration in Odd Fellows' Hall, there will be no meeting of the Northwest Branch tonight.

The next regular branch meeting will be held on March 16.

## NO MEETING FOR SOUTHERN WOMEN

The regular women's meeting of the Southern Branch has been cancelled, in order that the membership may attend the International Women's Day celebration tonight.

## CARD PARTY AND BAND CONCERT BY 18TH WARD BRANCH

Do you want to give a boost to the Socialist radio broadcasts and the Socialist band? If so, don't fail to attend the card party and band concert which will be held under the auspices of the 18th Ward Branch next Wednesday, March 14, in Maier's Bakery Hall, 640 Park Ave.

Come early; activities start at 7:30 and will continue until 11. Good lunch will be served and fine prizes awarded to winners. The playing fee will be 25c per person.

## STUNT NIGHT TUESDAY AT NORTHWEST BRANCH

Here's another new one; it's "stunt night." But don't ask us what a "stunt night" is. All we know is that it's being held by the women of the Northwest Branch at their headquarters, Green and Gordon streets, and that you and everybody else are invited. Come prepared to enjoy plenty of laughter, is the way the women word their invitation.

## CARD PARTY WEDNESDAY AT SOUTHERN BRANCH

A card party, with special features appropriate to St. Patrick's Day, will be held next Wednesday at 8 p. m. at the headquarters of the Southern Branch, 429 South Tenth street. The committee promises you "the grandest" evening you ever spent and a real Irish style celebration. The prizes are described as "the best you've ever seen." Playing fee will be 25c. If you are looking for a happy mid-week evening, don't miss this event. Bring a friend along.

## CARD PARTY NEXT FRIDAY AT PENWYN SCHOOLHOUSE

Give a boost to the Socialist Women of Mohnton and Cumru by attending their card party, next Friday night, March 16, in Penwyn schoolhouse. In addition to the usual prizes for winners, there will be a door prize and refreshments of a high order for the hungry. The playing fee will be 15c.

## MEN AND WOMEN CHORISTERS REHEARSE TOGETHER SATURDAY

All members of the male and female choruses are asked to be at Labor Lyceum, March 10, at 2 p. m. for a joint rehearsal. These rehearsals will be held every Saturday until further notice. A full attendance is requested.

## TO ALL BRANCHES WHICH MEET MONDAY NIGHTS

Plan now to postpone your meeting for Monday, March 26, in order to leave your membership free to attend the Claessens lecture on that date.

## NO SOCIALIST STUDY CLASS TONIGHT

The class in Socialism held on Friday night at the Central Branch headquarters, will take a recess this Friday so that the members may attend the celebration of International Women's Day. The class will resume on Friday, March 16, with a discussion of what a Socialist society will be like. All are welcome. The class meets at 8 o'clock.

## COUNTY COMMITTEE

All committeemen are urged to be present for the meeting Thursday, March 15th, at 8 p. m. at the Labor Lyceum.

## LECTURE SUNDAY AT NEWMANSTOWN

The second of a series of Sunday afternoon meetings will be held March 11th at 2 p. m. at the Newmanstown Band Hall, Comrade Amos Leshner will be the speaker. Comrades and friends are invited to attend. Questions answered. Admission is free.

## YIPSEL NOTES

At the last meeting of the CEC it was decided to give up all plans for the Yipsel paper and to ask the members of the Yipsels who have subscribed to the paper to donate their subscription money to the organiza-

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## SPEAKERS AT BRANCH MEETINGS

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Central: James Roslin.

Womelsdorf: Raymond Hoises.

Mohnton: Stewart Tomlinson.

Temple: Amos Leshner.

Tuesday, March 13th:

Southern: William Schweren.

18th Ward: James Roslin.

West Reading: Jacob Hiestand.

Kenhorst: Fred Menkel.

Muhlenberg: Stewart Tomlinson.

Laureldale: Darrington Hoopes.

Jacksonwald: at Brookmeyer's.

Birch Wilson.

Northeast Women: Mary Nelson.

A new federal corporation is being set up with RFC funds to help finance trade with the Soviet Union and other countries.

