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Living Levels Below Worst Hoover Months

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

THE FIRST YEAR of the "New Deal" has been a flop. More and more people are beginning to realize that, regardless of what the future accomplishments of the NRA may be, thus far little, if any, change has been made in the fundamental difficulties which have been afflicting the nation for almost five years.

Chief among the administration's failures has been the CWA. If Civil Works had been a success, why would they not be continued?

"Oh yes, but nobody can tell what would have happened if CWA had not been inaugurated," reply defenders of the Administration. And that's a fact. But it is also a fact that all that CWA has done is to keep some people from starving to death by supplying federal funds to do the job which bankrupt local treasuries simply could not have done. Perhaps without CWA there would have been a great social convulsion and organized society as we know it might have died. Dr. Roosevelt applied the stimulus to keep the patient alive. But what would you think of a medical doctor who did no more than merely keep the patient alive and who refused to remove the CAUSE of his patient's illness?

THE REASON SOCIETY is sick is because the profit juices of industry were permitted to flow into the wrong part of the body. Owners received great surpluses and flourished. Workers—more than 80% of the whole—received less than enough. Finally this unequal distribution made all of society sick and now even the owners are not in good condition.

Beggarly code minimums and mere existence CWA wages and the destructive policies which have been adopted to create artificial scarcities all indicate that the utmost the new doctor aims to do is to regulate the generation of the profit juices. "Give workers a little more than before and make them produce only as much for you as you can use up and wisely re-invest," is what the "New Dealers" are saying to American exploiters. They don't want to end the robbery which gives profit and dividends to idlers. All they want to do is to control and regulate the robbery because they fear that, carried to extremes, the victims may revolt and queer the entire game.

THIS IS A GOOD time to repeat that we Socialists are not opposed to CWA. Naturally, we approve anything which will keep people alive. But we do object to stopping with that. We want to end the exploitation of workers by owners. That is what causes widespread poverty in the midst of plenty, and we are out to end unfavorable results by abolishing their causes.

Now that CWA is soon to be abandoned, something else will likely take its place, something else which has the same old purpose of merely keeping Capitalism's victims alive while the doctors of Capitalism do a little more tinkering with the system of distributing the products of industry.

Workers ought not be satisfied with any plan which merely keeps them from starving too rapidly. In a nation as rich as ours they should feel insulted.

THE LATEST ATTEMPT to end unemployment is the suggestion that private industry reduce working (Continued on Page Seven)

FIRST YEAR OF NEW DEAL FINDS PURCHASES LOWER DESPITE PRESS BALLYHOO

War of Classes Becoming More Acute as Big Business Interests Seek to Create Scarcity as a Means of Reviving Trade—Further Slump Ahead as Result of CWA Stoppage

NEW YORK (FP).—Evidence accumulates that the standard of living of the American people during the last two months of the first year of the New Deal was distinctly lower than during the last two months of the Hoover regime.

The headlines blaring sales increases are based on increased prices and the volume of goods sold at retail—the best measure of the standard of living available—is actually less than it was in the blackest months of the Hoover era.

Price Increases Bar Revival Even the Democratic New York Times has been forced to admit this in the following comment on its business page:

"The gain of 16% in department store sales last month was made possible by an advance of about 25% in prices over the year. The loss in unit volume was therefore about 7%, which means that 7% less merchandise was sold than last year, when unemployment was at a peak and the banking situation at its crisis."

"A chain store increase of 10% shows an even greater loss in actual merchandise sales. Only the mail order houses as a group are enjoying dollar increases above the advance in prices over 12 months."

"This is the situation at a time when full advances in the wholesale markets have yet to appear at the retail counters. In a few weeks men's clothing will be offered at an increase of 50% over a year ago and retailers are more than worried over what is going to happen."

After CWA—What? Those figures relate to the two months in which the maximum of (Continued on Page Six)

CWA-PWA UNION WILL MEET AT VETERANS' FIRE HALL SUNDAY

Action to speed the building program of the Reading School Board, for which a loan of \$2,000,000 was authorized at the last election, will be one of the chief points for consideration at a meeting of the United CWA-PWA Workers of Berks County, on Sunday, at 2:30 p. m., in the Veteran Firemen's Association Hall, 722 Chestnut street.

At last week's meeting, the members of that organization acted on the suggestion offered by the State Advisory Board of CWA; namely, that workers themselves participate in the new program to be inaugurated at the completion of the present set-up. This problem will also be discussed on Sunday.

Brookwood Educator Will Speak As a guest speaker at Sunday's meeting, the organization has secured Mark Starr, a member of the faculty of Brookwood Labor College. Starr is well known to Socialist and trades unionists in this city as a writer and speaker on labor problems.

Former councilman Hooverter addressed last week's meeting on the subject, "What the Workers Must Do to Help Themselves." He pointed out that if the workers are to obtain anything they must get it themselves. Also that the workers must, as a rule, look for leadership from their own ranks, not to look for it from a class that hasn't their interest at heart.

The organization has been and will continue to be interested in the workers being laid off, due to lack of funds for completion of jobs. They are pressing to obtain immediately relief to carry dismissed workers over until such a time as more funds will be available for the continuance of public work projects.

GENERAL CUT OF WORKING HOURS IS NOT LIKELY

Textile Industry Leader's Warning Brought Johnson's Quick Admission That Drastic Action Is Not Planned

COMPANY UNIONS TO STAY Large Corporations Get a Hint To Revise the Constitutions Of Boss-Controlled Labor Organizations

WASHINGTON (FP).—The captains and kings of industry have departed, leaving General Johnson, NRA administrator, alone to meditate upon their open sabotage of his general conference of code authorities, from whom he had hoped to get some agreement on a general shortening of hours and increase in wages in order to save the NRA program.

Not one mogul of steel or automobiles or the other major industries dominated by J. P. Morgan & Co., Andrew Mellon and similar magnates, opened his mouth at the hearings despite repeated entreaties from Johnson to contribute constructive ideas. The nearest approach to a "big shot" taking part in the Johnson conferences was George Sloan of the Cotton Textile Institute, and he spoke only to deliver an ultimatum to the NRA administrator not to impose any general shortening of hours upon industry.

Johnson reassured Bosses. Johnson hastily interrupted to tell Sloan that "that thought is furthest from my mind." "There will be no flat or ukase ordering industry to lie down in a procustean bed," he added.

"That's reassuring," answered Sloan, as the assembled business men applauded wildly. Sloan proceeded to warn Johnson against his proposed plan of ordering industry to cut hours 10% with compensating wage increases, and then granting exemptions to industries which prove they cannot afford it.

"I will tell you one reason," said Sloan, turning toward Johnson. "The one reason is that word will go out that there is to be an executive order (Continued on Page Three)

SELL BAZAAR TICKETS, YOE URGES SOCIALISTS

A call has been issued by Ed. Yoe, chairman of Local Berks Pienic Committee, for a ticket-selling drive for the big Socialist Bazaar in Odd Fellows' Hall, April 11 to 15.

"It is of the utmost importance that thousands of tickets should be in the hands of the workers of Reading and Berks at the earliest possible date," Yoe said yesterday. "The tickets themselves are the best form of advertising this event, and the low price of 15 cents per evening at which admission can be had should make it easy to dispose of them."

Among the many free attractions which will be offered nightly by the committee is the usual dance program. On the Sunday afternoon session Jasper McLevy, Socialist Mayor of Bridgeport, Conn., will deliver an address. There will also be a skit by the Reading Labor College Dramatic Team.

With the bazaar offering the best amusement bargains of the year, those in charge of tickets should have no difficulty in meeting Yoe's expectations of large advance sales. Nightly door prize and a grand prize for the week of a Copeland Electric Refrigerator are expected to make thousands become nightly visitors during the event.

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Social Democrats Make Pledge To Principles and Families Of Victims of Heimwehr Gangsters

The Austrian Social Democrats are publishing the "Arbeiter-Zeitung" in Brno as a weekly paper. The first copy which came out on February 25th, brings the following dedication to the fighters who have fallen and an appeal to the prisoners and the widows and orphans:

"Our first thought is of those of our men who have fallen and those murdered by the court-martial. We vow that they shall not have died in vain. The liberation of the working class for whom they have lived and died—this must be achieved. To execute the will of our dead, to win the victory of freedom—that is our sacred duty that we who are left take upon us.