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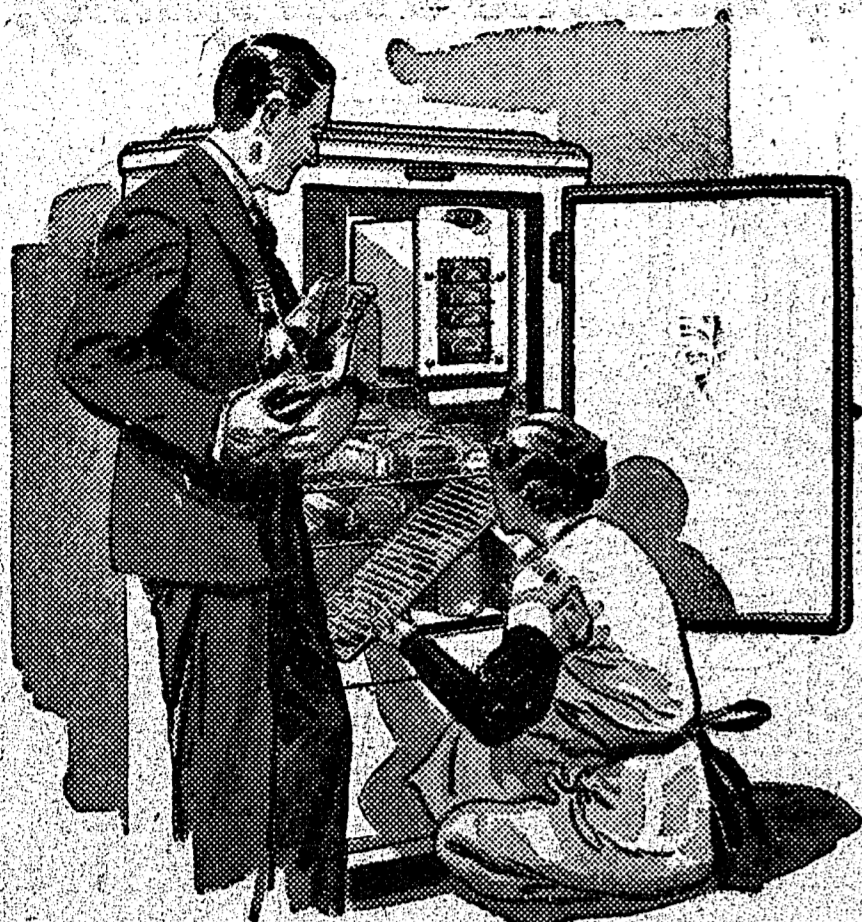
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## RAIL PROFITS TRIPLED AS PAY PARLEY NEARS

NEW YORK (FP)—When railroad managements and unions meet to discuss rescinding the 10% pay cut which expires June 30, the labor officials will be able to show that the first 28 railroads reporting for January show their profits tripled over a year ago.

It will be in the face of that profit showing that they will have to press their demand that the pay cut be extended to 15%. That fact would

even seem seriously to weaken President Roosevelt's request that the 10% cut be extended six months.

The New York Central, one of the biggest roads in the country, gives an indication of what is happening. Its gross income for January of the last two years was:

1933.....\$21,978,928

1934.....\$24,284,542

Thus the Central had gross income of \$2,306,000 more this January than last. But the sensational feature of the report is that practically an even million dollars, or more than 40% of that increased gross income, was turned into profit. And this in spite of the fact that profit was only 10% of the total gross.

That is, the Central has cut its costs—which means its wages—to such an extent that it can carry additional freight with little additional cost. The union chiefs will certainly show that this makes it possible for the roads to surrender the 10% pay cut to which the unions agreed when the roads were in desperate condition and facing bankruptcy.

Net profits for the first 28 roads to report on January were \$9,464,000 as against \$3,028,000 in January, 1933.

### Plenty Trouble For NLB

WASHINGTON.—Up to March 1, more than 1,060,000 workers were involved in cases before the national and regional labor boards.

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## STOP YOU'LL BE SHOT!



This sign in the streets of Vienna, backed by armed troops, tells the people of the workers' districts, "Stop, you will be shot." Whether the same sign is on the German border is the issue the world awaits.—(Federated Pictures).

## PRIMING THE PUMP WORKS -- SOMETIMES

By SCOTT NEARING.  
(Federated Press)

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is lending large sums to banks and railroads and other private enterprises. These loans are justified as a means of "priming the pump."

City dwellers, who get their water by opening a tap, never have to prime. But country folk must occasionally pour a little water into the top of the pump to tighten the packing on the plunger to make it draw. Once the packing is tightened by this wetting from above, the pump will draw water out of the well. So a pint of water used as priming will fill a barrel—provided the foot of the pump reaches the surface of the water. If the foot-valve is above the surface of the water, you can prime with a barrel and never raise a drop.

Apply this analogy to the business situation. The Pennsylvania Railroad has borrowed 77 millions to electrify part of its line. This money, spent for steel towers, electric locomotives and other equipment, is a prime for the economic pump. But the "water-level" is the amount of money that people can afford to spend on train fares.

The railroad electrifies. Its rate of fare is 3.6c a mile. This was the rate in 1929 when the total distributed income of the U. S. was 81 billions. It is the same in 1934 when the income is about 40 billions. With this fall in income, a 3.6c rate is now equal to about an 8c rate in 1929.

Electrification has made business for electric companies. But unless it results in lowering rail fares to a level at which people can afford to ride, it will not add a dollar to railroad income.

Priming will not help the economic pump unless the foot-valve reaches the water-level. No amount of "stimulation" will increase buying unless people have the income with which to buy.

The "buy now" campaigns have failed—not because of poor advertising or lack of desire for goods, but because the masses of people have had their incomes so heavily cut that when they cover rent and food, there is nothing left for carpets, radio tubes or travel, electrically or otherwise.

Priming will not bring prosperity to the declining capitalist system unless with the priming goes an increase of buying power. R. F. C. loans may stimulate, but only permanently higher incomes will raise the buying level to a point at which the wheels of industry can begin to turn again. With the drop in foreign trade, in farm purchasing power, in salaries and in wages, buying power has been diminished. The water-level has been falling. So long as this decline is in progress, all of the priming in the world will not start the pump working.

### How It Works In RCA Plant

WASHINGTON.—Harry Kline, representing RCA workers in Camden, N. J., told the NRA conference February 27 that 40-45 of RCA workers are being paid the minimum code wage. Five thousand of 10,000 employees are unemployed now. He urged a slash in hours to 30 a week to absorb the jobless and attacked the \$15.17 weekly average wage on NRA codes, contending for a minimum which would assure workers at least \$28 a week, the minimum set for subsistence by an A. F. of L. study.

### To Convince The Japs

WASHINGTON.—The entire battle fleet will be concentrated again in the Pacific against Japan.

## WASHINGTON SCENE

By HARVEY O'CONNOR  
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON (FP).—If you want to see blue air that can be carved with a knife, sit in with a group of trade union leaders in Washington nowadays. The glittering promises of the "new deal," which American Federation of Labor leaders held out so hopefully to their members six months ago, are turning to dust. Day by day it becomes apparent that the "partnership" offered to labor in NRA was a dummy partnership.

The codes themselves of course have done more to sour trade unionists than anything else in NRA, not excepting its complete big business domination. The recent newspaper and restaurant codes mean nothing in increasing employment or wages. Loopholes in the 80-40c minimum rates for so-called apprentices and the "handicapped" open a wide door for violators to drive through unscathed.

But even the pitiful standards set up in NRA codes mean little. Enforcement machinery, according to union reports, is practically nil in its results. Clearcut cases of discrimination against union workers drag through the local compliance machinery, the regional and national labor boards and the national compliance board for months. In the meantime the victimized unionists tramp the streets and new unions crumble.

Perhaps the interpretation of Section 7a by Donald Richberg, former rail union counsel, is the unkindest cut of all. Richberg's interpretation challenges the basis of union shop contracts and assures individuals and minority groups the "right" to bargain separately from the majority of employees.

The functioning of the national labor board is another sore spot. One of its "labor" members, Leo Wolman, has been holding up the board's decision on the Weirton Steel case because he is opposed to drastic action against E. T. "Shoot a Few" Weir. The NRA labor advisory board, which Wolman heads, is another thorn in the side of unionists. It has been reduced by Wolman's dictatorship to innocuous desuetude.

Under cover of Section 7a and the Johnson-Richberg-Wolman interpretation, company unions are flourishing as the green bay tree. The recent meeting held in New York by U. S. Steel and other proprietors of company unions, at which it was decided to revamp company union rules to conform to Section 7a, resulted February 23 in "shotgun" elections in U. S. Steel plants in western Pennsylvania to revise their constitutions.

The only practical effect of NRA, as President Green of the A. F. of L. said at Cincinnati, is to give workers the belief—or illusion—that they have the right to organize. Big employers have seized that opportunity and have done most of the organizing. A. F. of L. officials admit. The company union movement now grips nearly the whole of heavy industry, including steel and autos.

Union leadership has been far from faultless, but undoubtedly the major blunder was made late last summer by the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers when its officials outlawed the Weirton and Clairton steel strikes. That decision stopped an incipient strike wave that would have gripped the steel industry and provided the final conflict over the issue of unionism vs. company unionism in America. The Amalgamated's decision was a godsend to U. S. Steel. The national labor board hastily injected itself into the Weirton strike to complete the breaking of the steel workers' determination

to organize by offering glittering promises which its members knew then were false.

One curious result of the breakdown of NRA as the labor hope is the growing prestige of Matthew Woll, whose influence last year seemed to be at an all-time low. Woll has fought NRA quietly and persistently and now is enjoying the discomfiture of his colleagues who staked everything on the "new deal."

There is the portent of economic death to tens of thousands of workers in telegraph, cable and radio industries in President Roosevelt's plan for a national coordinating agency which will pave the way for mergers. When Western Union and Postal Telegraph finally work out to the satisfaction of their bondholders the terms of merger, the army of the unemployed, now numbering nearly 12,000,000, can prepare for a flood of new recruits.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL LABOR BOARD

WASHINGTON (FP).—The principle that a majority of employees have the right to bargain collectively for all was laid down by the national labor board in the Denver-tramway case. The traction company continued to deal with a company union while negotiating a contract with the street car men's union to cover its members only. The union appealed to the national board.

In a dissenting opinion, Pierre S. DuPont argued that the company union should have the right to a separate agreement and that "with respect to the 36 employees who cast no ballot, the Denver Tramway Corporation shall bargain with them individually."