Predict Dollfuss' Downfall "Our second thought is of our prisoners, languishing in the prisons of the Hangman's Government of Dollfuss-Fey, who bound and defenseless are maltreated by the Heimwehr gangsters. The courts-martial have sentenced comrades to 10, 15 and 20 years' imprisonment. We shall not have to wait so long before Dollfuss and Fey themselves are lying in our prison and appearing before our revolutionary courts. Our task is to free our prisoners as quickly as possible.

"Our third thought is of the widows and orphans of the fallen, the wives and children of the prisoners. The workers of the whole world are collecting for them. Of course the Murderous Government does not allow us to organize relief work. But our Socialist conscience demands that we do whatever we possibly can to help the victims and to show true proletarian solidarity."

GREEN UPHOLDS CRAFT UNIONS

American Union Leader Takes Stand Against Industrial Organization In Disputes on Jurisdiction

WASHINGTON (FP).—Strict orders have been sent to all American Federation of Labor organizers by President Green to protect jurisdictional rights of craft unions. Green enjoins on organizers these four points:

1. "It is imperatively necessary that the jurisdictional right of each national and international union affiliated with the A. F. of L. be respected and observed when the union is organized or accepted into membership. It is especially important that this important rule is observed when non-union workers are organized in federal labor unions. Special instructions and advice should be given to the unorganized regarding the jurisdiction of national and international unions."

2. A. F. of L. organizers must meet with international union organizers at stated periods in communities where campaigns are under way.

3. "Special emphasis should be put upon the necessity of organizing the unorganized workers into local unions where, according to their craft and calling, they properly belong. Organizers of the A. F. of L. should not under any circumstances seek to persuade and influence workers who are eligible to membership in national or international unions to join federal labor unions. Only those who are ineligible to membership in national and international unions should be organized into federal labor unions."

4. Where unusual circumstances exist, A. F. of L. organizers must meet with those of international unions to arrive at a policy. "This advice is given for the purpose of (Continued on Page Three)

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

DEMAND PUBLIC JOBS BE CONTINUED

Berks County's organized CWA-PWA workers are not to be shovelled into total unemployment without a struggle. In common with their fellows throughout the entire nation, they are protesting the stoppage of CWA projects which is scheduled for the end of March. They want jobs at wages which will enable them to live independent lives and they are doing the right thing when they bring every possible ounce of pressure to bear in that direction.

However, while CWA jobs are better than no jobs at all, the rules under which CWA workers were employed have been a ghastly insult to the unemployed of the nation. Why should anybody be satisfied with the \$12 minimum which laborers are permitted to earn? We are living in a beautiful land, not a barren waste. We have efficient machinery and modern science to produce abundantly. Therefore no American should be satisfied with any job or any wage which does not enable him to consume abundantly.

As long as industry is permitted to remain in private hands and is operated for private profit, the profit-takers should be taxed enough to make consumption balance with production. That is the only way to restore industrial activity; President Roosevelt indicates that he understands this need when he speaks of restoring purchasing power. But the purchasing power of CWA workers has been just at the mere existence level.

To refrain from taxing the profit-takers of enough to meet the needs of workers and then to ask the employing class to cut working hours 10% and increase wages a like percentage looks like hedging; especially as the NRA Administration, in its capacity as an employer, acts quite contrary to the President's advice.

Now is the time for the unemployed (and the employed, too, for that matter) to demand things. What they should demand is that the government takes over all sources of wealth and operate them for public welfare instead of for private profit. Until that is done, however, nothing short of supplementary jobs at decent wages should satisfy the American people. Anything less than that is merely keeping the patient alive, not curing the disease.

EYES ON OUR FUSION SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The voters of Reading authorized the School Board to borrow \$2,000,000 with which to build schools. Now almost four months after they took office, the School Board is preparing to borrow \$1,500,000—a half-million less than the amount specified by the people in the election of last November.

Reading's unemployed suspect that the Fusionists on the Board are trying to cut down—and their suspicions are not without reason. From the start, the new members of the Board demonstrated their disagreement with the citizens. They dilly-dallied until at least \$240,000 of the free grant which the Federal PWA Administration offered to give was lost, and it is not improbable that the entire \$800,000 of Federal funds will never find their way to Reading. Why, then, should the jobless workers of Reading believe that the Fusionists who control the Board will borrow to the limit of the public's wishes—especially (Continued on Page Three)

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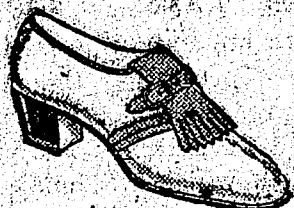
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SURPLUS VALUE, THE HIDDEN TAKE-OFF

By OSCAR AMERINGER

Under slavery the mode of exploitation was simple. Whatever the slave produced the master took, handing back only enough to maintain the slave in working condition. Deduct first cost and upkeep from the total value of the slave's output and we have the take-off of the master, or surplus value.

What makes surplus value so difficult to detect in the capitalist system is that the share of the worker is not paid in commodities as was the case under slavery and feudalism. The free worker's share (heavy on the "free"), is paid in money exchangeable for commodities. And as the worker hasn't the vaguest notion of what percentage his money wages are to the value of his output, he is completely in the "dark" concerning the extent of his exploitation. The cost keeping, needless to say, is done by the other side.

Using a very simple illustration to explain a rather complicated process, let's assume that the modern shoe-maker receives his pay in shoes. The shoes produced during the week, amounting to 100 pairs, are piled in front of their maker Saturday afternoon. Comes the boss to count the shoes.

"All right, Jake," says the boss, "there are our 100 pairs of shoes. Twenty pairs go to rent for the land on which this dump is built. Twenty pairs go to the money lenders whose money paid for the plant and machinery. Twenty pairs go to raw material and management. Ten pairs pay for taxes, depreciation, reserve and insurance. These 20 pairs go to me, and here, Jake, are 10 pairs for you to pay for the food, clothing and shelter used up in producing 100 pairs of shoes."

"But," replies Jake, assuming he is one of the rare birds who read Marx, "what did the landlord do for that 20 pairs of shoes he gets?"
"He did nothing," He just owns the land," replies the boss.
"But suppose the landlord didn't own the land, would the land be here just the same?" Jake wants to know.
"Sure," says the boss.
"And if the landlord would go to heaven or the other place, would he take the land with him?" Jake continues.

"Certainly not," the boss owns up. "So what that 20 pairs represents," says Jake, "is the racket of the landlord, by which I mean getting something for nothing."
"Looks that way," says the boss. "Then how come that 20 pairs to the money lenders, what did they do for them?" Jake keeps prying.
"They furnished the capital," an-

swers the boss, "that went into this plant."

"Oh, they did," says Jake, "and how did they get the capital?"
"Search me," says the boss, "but they got it and I supposed they earned it."
"Sure," sneers Jake, "they got it out of guys like me, because it's unpaid labor."

"Now, as to the pairs for raw material, depreciation, reserve, taxes and insurance, that's all right with me," Jake goes on. "Raw material is labor. Buildings and machinery wear out and got to be renewed. There should be reserve to take care of bad times and improvements. Somebody has to pay taxes, I suppose. Insurance is a precaution worth while paying for, but where does that 20 pairs for you come in?"

"That's for—that's for—well, that's for bossing the shop," out comes the boss.

"Oh, it is," sneers Jake. "Haven't you already taken out the share for management, and if management isn't bossing, what is it?"

"That's so," says the boss, "so I guess we call that 20 pairs profit and let it go at that."

To recapitulate the economic philosophy of Jake as expressed above: The wage of the free worker, like the wage of slave and serf, is his keep. But while the keep of the free worker extends from cradle to grave, the free worker only is assured of his keep while actually at work, and this keep, in the long run, is determined by whatever it costs in food, clothing and shelter to renew the labor power of the free worker while at work and to reproduce his kind, and everything above that is surplus value, the moral, ethical and legal racket of capitalism.