Although unions polled 2,163 votes to 802 for the company union, Underwood-Elliott-Fisher refused to deal with the union or arbitrate as recommended by the New England regional labor board. A settlement was reached by the national board ending the metal polishers' strike in the company's Hartford, Conn., plant, and promising re-employment of strikers and negotiation of an agreement. No strike is to be called in future disputes while negotiations are pending with the national board.

President E. L. "Shoot a Few" Weir's hand is only too apparent in the complaint of union steel workers that they have been fired at his Great Lakes Steel Co. plants at Escore, near Detroit. Great Lakes, like Weirton Steel, is a subsidiary of Weir's National Steel Co. Testimony before the national labor board was sensational. It revealed that the Detroit regional board accepted the company's written denial of union charges, although the company refused to be represented at the hearing, and threw out the union's complaints because the complainants did

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not appear personally but were represented by their union officers.

An officer of the Iron, Steel and Tin Workers' lodge was offered a month's salary and back pay if he would sign an affidavit, following his discharge, that he would not appeal to any governmental agency or board. Company officials sprang trick company union elections on the men, fired those that joined the Amalgamated, and informed other plants of National Steel at Weirton, W. Va., not to hire the blacklisted men.

A business man was offered \$500 to \$1,000 for a list of union members. Five days later the union offices were burglarized and the records carried off, including names of 800 members. Soon after the wholesale discharge of unionists started.

People's Pharmacies of Baltimore and the pharmacists' union have agreed on part of the issue at dispute between them and submitted the rest to the national board for arbitration.

The hard-boiled National Lock Co. of Rockford, Ill., met a strike of its employees last August with two injunctions, and another one against the Chicago regional board. Its position "reveals a studied hostility to the purposes of Section 7a," the national labor board said, in ordering the strike off. The 400 strikers to be placed on a preferential list for re-employment, and a labor board election held based on the payroll of August 31. The company refuses to obey.

Reinstatement of workers fired for union activities is provided in a settlement between the Carthage Creamery Co. of Carthage, Mo., and the teamsters' union. The strike, called in November, is declared off.

The labor board urged the striking aluminum workers near Pittsburgh to return to work pending investigation by the Pittsburgh regional board.

The board is pondering the lock-out of members of the Shoe and

Leather Workers' Industrial Union by the Kirchick and Beckerman Shoe Corporation of Brooklyn. The lock-out followed a demand for a 25% cut in pay, although the union had signed a one-year contract last September.

Chairman Wagner of the labor board called on the "American Federation of Labor to respond to its obligation to the public welfare" in settling jurisdictional disputes which have held up work on the Philadelphia post office and other federal jobs. Elevator constructors, carpenters and iron workers are engaged in a dispute over installation of a mail conveyor scheme. The board previously ruled that if the A. F. of L. could not settle the strikes, the contractor should award the work. That decision is reiterated by Senator Wagner's new appeal.

### 500 Loggers Strike

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Five hundred loggers have struck at Bleedil 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 60 discharged workers and new safety provisions. There have been many accidents in the camp because of the speed-up system.

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### PRIVATE CHARITY FOR HOSPITALS DRYING UP

CHICAGO (FP) — The American hospital system is breaking down under the load of the depression, according to the joint committee of the American, the Catholic, and the Protestant Hospital Associations, representing over 3500 hospitals all over the United States. Whatever profiteering individualistic doctors may think about socialized medicine, this joint committee declares "it is a fair legal assumption that, other agencies failing, the care of the indigent sick is the obligation of the state."

And how many patients in American hospitals are indigent or nearly so? The committee states that all patients in all hospitals number 7,250,000 a year on the average. This includes county, state and federal hospitals, taking care of 2,000,000 on an indigent, veteran or other free basis including the tubercular and insane. It also includes the voluntary or privately supported hospitals taking care of 5,250,000 patients. But 2,100,000 of these were complete charity patients and 2,887,500 more were taken care of below cost or on a partial charity basis. This leaves only 271,500 patients in the whole of America who were not wholly or partly treated on an indigent basis. Their care, the hospital associations are telling Pres. Roosevelt, are "an obligation of the state" which means the federal government under present circumstances.

Charity patients in private hospitals were only 15% of the total in 1930. They were 40% of the total in 1933, not counting those treated below cost. At the same time private contributions to hospitals totaled \$85,000,000 in 1930 and only \$30,000,000 in 1933. Communized hospitalization seems to loom ahead.

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### IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM

By JOHN PAINE, Federated Press

Greece is to allow Sam Insull, fugitive utilities hasbeen who faces graft charges in Chicago, to remain in that country until his health improves.

As Sam, well or ill, has enough dough left to pay his doctors, we predict a long stay in Greece.

"OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK FOR WATERFOWL," reads headline. It seems that the good old government, which has great difficulty making up its mind about feeding the unemployed, is proposing to purchase 50,000,000 acres of land to be used as nesting areas for the birds.

"Oh, to be a waterfowl," moans Breadline Benny.

**BIRDS OF A FEATHER**

Frank J. Hogan, defender of Edward L. Doheny and Albert B. Fall, of Teapot Dome infamy, is attorney for former Asst. Sec. of Commerce William P. MacCracken, of the current airmail scandal.

Is there any significance, we wonder, in the fact that the new French cabinet contains two generals, the first time since the founding of the Third Republic that such a thing has happened?

They've got educated cops in Vienna. Every police lieutenant has a law degree.

That doesn't make 'em less likely to beat down workers, though.

Former Postmaster-Gen. Brown is alleged to have promised a mail contract to the Philadelphia Mail Steamship Co.

By a narrow margin, the contract fell through. The steamship company had no ships.

In Jefferson county, Ga., since the middle of November, three Negroes have been killed, two others severely beaten and a material witness of two of the affairs driven out of town.

"This is no racial disturbance. There never has been," said the superior judge in Louisville, Ga., the country seat.

You name it, judge!

After he had reprimanded Asst. Sec. of War Woodring at Roosevelt's request because of Woodring's jingoistic article titled "The Army Stands Ready," Sec. to the President Early said: "It was a question of not expressing his views clearly."

We found his views clear enough—the army stands ready—and how!

**WHAT PRICES STILL GOING DOWN!**

Pres. Roosevelt got a break when the New York board of taxes reduced the tax valuation of his Manhattan house from 170,000 to \$165,000.

**SHADES OF THE NRA!**

Hosiery workers at the Real Silk Co., Dalton, Ga., work 11 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Orange juice will be on the tables of New York unemployed at breakfast very soon," says the New York Times.

A helluva lot of unemployed have not got any tables to eat breakfast on—if they still breakfast.

"We are making no preparations for war with Russia," War Minister Hayashi of Japan.

Few days after that statement, 40,000 Japanese men between 17 and 25 were ordered into the munitions plants to speed up armament production.

Sign in San Francisco streetcars: "Employees now get 55% of any profits we can make.—Market Street Railway Co."

### IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

**N. Y. U. Students Hit Militarism**

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### THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

**NATIONAL INCOME**

Despite the New Deal and all the hullabaloo of the Roosevelt administration, the amount of wealth produced in the United States in 1933 was little greater than that in the previous year, and less than half of the figure we reached in 1929. The per capita income was \$316 in 1933, as compared with \$307 in 1932, \$633 in 1929, and \$300 in 1909.

This does not mean, of course, that the average family last year received \$316 per member. Huge shares of our national wealth go to a few persons, leaving very small amounts for the remainder. Thirty-five millions of persons last year had no regular income at all, and were dependent for support upon charitable agencies.

It is when we compare these figures with the volume of wealth that we could easily produce, however, that the tragic failure of capitalism becomes most apparent. Even in 1929 fully half our productive capacity was being wasted because of duplication of facilities, cross-hauling, lack of standardization of types and sizes, production in inefficient plants, and the many other sources of waste that are inevitable in a competitive system. This means that we could have produced enough to give each person \$1,350 a year, or each family about \$5,000. This figure is in fact a minimum sum, for it leaves out of account the lost labor of several millions who were unemployed even in the best of times, and other sources of waste as well.

Technological advances, moreover, has been more rapid during the depression than at any previous time in our history. If we installed everywhere the most productive machinery, and made the greatest use possible of power and modern methods, we could probably give each family the equivalent of \$10,000 a year. All this wealth is there for the asking. America today has the raw materials, the productive machinery, and the trained personnel necessary to make it a reality. What it lacks is the mass movement of the farmers and workers of the country, organized to capture power and transform the economic life of the country in the interests of its entire population.

What is needed is the socialization of the industries of the land, and the abolition of rent, interest, and profit.

In the face of this enormous productive capacity, the Roosevelt administration establishes minimum wages of twelve to fourteen dollars a week, which give a yearly income of only six to seven hundred dollars. The Civil Works programs, the only New Deal agency that brought help to the unemployed, is being scrapped, and a less effective and far-reaching plan is to take its place. General Johnson is seemingly convinced at last that hours are too long under the codes, but he does not yet believe that weekly wages should be raised.

Where have the gains of the New Deal gone? The answer is that corporations with few exceptions, earned profits in 1933, whereas many if not most of them lost money in 1932. Employers dominate the code authorities, and in most industries raised prices for their goods far in excess of the sums by which their costs had been increased. Meanwhile weekly wages at the end of 1933 were within several cents of where they had been in June, though the cost of living had increased over five per cent. The result was that the standard of living of the American working class is actually lower today than it was before the National Recovery Act was passed.

The owners of securities, however, have reaped a rich harvest. Stocks have gone up in price, on the average, more than 80 per cent since Roosevelt took office. Bonds have risen between 25 and 38 per cent. The owning class has unquestionably benefited in many ways, and to a great extent.