This surplus value in turn is distributed among the owning classes in the form of—

Rent, interest and profit, also called unearned increment, for ownership in itself produces nothing. The best wheat land, untouched by the sacred hand of labor, raises nothing but weeds. The richest gold deposit is not worth a cent unless the gold is lifted out by labor. The biggest coal field in the world will not cook a pot of beans unless the coal is mined by labor.

Labor applied to the free gifts of Nature creates all wealth. Everything man uses to support life on earth represents labor applied to the free gifts of Nature—free gifts because neither God nor Nature collects profit, interest and rent.

Modern capitalism is but the latest manifestation of feudalism and slavery, and all of them are lineal descendants of cannibalism.

Cannibalism developed into slavery, feudalism and capitalism because more meals could be gotten out of a man by enslaving him than by eating him. The particular contribution that capitalism made to the art of exploitation is the addition of science and machinery to more primitive instruments of exploitation such as land and highway for instance, thereby increasing the exploitation of the workers a hundred fold. The other contribution capitalism has made is the method by which the degree of exploitation is hidden away in money wages.—The American Guardian.

LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By LARRY ROGIN

WHILE MOST OF the class were in favor of industrial unionism, both the judges and the class decided in favor of the affirmative on the question "Resolved that craft unionism is the most effective method for the organization of workers." This was the subject debated at the regular Wednesday night class at the Labor College. The affirmative was upheld by Walter Stetler and Elwood Coldren, while Joseph O'Connell and Harry Bodman took the negative.

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The affirmative pointed out that while, theoretically, craft unionism might have more disadvantages than industrial unionism, yet it is the best method of appealing to the workers because it tries to build on a basis understandable to them. They also pointed out that it was easier and more effective to negotiate for one group of workers than it would be for many different types as would be necessary in an industrial union. The critics of craft unionism said that unionism leads to jurisdictional disputes, thereby weakening labor and, what was more important, that it was unable to cope with the problems of organizing the mass production industries, like automobiles and steel, where there were many crafts as to create confusion. They also pointed out that even where craft unionism did organize workers it tended to neglect the interests of the unskilled, to the disadvantage of both groups. A lively discussion followed the debate.

A CARD PARTY has been added to the many attractions of the dance and entertainment being held by the Labor College at Bach's, 136 North 5th street, on Thursday, March 22. Excellent prizes, including some silk hosiery have been donated.

Another feature besides dancing and the entertainment will be a cake walk. Tickets for the dance can be obtained from any student of the Labor College, or at the door on Thursday night. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock and continue until midnight.

THE CLASS in public speaking has gotten started and is meeting regularly on Tuesday nights at 7:30 at the Southern Junior High School. Anyone wishing to join may do so by appearing at any of the sessions. Besides practice in public speaking the class discusses various problems in getting material, and in the preparation of the speech.

THE CLASS in parliamentary law that was being held on Wednesday mornings before the regular class is now over, and the class is meeting again at the regular time, 9:45.

Mrs. Gifford Pinchot will address a public meeting in the Armory next Thursday at 7:30 p. m., under the auspices of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

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**WHAT READING FOLKS
ARE TALKING ABOUT**

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ly as Director Schmehl, head of the Finance Committee, has publicly expressed the wish to cut the loan to the \$1,500,000 which is now being advertised for?

\$500,000 plus the \$600,000 which the Board probably has lost by its inaction, would fill a lot of pay envelopes. But pay envelopes go to workers, and the Fusion crowd in Reading are not noted for their concern for workers. Their campaigns are financed by the labor exploiters who are also the big taxpayers, so Fusionists may be more interested in keeping taxes down than in supplying jobs and wages.

It's just too bad that the people

who voted for the loan didn't elect Socialists to see to it that their wishes and the interest of workers were given attention.

**KIDDING THE
VETERANS**

The writer of this column is the Socialist Party's candidate for Congress, and therefore the opponent of Congressman William E. Richardson in the next election. Nevertheless, he wants to congratulate Richardson upon the manner in which he handled the hard but simple truth to the veterans in the matter of the bonus bill.

As Richardson said, in explanation of his vote against the bonus, "this is not a pay-the-bonus bill, but a get-the soldiers' vote bill." In other words the veterans of Reading and the rest of the nation are being kidded along.

We wonder how they like it. It occurs to us that perhaps they don't

mind at all. Perhaps they are so used to it that they have learned to like "soft soap and promises."

This is not the first time the veterans were made victims of a Capitalist gold brick game. The thing started when they became soldiers back in 1917. Then they were told that it was a save-democracy war, when, as a matter of fact, it was a save-the-profit-system war. Then they were told that it was patriotic to fight for markets in which the exploiters could sell goods for fabulous profits. Then they were promised all the good things in the world when they returned as conquering heroes. Of course, every veteran knows now that all that was just "the bunk." When they came back the vets became workers once more and were exploited, locked-out and finally cast into unemployment just like other people.

And all that time, somehow, the master class has been able to pull enough get-the-soldiers' vote stunts to keep control of the lawmaking powers of the nation. Often we wonder why it is so easy to kid great masses of people. One of our guesses is that the workers simply won't set themselves to any large task, but are always busy fighting for some little immediate advantage.

Whether the soldiers get the bonus or not, they ought to be more eager to get for workers ALL the wealth which Labor creates. Some see the point and vote "Socialist." Others sell their birthright for some paltry mess of pottage in election after election and give political power to the defenders of Capitalism.

Worst of all in Farley's recent order, 26,000 postal substitutes are shoved from destitution into starvation by being deprived of ALL work. Hitherto they had been given a day's work or two a week. And because they are federal employees, the charities won't do anything for them.

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GREEN

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preventing a clash between organizers working in the field or between the officers of national and international unions and the officers of the A. F. of L. relating to conflicting claims of jurisdiction.

To Split Some Unions

His letter, Green states, is in accordance with instructions of the A. F. of L. executive council, which met recently following a general A. F. of L. conference which laid down a policy that general organization of workers in industrial plants into federal labor unions must be stopped.

Federal labor unions already established in the rubber, auto, electrical and other industries are now being split up in accordance with demands of craft unions. Only the semi-skilled and unskilled now unclaimed by the craft unions are being left in the federal labor unions.

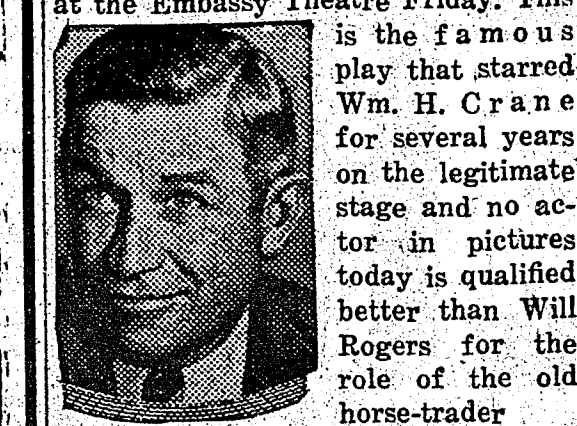
Martial Law in New Mexico

GALLUP, N. Mex.—Martial law decreed to break a strike of coal miners in Gallup on August 30 is still in effect, although the strike was settled on Nov. 29, with a victory for the miners. There are no signs of the troops being withdrawn. In April the miners are running their own ticket in the local elections.

As we understand Lindbergh, it isn't fair to stop a man's graft if he didn't cheat to get it.

"DAVID HARUM" AT
EMBASSY FRIDAY

Will Rogers scores the greatest hit of his career according to Hollywood and Metropolitan critics, in his new picture, "David Harum," which opens at the Embassy Theatre Friday. This



is the famous play that starred Wm. H. Crane for several years on the legitimate stage and no actor in pictures today is qualified better than Will Rogers for the role of the old horse-trader. The film portrays the life of a shrewd and sturdy horse dealer whose cold bartering and unethical methods of doing business are the gossip of the small town in which he lives. A young man who is in the employ of the horse-trader is about to throw up his job because of the ruthless methods of his employer, when he learns that underneath the hardness of this shrewd man is a soft heart that sympathizes with the poor. The young man who is in love with a wealthy girl hesitates to propose marriage because of his poor financial standing. The horse-trader's efforts to help the romance are unsuccessful. But he advises the boy to place all his savings on a horse which the young girl has asked him to enter in a race. With romance hanging on the outcome of the race, the film comes to an amusing conclusion as the horse-trader employs his own novel method of bringing the horse home a winner. As an added attraction, the Embassy program features Aniachak, the Alaskan Inferno, depicting the adventures of a modern Dante in the Alaskan Inferno of ice and fire. It's sensational. See it at the Embassy.