The farmers, in this crazy world, were better off last summer than they had been for several years, not because of anything that Roosevelt had done, but because unfavorable weather conditions had destroyed part of the crop and considerably raised the price of the portion that was left. The administration tried to accomplish the same anti-social result through artificial means, by paying the farmer to produce less. Nature, however, gave us good crops, and the result is that the farmer is again in difficulties. The farmers of middle west, despite all the measures of the administration, are considerably worse off than they were last summer, before Roosevelt and his aides started to relieve them.

Nor has there been any significant improvement in employment. Whereas there were 12,200,000 unemployed last June, when the Recovery Act

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<b>DEATH OF J. M. BARNES</b> WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—J. Mahlon Barnes, noted labor and Socialist leader, died at his home here today, 2147 O Street, from a stroke of paralysis. He was born at Lancaster, Pa., in 1866 and was 68 years old. He is survived by his widow Mabel H. Barnes and a daughter, Myrtle, who lives in Philadelphia. Mr. Barnes devoted his life to the cause of Labor. He was a member of the old Knights of Labor, was organizer for the International Cigar Makers Union, secretary of the Philadelphia local for many years and was delegate from his international to the annual conventions of the American Federation of Labor, every session, from its organization until 1922. He is known and loved throughout the Labor and Socialist world, and is well known abroad. Helped Organize S. P. In 1901 he cooperated with Eugene V. Debs, Victor Berger, Morris Hillquit and others in forming the Socialist Party. He was its national secretary from 1905 to 1912. As campaign manager for his party in the presidential election of 1912, he originated and managed the famous "Red Special," a notable exploit for	<b>OYSTERS</b> <b>OLD UNCLE JOHN</b> Fried Oysters, 20c a Dozen Fried Clams, 20c a Dozen Salt Oysters, \$1 and \$2 per hundred 428 S. 9th St. Dial 3-6732	<b>WANTS FARM WORK</b> MIDDLE-AGED MAN wishes home on farm. Age 58. Reasonable as to wages. Can come well recommended. Address Charles S. Sheaffer, 16 N. 2nd St., Reading.

was signed, there were 11,670,000 jobless in January, 1934, or a gain in seven months of only about half a million jobs. Instead of making progress, moreover, we are rapidly slipping, the volumes of unemployment having grown month by month since last October. January, 1934, was one of the worst months in our history, about 900,000 being put out of work in that month alone.

In the past when people starved it was because there was not enough food in the land to keep all alive. Ours is the first civilization to starve its people in the midst of sufficient food, and of potential abundance.

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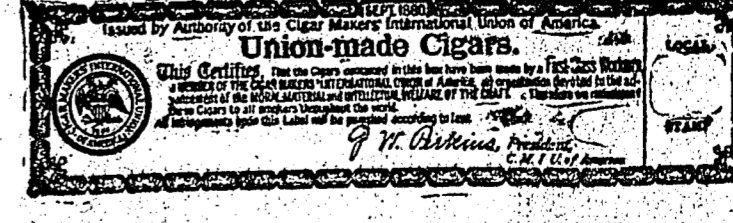
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## NO "LESSER EVIL" WILL SATISFY

Opposition, which developed in the ranks of the big employing interests as soon as President Roosevelt voiced his challenge to industry to "re-employ more people at purchasing wages and to do it now," has resulted in a strong swing of public sentiment toward Roosevelt.

It is against sentimentalism in this matter that Socialists must be on guard. We must be realists enough to give the proper values to anything which public men may say or do. We need not be afraid to admit that compliance with what the president suggests would have the effect of reducing the exploitation of workers by owners and would head the nation back toward the 1926 economic level which the "New Deal" sets as its immediate objective. But neither will we forget that in 1926 and long before then we, as Socialists, challenged the right of the Capitalist system to exist. As Socialists we make that same challenge today. We will continue to make it even when and if the millions of unemployed are back to work in the service of an owning class.

Communists are accusing Socialists of having accepted the "lesser evil" rather than sticking to their well-grounded economic principles. In so far as Germany and Austria are concerned, that accusation is not without some foundation. The German Socialists did tolerate Hindenberg as a tactic to halt Hitler's approach to power. The Austrians did offer conciliation with Dollfuss as a tactic to stem the rising tide of Nazi-ism in that country and with the hope of maintaining democratic principles and practices. Looking back upon such tactics, however, it seems that, despite the merit of the intentions which motivated the European Socialists, their value to us in America is that of an example of what not to do.

Those who are Socialists, let them be—Socialists. Roosevelt is urging the owning, employing class to sacrifice a portion of their profits and submit to government regulation and control. The owners, if they see a chance of success, will resist such domination and control. Roosevelt stands for restricted and "reasonable" profits. The individualistic privateers of big business stand for unrestricted profits. But Socialists stand for NO PROFITS—for the abolition of the profit system and the inauguration of a system of production and distribution solely for human welfare.

Socialists cannot give approval to half measures. They don't want merely "something better." What they want is economic justice. And economic justice will be absent as long as parasites take any part—however small or large that part may be—of the wealth which is created by workers.

What we must insist upon is that the banks, the natural resources and the means of production and distribution be taken over as a national possession and operated for the welfare of producers. We must continue to stand for the abolition of all forms of unearned profits. And we must stress the importance of operating the nation's resources under conditions of industrial democracy. We weaken our position when we demand less than all these things or cease to combat any plan which offers less. When Socialists attain power they will install the right program. If any wrong program is to be followed, let it proceed without the support of Socialists.

## A SOCIALIST ROCKEFELLER

Whether it be true or false, the rumor that the wife of John D. Rockefeller, 3d, is enrolled as a member of the Socialist party did not surprise or startle us. To workers who are attracted to Socialism by the unjust hardships of their personal lot under Capitalism, a millionaire Socialist may appear as a freak. As a matter of fact, however, there are reasons why the wealthy, as well as the poor, should yearn for the better world which will belong to all of us under a co-operative commonwealth.

Reason and the experience of others convinces us that wealth alone, while convenient and desirable, fails to provide the happiness for which every individual is seeking. Some poet, whose name we can't recall, has written:

"Those who joy would win  
Must share it . . . .  
Happiness was born a twin."

And that's the truth of the matter. Mrs. Rockefeller may be just wise enough to understand that the most valuable possession she has is her relationship with other people. She may love beauty and justice and intelligence so much that she resents having to inhabit a world with fellow human beings who are forced to live squalid, sordid and ignorant lives. Perhaps she has just that far-sighted viewpoint which enables her to understand that, in the long run, she will be happier if she is surrounded by a world full of happy, industrious, intelligent people.

Perhaps, too, Mrs. Rockefeller has or hopes to have some

children of her own and covets for them a world in which they will be assured of the blessings of interesting work and freedom from the class and national hatreds which have been engendered in this money-grabbing world. Perhaps she sees that Capitalism leads inevitably to war and fears that someone she loves more than money or life itself may be murdered or—what to some people would be worse—become a murderer in another war for the preservation of the private profit system.

As we say, we are not certain that the report of a Socialist Rockefeller is based upon fact. But if it be true it merely shows that the Rockefellers of this generation have a higher sense of values than those of the last. For, as between leaving one's children a billion dollars or a world in which they will be assured of an opportunity to live useful, carefree, friendly, co-operative lives, the latter would be far and away the better legacy.

## EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

## IF THE HEARINGS ARE HONEST

If these code hearings at Washington are honest they will bring out these facts which I have learned at first hand throughout the country:

1. Since October employment outside of CWA has been steadily falling.
2. Average hours are 40—and this limit is contemptuously violated when it pays employers—although to absorb any great proportion of the unemployed they should be 30 or less.
3. Since June average wages for the individual worker have fallen about 2 per cent by the most optimistic estimates.
4. Monopolistic profiteering price-fixing has become general with alleged sanction of the codes and the President's price raising program.
5. Enforcement is an evil-smelling joke. There is no "cracking down" except where labor is strong enough to do the cracking. In the South textile manufacturers evade or defy collective bargaining and nullify decisions directing them to take back workers dismissed for union activities. From August until now Fifth Avenue Coach employees in New York have vainly sought even an order from the Labor Board. Ford workers on strike in Edgewater, N. J., since October got no help until a recent belated gesture. Chevrolet workers in St. Louis, who got a favorable decision from the Labor Board on February 13, have seen scores of new workers employed in defiance of the order while leaders in the union are left in the cold.
6. There is a tendency for employers, some NRA officials, and some judges to use the codes as a straitjacket to force the workers to join one union as against another and to refrain from striking.
7. Company unions are flourishing under the present interpretation of Section 7a.

These things may be improved by changes in the law and its enforcement. There will be no satisfactory solution on the basis of an impossible partnership between workers and profit-making industry. The lion and the lamb only lie down together when both are sea-sick. The lion of profit has recovered his sea legs. It will take more than a code, a voluntary code at that, to hold him.

## UNREST IS GROWING

All over the country unrest is increasing. Workers dropped from CWA are not being absorbed in agriculture or industry. A recent issue of a local paper in the afflicted lead mining belt in Missouri announced on the same page that the biggest lead mine was reducing operations to ten days a month and that CWA was laying off workers. The government invites riots. A newspaper study of the solid proletarian region, the dreary manufacturing towns in Illinois across the Mississippi from St. Louis, showed that in the next four months the maximum re-employment in the corporations controlled by Andy Mellon and his ilk would be about one-tenth of the registered unemployed and one-half those now on CWA. In local areas old party politics curse CWA worse than in metropolitan centers.

## THERE OUGHT TO BE A STRIKE

Now ought to be time for a general strike in the auto industry to force better hours, better wages and effective unionization. There is a strike of Nash workers. Chevrolet workers in St. Louis are organized and discontent. The Labor Board at last is backing Ford workers in the East. The industry is on the upgrade with orders to fill. In spite of very weak A. F. of L. leadership, especially in the all-important Detroit area, even now vigorous action by the A. F. of L. to make the auto industry a test for the workers would get results. It would require united support for a real campaign. Will it be forthcoming?