GENERAL CUT

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reducing the hours in all the codes and I believe, General, every working man in every home in America is going to think that he is going to have his hours shortened as a result of that statement. There will be industries which cannot stand that but it will be very difficult to explain to those people (the workers) why that is not true.

Advice to Company Unions

Union officials are still puzzling over the cryptic words of N.R.A. compliance director W. H. Davis regarding company union constitutions. Davis warned code authorities, particularly in the steel and auto industries, that their plans of employee representation are violations of "the spirit of Section 7a."

"An example of such a provision," he said, "which is commonly found in these plans is that there shall be no change in the self-organization of the workers without the approval of the plant managers." His statement was interpreted as warning to the steel and auto companies that they must revise their company union constitutions in order to cut out too open evidence of company domination.

U. S. Steel, in elections recently held in western Pennsylvania, has already done that. Union officials fear that the big corporations will take the hint from Davis and bring their private union constitutions into conformity legally with Section 7a, thus making the fight on company unions all the more difficult.

Johnson Foresees Trouble

Johnson, in his windup speech at the last session of the conference, appealed to the industrialists to abide by Section 7a of the recovery act. "Let us act before Congress acts (with the Wagner-Connelly anti-company union bill)," he asked. "Call in Sen. Wagner's board. Let your men express their choice under those public auspices from which no question can arise. Let's get this troublesome question (of company unions) settled promptly and for all time."

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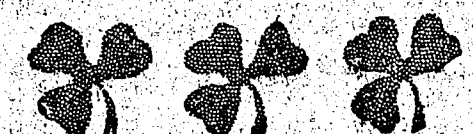
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FASCISM ACTIVE

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words, the Swope plan which was announced last fall and endorsed by General Johnson. This plan provides for the U. S. Chamber of Commerce taking over the functions of NRA in June, 1935, when the recovery act expires. Such a plan is strictly along the lines of the "corporative state"

as advocated by Mussolini. Swope said he hopes to merge the business advisory and planning council with the two committees left behind in Washington by the recent code authorities' conference.

The committees were chosen by the capital goods and consumers goods sections of the code authorities. The consumers goods group is headed by George A. Sloan of the Cotton Textile Institute and Lamont duPont, of munitions fame, and J. D. A. Morrow of Pittsburgh Coal are members.

The capital goods industries' committee is headed by George H. Houston, president of Baldwin Locomotive and vice-president of the bitterly anti-union National Association of Manufacturers. This group wants all corporation earnings reinvested in capital goods exempted from federal taxation. Both groups are a unit in demanding modification of the securities act, aimed to protect investors in stocks and bonds, and the stock market regulation bill.

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Both committees, as well as Swope's business advisory and planning council, are unanimous in opposing the shorter hours program. The capital goods industries' group has established headquarters with the Machinery and Allied Products Institute, a group of notoriously anti-union bosses whose code proposals recently evoked protests even from NRA deputy administrators.

Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer

CANDY WORKERS TAKE CODE FIGHT TO CAPITAL

To protest the proposed wage differential set up by Candy Manufacturers' Association for cities and trade areas of one hundred thousand population and less, one hundred thousand to five hundred thousand, and cities over five hundred thousand, a committee of two confectionery workers and the writer journeyed to Washington, D. C., Tuesday to attend the code hearing at the Carlton Hotel. Like the Pretzel Workers, they successfully attacked the wage provisions from a statistical average weekly wage for workers prevailing in the candy industry in Pennsylvania. Weekly average earnings for all candy workers in Pennsylvania are \$12.78 with Berks County rating high for all 29 counties manufacturing candy at an average of \$13.72 weekly, while York rates low with a weekly average of \$8.36. Pay envelopes received from Liden employees were submitted to the Deputy Administrator and Labor Advisor covering a period from January, 1933, to August of the same year, ranging in size from 45c to \$9.67, making an average weekly wage of \$6.27.

A minimum of 45c per hour for unskilled, 65c per hour for semi-skilled and 85c per hour for skilled workers, and 30-hour week was asked for. Representation on the Code Authority was also demanded. Charles F. Hohmann, general secretary-treasurer Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union, with which the local candy workers are affiliated, and Oliver Hoyem, counsel to the International Union, were present and supported the demands of the local candy workers. Similar demands were presented by organized workers from Philadelphia and other sections of the country.

During the course of the hearing, while taking testimony on the general labor provisions, Deputy Administrator Reilly very pointedly addressed the manufacturers, stating they should be prepared to accept 30 hours per week with a 10% increase in wages.

On the whole the committee returned satisfied that sufficient material had been submitted to upset the manufacturers' proposed wage rates. The committee reported to a well attended meeting last night and considerable satisfaction was expressed with the progress made.

Organizer Jack Zamford is expected in this area next week to spend some time in assisting all the affiliates to the International Union in securing more complete and effective organization.

HARDWARE UNION MAINTAINS ACTIVITY

Lawrence Rogin, Federated Trades Educational Director, was the speaker at the Hardware and Allied Trades Union Friday night. He stressed the need for more effective organization and closer organized cooperation among all workers for greater economic advantages and benefits, citing that nothing happened in numerous instances in large industries where workers depended upon the Government NRA enforcement agency to secure additional advantages.

The committee authorized to negotiate for the union with hosiery workers' officials, on the attempt to secure the hardware contract for Reading on their housing project, made its report. It was received with enthusiastic satisfaction, the committee was discharged and the body voted to cooperate with the Federated Trades office in securing whatever additional work is possible for organized hardware workers of Reading.

Another attempt will be made to induce the management of local hardware concerns to consider signing agreements in view of a number of other similar plants throughout the country enjoying contractual relationship with their employees, and these unions being directly affiliated to the A. F. of L.

Enthusiastic applause was given the Labor College Dramatic skit.

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which was presented at the conclusion of the meeting.

MEAT CUTTERS ESTABLISHED

Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers are now a regularly constituted local union and are again meeting Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. in Bricklayers' Hall, 836 Elm street, Reading, Pa.

ORGANIZATION CONFAB HERE NEXT FRIDAY

One week from today, Friday, March 23rd, 8 p. m., to be exact, the Trade Union Organization Conference will take place in the Hosiery Workers' Hall, Tenth and Penn streets. All trade union officers and active members interested in strengthening the union's position in Reading should be there. Others interested and sympathetic with the Organized Labor movement are invited to attend so everyone may secure a comprehensive picture of what sort of cooperation for this huge undertaking might be expected at the time of the opening of the drive. The speakers will be Lee Krzycki, Amalgamated Clothing Workers' organizer; probably Jack Zamford, Bakery and Confectionery Workers'

AMERICANS BUYING LESS FOOD AS NRA ROUNDS OUT YEAR

NEW YORK.—Sales by the biggest retailer of food in America, the Great Atlantic & Pacific Stores, were substantially lower in February, 1934, than in February, 1933, the company's report shows.

The A. & P. is one of the few chains reporting tonnage as well as dollar sales. Of course, with price increases, dollar sales were higher but sales in tons, the actual amount of food used by millions, decreased. The figures for February for the two years were:

1933	409,632 tons
1934	377,752 tons

organizer, and others with similar experiences.

PRETZEL WORKERS HOLD DANCE SATURDAY

The organized Pretzel Workers of Local No. 168 are combining union activity with sociability on Saturday night, March 17, when they will hold a benefit dance and get-together night at the Riverside Fire Company Hall, 1742 Pear street. A feature

of the evening will be a brief address by Mark Starr, member of the faculty of Brookwood Labor College.

New Leaflet For Apr. 6 Demonstrations

A special leaflet is being prepared by national headquarters, 549 Randolph street, Chicago, for distribution in connection with Socialist meetings called for April 6, the anniversary of American entry into the war.

The leaflet will review briefly the stand of the party on war, and will contain a verbatim text of the 1917 St. Louis declaration.

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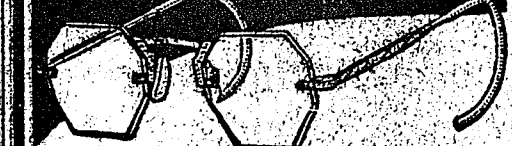
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WASHINGTON (EP). — Passage of the billion dollar Vinson navy bill by Congress means war, asserts Secretary Benjamin C. Marsh of the People's Lobby, which is headed by Dr. John Dewey. "The American predatory financial oligarchy, which has looted and is looting the American people, has equally looted the workers in other nations, through

grabbing their natural resources, controlling their industries and forcing impossible loans upon their governments," says the People's Lobby. "The Vinson bill and the increased army appropriations are a logical corollary to our domestic policy of destroying crops, limiting production of goods and increasing profits, while many millions lack the essentials of a decent life. The near future must bring a new economic policy in America, or see America, conquered by its enemies within its borders, fighting the battles of these American millionaires against their foreign competitors."

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Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTY TONIGHT AT PENWYN SCHOOL

Reading's card players, as well as those of rural Berks, are invited to visit the Penwyn schoolhouse tonight as the guests of the Socialist women of Mohnton and Cumru. The occasion is a card party with prizes for winners, an attractive door prize and refreshments. The playing fee is only 15 cents per person.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LABOR LYCEUM

The regular Saturday night card party will be held at the Labor Lyceum on the second floor. A home-cooked meal will be served at a reasonable price. The prizes will be worth winning and worth keeping. Card playing will begin promptly at 8 p. m.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST HEADQUARTERS

Once again the Northeast Women bid card players a welcome to their party at their headquarters, 1311 North Ninth street, on Saturday night. Playing will begin at 8:30, and the prizes will be such as to make everyone eager to win. Refreshments will be served.

SOCIAL NIGHT TUESDAY FOR NORTHEAST WOMEN

In order to avoid conflict with pre-Easter activities, the regular social night of the Northeast Women will be held on Tuesday, March 20, instead of 27th. In keeping with the season, this event will do honor to good old St. Patrick. All members will please note this change and be present at the next meeting for a good time.

GYMNASTIC CLUB OFFERS INTERESTING PROGRAM SATURDAY

An event of interest to many workers will be staged in Maier's bakery hall, 640 Park avenue, on Saturday night at 8 o'clock, when the Workers' Gymnastic Club of this city will give a demonstration of their work and training which will be free to the general public.

In addition to the gymnastic exhibition, there will be a motion picture of the Second Workers' Sport Olympiad in Vienna. This film shows

10,000 Socialist sportsmen marching in the streets of Socialist Vienna in an organization which developed under Socialist party rule there.

In addition to the above program, the Socialist Male Chorus will render a musical program. The Red Falcons' Jug Band will also entertain.

Lunch will be served to visitors who wish it.

SOCIALIST STUDY CLASS RESUMES CLASSES TONIGHT

The class in Socialism will resume meetings tonight at the headquarters of the Central Branch, with a discussion of a Socialist society. Later classes will discuss the history of the Socialist movement, both in America, and abroad. The class begins at 8 p. m. All are welcome.

BEEF AND PORK SUPPER AT LAURELDALE SATURDAY

Here's good news for the hungry. The Laureldale Branch will hold a roast beef and pork and filling supper on Saturday, March 17, from 5 p. m. to 9 p. m., in their newly renovated hall in the rear of Yergers' store. The women of the branch will do the cooking and serving, and the price will be at the depression level of 25c per person. Cake, pie, ice cream and candy will be on sale. If you like to eat—and who does not?—you will not want to miss this event.

CARD AND HOKUM PARTY AT NORTHWEST TUESDAY

The women of the Northwest Branch promise the usual good time to all who attend their next card and hokum party at their headquarters, Green and Gordon streets, next Tuesday, March 20, at 8 p. m.

MINSTREL SHOW AND JUG BAND CONCERT AT LYCEUM WEDNESDAY

Here's an event which ought to be well attended. Next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in Labor Lyceum there will be a minstrel show and jug band concert for the benefit of the music fund. The entertainment will be under the auspices of the Southern Branch. No admission will be charged, but a silver offering will be accepted at the door. All proceeds will be used to the benefit of the music fund.

Come, bring the kiddies and your friends for an evening's entertainment. There will be lots of laughs to drive dull care away.

THE YPSL CONSTITUTION

At the last meeting of the CEC it was decided to abolish the constitution if the members are agreed. To this end the circle CEC representatives have been asked to attempt to secure a pound vote from their respective circles. The members are asked to discuss this matter among themselves so that when the matter is brought up at the circle it can be settled quickly.

General Meeting

The regular general meeting of the local Berks YPSL will be held on Sunday, March 18, at 1:30, second floor Labor Lyceum. Be there, there are many important issues to be discussed.

Circle Activities

Circle 1—Speaker.
Circle 2—Speaker.
Circle 4—Discussion.
Circle 6—No program.
Circle 8—Discussion on the NRA.

All members in the Ypsel Chorus should report at the Labor Lyceum on Wednesday of next week at 8 o'clock.

The Advisory Committee of the Red Falcons met in New York on Saturday and decided to embark on an intense program of organization. The Falcons is a youth organization, similar to the Boy Scouts of America with the exception that it is a class-conscious organization composed

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WINGS OVER WASHINGTON

It's hard for postal employees to understand the "new deal." One day Postmaster General Farley robs them of their vacations and forces payless furloughs on them, all in the holy name of economy, and the next day the Senate passes the billion dollar Vinson navy bill with a whoop. It's a raw deal, postal employees think.

Farley's latest akase was delivered the same day the President was telling the pool-halls of industry that they must raise wages and lessen hours. Farley's \$100,000,000 economy in the postal department has been taken wholly out of the hides of his workers. But the ship subsidy graft, paid out of postal funds, goes on, and the airmail subsidies are about to be restored.

The next world war is so near that Foreign Affairs publishes rules by which the United States can keep out of it. All we have to do, it seems, is to refrain from selling munitions to the belligerents (Oh, Mr. Mellon!), prevent floating private loans to them (Oh, Mr. Morgan!), and a few other things. In other words we'll be in the next mass murder as soon as the Morgans and the Mellons can whoop up the good old war spirit.

According to Dr. L. R. Alderman, director of the government's emergency educational program, there are 15,000,000 illiterates in this country who "tend to become easy prey for professional proponents of vicious doctrines which purpose the destruction of government." Now isn't that a nice way to refer to a great bloc of American workers and

farmers denied a chance at a decent education?

The only way 800,000 railroad workers, debbed in recent years, can get back on the payroll and have a chance to live is by cutting out the fancy interest and dividend payments to owners of watered railroad stocks and bonds. This seems the only conclusion to be drawn from the report of the Association of Railway Executives that the 6-hour day would bankrupt the railroads.

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RAIL CLERKS SEE F.O.R. AS OPPONENT OF HIGHER PAY

CINCINNATI (FP).—Though he professes to believe in higher wages, President Roosevelt has actually made it very difficult for railroad workers even to get back their regulation contract wages; the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks charges through its official journal, The Railway Clerk. Editorializing on The President and the Wage Question, it says:

"Our whole recovery program rests on the necessity of increasing wages and employment. Nobody has been more insistent upon that point than the president himself. It would seem therefore that it would have been more in harmony with the president's recovery program had he come out in favor of the restoration of the 10% wage deduction which railway and express employes have now borne for two years.

Charge Favoritism to Roads
"Extraordinary favors have been extended to the railroads that have not been accorded other industries. For three years the government has practically been the banker for the railroads. An increase in freight rates early in the depression netted an immense sum. The repeal of the recapture clause of the transportation act saved the carriers \$355,000,000. An adjustment in the compensation for carrying the mails boosted their revenue \$40,000,000 a year.

"And by the time the present wage agreement expires in June next, the employes will have contributed approximately \$400,000,000 of their wages to aid the railroads in weathering the depression. Railroad employes are going to find it difficult to understand why he (the president) should make an exception of railway workers in his efforts to increase the wages of labor and thus restore purchasing power, without which recovery is impossible."