## GET RID OF THAT INFERIORITY COMPLEX

Private capitalistic owners of the great industries will be safe in their legalized graft just as long as the workers consider themselves inferior beings.

Whenever the workers get the idea that they are at least the equals of anyone on earth, they will know that they themselves are to blame for the existing conditions.

They have the power to change the conditions.

They outnumber their exploiters many times.

At any general election they could vote themselves into power and then proceed to undo the present slave conditions which they have been accepting.

While there is no presidential election this year, there is a congressional election and there are all kinds of state, legislative and local elections.

If the workers will recover from their inferiority complex and vote for their own candidates for all these positions, they can bring about universal and permanent prosperity.

The president would not stand in the way of such an expression of popular opinion. He would bow to it and carry out the mandate. Hence, it can be done this year, in spite of the fact that there is no presidential election.—Milwaukee Leader.

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## WINGS OVER WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—This city, center of the huge emergency apparatus which has filled every federal building to bursting, is the most prosperous in the country. But 64,000 persons in the District of Columbia are on relief rolls. Families get \$8.50 in cash twice a month to stave off starvation. And alley tenements right across the street from the splendid Senate Office Building are described as among the worst in America. "In one such tenement, five adults and a child were found living in a single room."

The voluntary cotton crop reduction program is a failure, 5,000,000 new acres are to be brought into cotton this year and a bumper crop is expected, unless the Bankhead compulsory restriction bill is adopted. The Bankhead plan has the enthusiastic support of southern plantation owners, but it spells ruin to a million share croppers and tenants who are no longer needed to raise cotton.

The Women's Intl. League for Peace and Freedom tried, and in vain, to get a single Washington trade union leader to speak in opposition to the Vinson navy bill, which will cost anywhere from \$475,000,000 to a billion. Even if it means war, it also means jobs.

In a survey of 1,825 farm homes in Beaver county, Oklahoma, it was found that only 118 had electric lights, 29 had mechanical refrigerators while in 1,340 homes water is carried by hand. What a market the profit system is strangling!

Thus far, NRA hasn't protected labor to any great extent," Pres. Green of the A. F. of L. believes.

Its chief accomplishment is to "make the working man believe that he has a right to organize."

Low comedy is being enacted in the House at the expense of the veterans. Congressmen, facing election campaigns this fall, are about to vote for the veterans bonus, knowing full well that the measure will be killed either in the Senate or the White House. A political sham of the thinnest kind!

Charley Dawes got a big laugh in Washington on his statement that prosperity is here at last. A lot of people won't believe prosperity has returned until Charley hands back that \$90,000,000 the RFC lent his bank a few weeks after he resigned as RFC chairman.

Andy Mellon, with his brother and nephew, asked Postmaster General Brown, in the Hoover regime, to hand out some airmail contract pie to their Pittsburgh Aviation Industries firm. Small staff, maybe, but that's the way the Mellon fortune grew.

To the U. S. state department, Augustino Sandino, killed the other day in Managua, was just a "bandit" and an "assassin." To Latin America he was the supreme symbol of resistance to Yankee imperialism. Wall Street bankers had 40 marines killed in a manhunt for Sandino because he fought their loans.

Shades of Judge Gary, Grover Cleveland and Harry Daugherty! Can this be our ultra-liberal secretary of agriculture speaking? "It needs to be understood that the policy of the federal government in any milkshed will not be guided or swayed by strikes or threats of strikes. Any group which looks with favor on strikes as a means of intimidation must realize that the department of justice will scrutinize most carefully all strikes which involve interstate commerce and the movement of the

U. S. mail."—Sec. of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, speaking recently at Madison, Wis.

The Star and the Post, two biggest Washington newspapers, not content with treating the national unemployment convention as a police story, deliberately lied on the convention's final day by reporting that one of the delegation that went to the White House said he would "desert the unemployed movement for a mule." J. H. Paxton, white-haired Citronella, Ala., farmer, denounced the lie before the convention and wrote a warm letter to the Star.

"I want to say that all the mules in the U. S. A. would not keep myself and my wife from working to better the starving millions of this country," he wrote. The Star, of course, refused to print the letter. "The 30-hour week would probably kill us," the representative of the periodical Publishers Institute told the House labor committee, testifying on the Connery bill which provides no wage reduction while cutting hours.

The scholars of the Natl. Catholic Welfare Council always manage to keep several jumps ahead of other Washington brain trusters. Here's their latest: "The present crisis is the result of a new kind of imperialism. It is not simply a new edition of the old crises before the war, it is the outcome of a change in the social and political world structure."

Millions of peasants formerly came to the United States from other lands. Now the tide turns. Two hundred white farmers in Alabama are negotiating to emigrate to Brazil. "We want to get out of this country," says their spokesman. Although their ancestors lived in Alabama for generations, they can no longer get a living there. What a comedown from the erstwhile "richest nation on earth!"