President Roosevelt puzzled a million railway workers last month when he urged that the 10% wage cut, which would terminate June 30, be continued to January 1. What the workers want is not a continued cut but a restoration of wages to the contract level. Negotiations with the railroads began in Washington March 15th.

FIRST YEAR

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CWA payments were boosting retail sales—and just before 4,000,000 were to be dropped from CWA rolls.

They give a picture of the result of the fight that Wall Street forces have been making for the four depression years, in favor of an economy of scarcity as opposed to an economy of abundance. Plowed-up cotton and wheat (less clothing and food), soaring interest payments and soaring profits, inflation driving prices higher while the people eat less food and wear less clothes—this is the economy of scarcity.

Wall Street, backing an economy of scarcity, supports certain projects:

1. The Bankhead bill which would only allow 10 million bales of cotton to be ginned. 2. The lowest possible relief disbursements short of revolt (and many prefer payments to soldiers rather than to relief, holding revolt suppression finally inevitable). 3. Code Authorities made up exclusively of employers, with the code hour provisions the longest possible and the wage provisions the shortest possible. 4. Price fixing by the sellers or manufacturers. 5. Any costs of the crisis to be taken from the consumers in sales taxes, "broadening the base of taxation." 6. The pay cuts for federal employes, extending the railroad pay cut, stopping the CWA, reductions in payments to veterans, etc.

Laws Needed For Recovery
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GENERAL STRIKE THREAT WINS FOR SHOE WORKERS

CENTRALIA, Ill.—In this small community a strike of shoe workers was threatened. Appeals to the Mayor, Regional Board, Compliance Board, Board of Trustees, Chamber of Commerce, etc., to try to avoid the strike, proved of no avail.

The workers took the situation into their own hands, and a strike was declared in the shoe factories. By that evening the miners decided to strike in sympathy with them; next day a parade of all strikers and sympathizers took place in the streets of Centralia. All industry, with the exception of the public utility workers, fell in line, and the town was threatened by general strike.

The authorities would not as yet realize the great danger until on Friday the public utility workers agreed that if the strike was not settled by the following evening they also would come out on strike. That would mean that by midnight, the town of Centralia would be thrown into darkness and despair. Then and only then would the authorities look for a settlement, which was quickly reached.

HOW BRITISH WORKERS HELP AUSTRIAN'S VICTIMS

LONDON.—In every issue the "Daily Herald" is publishing reports on the progress of the relief campaign for the Austrian workers organized by the National Joint Council of the British Labor Movement. The number of trade unions which have already begun to help in the campaign is growing daily. Large trade unions such as the Transport and General Workers' Union have made grants of as much as one thousand pounds (\$5,000) from their central funds, and their branches are, of course, contributing as well.

Little Hope In NRA Socialists Report

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The NRA has failed to cause any appreciable gain in employment or purchasing power, Louis Waldman, co-chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Socialist Party, testified in committee hearings. Assertions by General Johnson concerning gains registered are refuted by official government statistics, Waldman asserted.

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URGES SOCIAL INSURANCE FOR ALL WORKERS

WASHINGTON (FP)—Insurance for all workers who cannot work, whether they are unemployed, on part time, sick or over age, was urged upon the House labor committee February 21 by Miss Mary van Kleeck, director of industrial studies of the Russell Sage Foundation, who spoke for the workers' unemployment and social insurance bill introduced by Rep. Ernest Lundeen, Farmer-Laborite, of Minnesota.

Miss van Kleeck has spent 29 years investigating facts and served in the war labor administration and on Hoover's committee on unemployment in 1922.

Shows Extent of Slump
She pointed out that in mid-January, manufacturing industries had an employment index of 69 and a payroll index of 49, based on 1926 as 100. On railroads the Interstate Commerce Commission reports employment at 54. In other non-manufacturing industries, employment is at 75 and payrolls at 51, based on 1929 as 100.

The Lundeen bill, she said, had the advantage of covering all workers and would add large purchasing power. The sources would be federal taxes to remedy a federal situation, placed on incomes of persons and corporations and on inheritances and gifts, thus diverting money from in-

vestment channels into purchasing power.

The distribution of social insurance would be administered by workers, under supervision of the federal labor department. Miss van Kleeck cited the use of deputy administrators chosen from the trade or business concerned as a precedent for having worker administrators for unemployment insurance. "This would gear the workers into the recovery program to an extent not now seen," said Miss van Kleeck.

Sees Greater Need
Other insurance bills before Congress depend on stimulating state legislation, she said, and envisage accumulation of reserves for the next depression period, whereas the Lundeen bill would start immediately from money now within reach. With CWA tapering off, to end May 1, the need will become acute.

"This is the way and the only way," declared the industrial expert. "It is done now boldly on a large scale, it would start buying immediately and make future large expenses for this purpose unnecessary. Business needs customers, not long term credits, which would only increase the burden on the payrolls."

Asked by committee members whether the bill would conflict with existing state systems, she said Wisconsin is the only state she knew of with an unemployment insurance law and that is not yet effective because reserves have yet to be accumulated. Insurance to compensate for part time and illness is also vital, she emphasized. Chairman Connery asked whether she would favor the soldiers' bonus and she replied that it was better than pouring out credit to business that cannot use credit, in addition to stimulating purchasing power.

Can't Find Dillinger But Break Girl Picket's Arm

CHICAGO—Unable for days to find the escaped killer John Dillinger, Chicago cops nevertheless found the opportunity to break the arm of a girl picket in the neckwear union's strike for better conditions. They ganged up on her as she stood outside the shop and crushed her arm against the wall. The cops said \$18 for 40 hours, but is violated.

It takes a great actor to seem romantic when you know the kiss makes his upper plate hurt.

Saving farmers is expensive, but let's be glad they weren't given contracts to carry one another's mail.

SEE NRA ROAD TO FEUDALISM

Resistance of Employers to Workers' Unions Cited as Barrier to Democracy in Industry

WASHINGTON (FP)—In a dramatic exchange of views in NRA hearings with Edward F. McGrady, assistant secretary of labor and General Johnson's labor adviser, Fred Hewitt, editor of the *Machinists' Journal*, summarized the clash of unions and employers on Section 7a of the recovery act as proof that "the employing classes have not changed their historical position toward organized labor and do not intend to permit workers to join the American Federation of Labor."

"The time is coming," Hewitt warned, "when we will no longer be able to hold the workers in check. We will have to drop the reins and let the workers proceed."

Typical of the attitude of employers in big industries, he said, was the statement, "Sure, you can organize our workers," followed by the threat, "Try and do it!" Section 7 must be amended to compel employers to bargain collectively with their workers, he told McGrady.

Hewitt Sees Labor Powerless
Hewitt brought to the public platform the sensational story that has been going the rounds in Washington that an "important employer offered to organize his employees and turn them over to the A. F. of L., on the condition that they be organized in a way to suit the employer." Hewitt did not name names, but the proposal is understood to have been made by Gerard Swope, head of General Electric, to President Green. Swope's condition was that the workers be in one union. The machinists, electrical workers and other unions refused the condition and Swope's reply to Green was said to have been short and emphatic.

Hewitt, in a statement read for President A. O. Wharton of the International Association of Machinists, declared that the present procedure in code machinery makes labor's part "insignificant." Labor advisers, he said, "have but little bargaining power" and that little is dissipated by the disregard shown for their recommendations as the code proceeds toward final approval.

Promotes Owners' Power
"The conviction is growing among members of organized labor," Hewitt stated, "that this policy of NRA, which is glorified by the term 'self-government,' is in reality promoting the establishment of a system of industrial feudalism, a dominion of industry by employers and for employers."

At one point McGrady asked Hewitt to be specific on his complaints that labor protests against codes are ignored. Hewitt had been telling of the fruitless efforts to get action out of the NRA bureaucracy, and had instanced the fate of protests on the auto retailing code. McGrady became indignant, too, that underlings could bury union protests. "Where are those protests now," he demanded. "In your office," replied Hewitt, and the department of commerce auditorium rocked with laughter.

Denounces Spy System
Spies are active now as never before, John W. Edelman, editor of the *Hosiery Worker*, told the conference. Pinkerton and Sherman detective agencies are experiencing a run on their services as employers try to thwart union activities and even sow dissension among union and non-union employers. In answer to McGrady's questioning, Edelman declared that state and federal legislation is needed, with code regulations, to stamp out the espionage evil in industry.

Edelman was joined by the Women's National Trade Union League and a dozen other women's organizations in a demand that wage differentials against women be stricken from codes. Edelman and Hewitt argued against any differentials whatever, whether based on sex, region, age or presumed handicap.

"If NRA permits women, who form 37% of all employees in industry, to be 'cheap' labor and compete on this basis with men whose wages are higher," said Elisabeth Christ-

man of the trade union league, "the purpose of NRA will be defeated." J. E. Burke of Kansas City provided amusement by assailing the "high wages" in the clothing industry code as having been dictated by "New York Jews" who want to ruin "native workers" in the interior of the country. A spokesman for workers of the Delco plant in Dayton, O., described that company's violations of the electrical manufacturing code and a Negro attorney who had served as an NRA speaker, related that he had been hired to work on the NRA staff but had later been discharged by General Johnson, because it has not been known that he was a "man of color."

AS STALIN SEES WORLD'S CRISIS

Soviet Leader Declares Economic Clashes Leads to Internal and International Wars Among Imperialists

MOSCOW (FP)—Soviet attention for two months has centered chiefly on the 17th All-Union Congress of the Communist Party. The slogan of the present congress is the "establishment of a socialist society with abolition of classes" by 1937.

This general program is considered under three major heads: Stalin's report on the world situation and the internal condition of the U. S. S. R.; reports on the Second 5-year Plan; and a report on proposed reorganization of government and party in line with the new production-organization of the country.

How Stalin Views Events
The highlights of Stalin's report on the world situation were as follows:

These past years have been in the economic field years of a world crisis; in the political field of further straining of relations both between capitalist countries and within them.

The world crisis has been unusually long, due first to the fact that it has affected every capitalist country; second, to the fact that the industrial crisis was interwoven with an agricultural crisis; third, to the fact that the agricultural crisis affected every branch of agriculture; fourth, to the attempt of monopolies to hold prices up, which interfered with the absorption of commodities; fifth, and especially, to the fact that capitalism since the World War is in a generally critical state, having inherited from that war chronically underloaded factories and unemployment.

There has been a slight upturn in the economic situation in the world during 1933 as compared with 1932, though industrial production is still far below that of 1929.

The Soviet Union, in contrast to all capitalist countries, has since 1929 doubled its industrial production, which is now 391% of prewar.

Sees No New Boom
The improvement noted in 1933 in the capitalist world is not the precursor of a new boom leading to prosperity, since the general causes of crisis still exist, i. e., chronic part-time working factories, mass unemployment, a mingling of industrial with agricultural crisis, absence of a definite trend towards renewed basic capital. It is rather a rise into a state of chronic depression neither leading up to a boom nor down to the previous lowest point.

The long crisis has sharpened political relations between capitalist countries and within them. Intensification of struggle for markets, abolition of last remnants of free trade, war in currency, and dumping have created ground for military clashes and placed war at the forefront.

In the East, the war between China and Japan sharpens the situation. In the West, the withdrawal of Germany from the League of Nations and the "revenge" policy leads to growth of armaments in Europe.

Notes Despair and Conflict
The internal situation in all countries is also sharpened. Four years of crisis have reduced industrial workers and property-less peasants to despair. The dominant classes therefore destroy the last remnants of parliamentary government and go over to terrorist methods to preserve their dictatorship.

Fascism and terrorist methods internally, chauvinism and war preparations in foreign relations—characterize today's imperialist politicians. Things are heading for a new imperialist war.

In this complicated situation the U. S. S. R. pursues a peace policy, in which it has been helped by two events: the betterment of relations with France and Poland, and the establishment of normal relations with the United States of America. It has been hindered by attacks from British conservatives, by increased

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hours 10% and increase wage rates a like percentage. To the extent that employers head that suggestion the situation will be eased—provided they don't attempt to balance things by increasing the prices of their products.

However, there is no good reason to jump to the conclusion that the owning class will make the sacrifice. For one thing, such a plan will quickly put many small industries out of business. And for another it will cut the incomes of a large group of absentee owners who have been reaping dividends from the labor of workers. If industry cuts its profits there will be less to pass-around to that group of parasites. With the record of chiseling which has been made during the past year, one must be almost glibly to believe that the parasite class will now give more and take less.

THERE ARE SOME who explain the Administration's reluctance to take effective action as follows: "Mr. Roosevelt is giving the owners every opportunity to set their own house in order. If they don't do so, then the government will take over industry and the owners will not have any alibis."

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ANOTHER FASCIST SIGN

Perhaps you have already seen the button which occasioned the writing of this editorial. It shows an American flag with the words, "United Behind the President," underneath Old Glory.

We are informed that these buttons are being sent through the country from Washington. We have not checked on that, but consider the implication of the thing of sufficient importance to warrant a statement at this time.

We resent the suggestion that to be for America we must be "United Behind the President." We resent it because we believe we ARE for America and are NOT behind the President.

The President may believe that he is doing the best thing for America. We believe otherwise. And, although we may be such a small minority that our opinion doesn't matter overly much, we nevertheless have as much inherent right to disagree with and oppose what Franklin D. Roosevelt says and does as any minority ever had to disagree in the past.

Only peoples who are under the rule of a dictator need be "united" behind anything or anybody. In Fascist countries, where the acceptance of the false premise of a "common interest" is forced upon the masses, people are expected to be united. In Democracies they have a right to be divided.

We are opposed to the President's policies because we believe their intention is to safeguard and preserve for an owning class the privilege of legally taking what a working class produces. We accept the benefits as CWA, PWA and AAA, but we are not permitting them to blind us to the economic injustices which make such measures necessary, injustices which Mr. Roosevelt has never even threatened to abolish by law.

We urge workers to take every relief measure they are offered and to demand more. But we likewise hope that in taking they will have no more gratitude for the giver than they would have for the confederate of a highwayman who robbed them if said confederate, in order to halt pursuit, would offer them a dime for carriage back home.

Taking a part of the loot away from the exploiting owners and giving it to unemployed producers is only partial restitution. And even the virtue of that is sullied by the fact that every relief measure adopted has been actuated more by a desire to preserve the old social order than by a humane concern for the welfare of unwanted wage slaves.

We are for America. When we say that, we mean that we are for the welfare of the American people. We believe OUR way of socialized industry is a better way than the President's way of controlled but legally-protected exploitation. We have always believed that. We believed it while Capitalism was functioning smoothly. We believed it back in the war days when Capitalism was being saved from collapse by the blood of workers. And believing it today, we will now, as in the past, refuse to be herded into line with any mob which accepts slogans as substitutes for reason.

MELLON'S INCOME TAX

Newspaper work makes one cynical. Perhaps that is why we find it impossible to be excited by the news that Andrew W. Mellon, former Secretary of the Treasury and one of America's richest and most powerful labor exploiters, is charged with being an income-tax dodger.

We do not believe that Mellon will be convicted. If he is convicted we do not believe he will share prison quarters with Al Capone. And, for that matter, we have our doubts as to his legal guilt. Why should he evade income tax payments when he had it within his power to regulate and control the collection of such tax?

However, assuming that Mellon actually did "knock down" on the government, why should workers get hot and bothered about it. The moral crime is not so much that Mellon refused to share his loot with the government as that the government permitted him to pile up so many millions at the expense of the producing masses.

We Socialists are not especially addicted to lawbreaking. But we are chiefly concerned with the morality of an economic system which enables a man with many millions to enslave and exploit his fellow human beings. What Mellon may have withheld from the tax collector is only a portion of what he took from the men, women and children of the working class. His income was the fruits of a robbery which was no less vicious because it was and still is legal—the robbery of profits and dividends.

End the legalized robbery of Capitalism and most other crimes will disappear as a natural consequence. To permit one man to take millions annually from producers and then prosecute him for keeping it, somehow reminds us of this week's gang murder in which "Ice Wagon" Connors was "erased" by

his former pals for refusing to donate to the gang's defense fund.

HUCKSTERS OF DEATH

Fortune prints in its March issue perhaps the best article that has yet appeared on the armaments makers and their system of creating and prolonging warfare. The article is in substance an impassioned plea for peace; and Fortune promises to resume the plea in later issues.

The chief impression conveyed by the facts which Fortune has presented is that the armaments makers are internationalists in the same sense that carrion birds are internationalists. The buzzards gather where the corpses are thickest—it doesn't matter on which side of the frontier. Whether British, French, German or Italian, the hucksters of death help each other to create war situations, and thus to sell the guns that will inevitably be turned against their own people. Then, if the war situation becomes a war in earnest, they continue this trade through neutral nations—the Germans take French money, the French take German money, the soldiers on both sides die by the million and the steel and chemical industries declare extra dividends; the buzzards fatten.

Let us take a few instances from the last war, most of them mentioned in Fortune's first article. Germany needed nickel for its guns, copper for its shells, glycerin for high explosives. Some Britons and some Frenchmen in places of power kindly saw to it that these essential supplies reached Germany in spite of the blockade—otherwise the fighting would have ended too soon. But their friendly enemies amply repaid the favor. Barbed wire that was made in Magdeburg after 1914 was exported to France through Switzerland and was strung outside the French trenches at Verdun; German soldiers died on it by thousands. German magnetoes were used in French army trucks. Krupp detonators, exported through Holland, were used in the shells that rained on the German lines.

Some of these facts, revealed during the German revolution, were later suppressed, so that the documents proving them are now impossible to obtain. But there are plenty of documents dealing with the Briey Basin. Here was an iron-making and steel-making district that was essential to the German armies. Beginning in 1916, it was within reach of the French heavy artillery. All the mines and furnaces there might have been destroyed, so that the war might have ended much sooner. But no shells burst in the Briey Basin. An aviator who bombed it by mistake was reprimanded. A general who talked of shelling it came near being cashiered. And the only excuse offered by the French general staff was that if they fired on Briey, then the Germans would fire on Dombasle, where part of the French iron was smelted. The steel makers were so close to both governments that they could protect their interests on both sides of the Hindenburg line.

And this entente cordiale of Krupp and Schneider, of Thyssen and Zaharoff, having profited hugely from the last war, is now helping to prepare for the next. Take the famous story of Hitler, the Skoda works and the French press. The Skoda works, a great arms factory in Czechoslovakia, is controlled through a holding company by members of the Comité des Forges, which is the trade association of the big French armaments makers. Through the Skoda works, the Comité des Forges is said to have contributed generously to Hitler's campaign funds—the statement has been made on excellent authority, and Hitler once stormed out of a courtroom rather than deny it. But at the same time, through the Paris newspapers that it controls, the Comité des Forges was raging against Hitler, was calling on France to increase its armaments in the face of this new danger, was suggesting the immediate necessity of a "defensive" war.

There is, as Fortune says, "a quality of delirium about facts like these." And the facts grow more delirious when we examine into the story of the disarmament conferences, and learn that not only were these attended by armaments lobbyists like Big Bill Shearer, but that the delegates themselves were in many cases stockholders or even directors of the very armaments firms, like Vickers, Schneider and Bethlehem Steel, against whose interests they were supposed to be acting.

In the light of these revelations we are inclined to question the statement that the dead of the last war died in vain. They died in vain if we consider only the causes for which they thought they were fighting. But Schneider and Krupp and Zaharoff would not say that their lives were wasted. It cost about \$25,000 to kill a soldier during the World War. "The important point," says Fortune, "is that every time a burst shell fragment finds its way into the brain, the heart or the intestines of a man in the front line, a great part of the \$25,000, much of it profit, finds its way into the pocket of the armament maker." Some 13,000,000 men died in the trenches, and the Krupps flourished, and Sir Basil Zaharoff, Knight of the Garter, became the richest man in Europe.—The New Republic.

REVEALING FIGURES

We always thought there was something phoney about the talk of vast amounts of bank deposits. There was nothing phoney about the totals, but the fact now comes out that most of the deposits are owned by a comparatively few depositors. There is a large number of accounts, but most of them are small.

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan was the originator of the bank deposit insurance plan. It insures deposits up to \$2,500 per deposit. You would think that would take in most of the total amount deposited, but it does not. It takes in only from 25 to 30 per cent of the total sum. It covers 97 per cent of the total number of accounts, but only 25 or 30 per cent of the money deposited. In other words, from 70 to 75 per cent of the money deposited is in accounts which exceed \$2,500 each. Three per cent of the depositors have three times as much money in the banks as all the other 97 per cent of depositors put together!

The senator says those people do not need insurance and he is opposed to making the proposed change so as to cover their deposits after the first of July. He wants to leave it as it is now. There's something in that. No runs would be created by 3 per cent of the depositors even if they do own most of the money. Runs are created by a general scare on the part of depositors, but 97 per cent of them are already insured and not subject to the scare.—Milwaukee Leader.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

LABOR WINS IN LONDON

In these days of Fascist victories it is truly heartening to learn of the smashing success of the English Labor Party in the city of London, which gave it control of the British capital for the first time. Unless the present tide is reversed the next general election will make labor the master of the country.

It is to be hoped that, when that time comes, it will find the leaders of the Labor Party better prepared than they were in the past. It is to be hoped that McDonald's lesson will have been learned, and that never again will the party hold office at the price of inactivity.

The Labor Party should now be preparing its plans for the socialization of British industry, and mapping out the strategy that it will follow. Differences between conditions in various countries prevent identical policies being followed, but there are certain general rules that apply to all lands. One of them is that the army and the courts must be controlled by persons thoroughly in sympathy with the goal that is sought. Another is that the key industries of banking, power and transportation must be socialized without delay. A third is that the loyalty of the public at large must be won by making certain benefits immediately available to them. A fourth is that the government, by its courage and energy, must keep the capitalist class demoralized and challenge the admiration of the rest of the nation.

We in America have a big stake in the fortunes of the English Labor Party, for the successful socialization of British industry and the subsequent rise in the standard of living of the English workers will almost certainly stimulate the growth of a socialist movement in the United States. A wave of bigoted nationalism is sweeping the world, with Germany and Austria succumbing in rapid succession to a Fascism that spells reaction and war. As yet Fascism has scarcely reared its ugly head in this country, but several more years of depression may bring anything in its wake.

The standard of living in Russia is too low to excite admiration here. Unless somewhere in the world socialism can achieve success, and demonstrate that peace and plenty for all are the fruits of the socialization of industry, the jingoism, violence, and race hatred from which America already suffers may likely be intensified. When people suffer a great deal they will seek an outlet, and that outlet is likely to be any philosophy or movement that combines the promise of change with a strong emotional appeal. In this country, unless an example of successful socialization is set abroad, the people are more likely to join a reactionary than a progressive movement.

The British success proves once again that labor's best chance for attaining power is through a peaceful conquest of power, in countries where the right to ballot still exists. Despite the remarkable courage of the Vienna socialists, the big guns of the government forces and the government-supported Heimwehr won the victory. In these days of huge guns, airplanes, and poison gas, no extra-legal seizure of power can hope to be successful so long as the army remains loyal to the government. In Democratic countries like ours, therefore, our only hope is to build a party of the workers until it can peacefully assume control.

WAR DANGERS

The Roosevelt administration, by its advocacy of the Vinson bill, is starting the nation on a naval armament race, and endangering the peace of a sorely troubled world. At a time when civil works are cut off because the finances of the country, we are told, cannot stand the strain, it is criminal idiocy to prepare to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on instruments of destruction that in a dozen years will be obsolete.

The results of our plan to build our navy up to the full strength allowed by the naval treaty is that naval building programs have likewise been announced in England, Japan, and France. After all the ships have been built by all these countries the relative strength will probably be much the same as it is now, but mutual distrust will have been greatly increased, and the danger of war intensified. The only gainer will be the armament industry, which wrings huge profits from the blood of nations and which hawks its wares in whatever land offers the hope of gain. Senator Nye's resolution for the investigation of that industry should

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