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Year's Results Prove Failure of New Deal

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

IN GIVING HIS contribution to the general effort of Capitalist journalists to mould public opinion along the lines which will make workers willing to stand and wait for somebody else to do something for them, Arthur Brisbane again dodges an issue.

Writing about the threatened strike in the automobile industry, Brisbane says: "If wise, union labor will not be too domineering with an industry in which labor has played the part of standing where it was told to stand and turning the screw that it was told to turn."

WORKERS, HAVING BEEN stupid enough up to this point in the history of the race to permit a small group of their fellows to ride upon their backs, may need the joker in Brisbane's observation pointed out to them. The fallacy lies in the fact that he is talking about HOW the workers are used and ignoring the matter of WHY they are used. Few workers will seriously object to the methods of mass production if standing in one spot and doing one job gives them more leisure and the right to use what industry produces. But intelligent workers will rebel against being used in that or any other manner if it is for the purpose of piling up wealth for a few people and casting millions of workers into the discard.

Socialists want workers to work efficiently for their own welfare. Socialists also want workers to resent being used as parts of machines for the enrichment of owners. And Socialists still cherish the hope that some day workers will develop sufficient pride of class to cause them to at least feel insulted when prostitute journalists talk about them as Brisbane does.

ON SOME OCCASIONS—all too rare—groups of workers rise to heights which make me proud to be of them.

It happened during post-war hysteria in California when a band of I. W. W.'s refused to make a plea or offer a defense when they were brought to trial for violating the anti-labor gag laws of that black state. "You can't kid us," they told their prosecutors. "We know we're going to be convicted. We know we'll not get justice. We're only workers, so why should we expect justice. 'Nerts on you and your courts. Go ahead and sentence us.' And all through their trial those 'Wobblies' conversed in loud tones and sang their workingclass songs and conducted themselves in a manner which displayed the contempt they felt for the courts of the master class.

That, I thought, was magnificent. And now comes the Budd election to show that the old spirit is not dead.

General Johnson, after having seen Budd flout the labor organization section of NIRA, and after permitting a strike for organization to continue for months, finally ordered an election in which the Budd workers would have an opportunity to decide whether or not they wanted a real union to represent them. But the terms of the election were such as to insult the intelligence of the general public and outrage the Budd strikers.

Johnson ordered the election. But, in addition to the strikers and those

CONTINENTAL CONGRESS SURVEY SHOWS LESS PURCHASES, SMALLER PAYROLLS, MASS UNEMPLOYMENT

Wages Up 2 Cents Per Week Between June and November While Cost of Living Increased 5%—Codes Fixing "Short" Work Week Are Still Above Actual Time Worked In Industry—Production Falling and Unemployment Mounting as NRA Plans to Abandon CWA For Old Time Relief

Just how completely the "New Deal" has failed to solve the economic problem which confronts the nation under the outworn capitalist profit system is revealed by a comparative survey compiled by the Research Bureau of the Continental Congress. Not only has the NRA fallen far short of effecting a recovery for the system, but it has actually permitted the real purchasing power of the great mass of Americans to fall to new low levels. As the announced aim of the administration was to increase purchases, it can be said that the first year of NRA has been a failure.

The Continental Congress survey points out that:

Wages Are Not Rising

In June, 1933, the average earnings of all workers in the manufacturing industries of the United States were \$18.49 a week. In November, 1933, after five months of screaming blue eagles and synthetic dead cats, the average was \$18.51. At this rate of improvement the average worker will earn \$20 a week by February, 1934.

But before the worker gets reckless with those two extra pennies each week and makes the down payment on a fur coat or a new Packard car, if he's wise he'll stop to ask how much his money buys now as compared with June. And the answer is that the cost of living has jumped up more than 5 per cent, while average wages have increased less than one-tenth of one per cent. Wages needed to be increased to \$19.45 to enable the worker to have the same standard of living. Since the prices of the things he bought in June have increased by 96 cents while wages rose only two cents, the average worker in effect has had his wages.

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PLANS FOR BAZAAR NEARING COMPLETION

With less than three weeks remaining before the opening of the big Socialist Bazaar in Odd Fellows' Temple on April 11, the Plenic Committee, under whose auspices the five-day indoor carnival will be held, is marking time. Practically all arrangements have been planned to make the Bazaar the biggest event of its kind ever held in the city.

"For the next three weeks, the most important job for all Socialists will be to get tickets in the hands of as many individuals as possible," declared Chairman Ed Yoe yesterday. "When one considers that the entire five nights will require an admission charge of only 75 cents it is difficult to believe that every evening's program will be attended by crowds which will tax the capacity of the hall," Yoe continued. "We are doing everything in our power to give the patrons the biggest money's worth they have ever received in any public amusement feature. There will be dancing every night, and a nightly door prize which will be sure to attract interest. In addition, there is the grand prize of the week of a Copeland Electric Refrigerator. I am told by ticket sellers that many people are buying a number of tickets in order to increase their chances of winning this valuable prize."

While the Bazaar is going to be a big undertaking, the tasks confronting the committee will be lightened by the co-operation of every organized group under the jurisdiction of Local Berks. As usual, the women of the party are preparing to do Trojan service during the five nights and one afternoon which the Bazaar will run.

PLAN DRIVE TO BOOST UNIONS

Federation Will Launch Campaign to Make City 100% Union at Conference Tonight At Knitters' Hall

Realizing the need of consolidating the already existing trade unions as well as building up new ones in the industries in which none now exist, the Federated Trades Council has launched an organization drive which is to last until Reading is a 100% union city. The opening shot in this campaign will be fired at a conference of trade union officials and others to be held Friday night, March 23, at the Hosiery Workers Hall, 10th and Penn streets.

This conference has been called to set up the machinery to conduct the drive and discuss concretely the work that must be done to get the workers into the unions. Leo Kryzcki, national chairman of the Socialist Party and general organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, has promised to be present to give Reading unionists the advantage of his advice and experience. Others with organization experience over long periods will also give aid in the formulation of the program.

All that feel that they will be able to help in this work in any way, either with suggestions for carrying it on or in the work of speaking, distributing literature, or canvassing are urged to attend. There will be plenty opportunity for discussion.

HORRORS! "BERKY" HOTEL PAYS MORE THAN THE CODE

Believe it or not, the Berkshire Hotel employees have been getting too much money. But it's going to be all right now, because Paul A. Flickinger and George L. Crocker, receivers for the hotel, have discovered their error and are making semi-monthly deductions from the earnings of the hotel workers to recover what they paid out "by mistake."

In order to incriminate no particular employee—all of whom consider that even such wages as they are receiving is better than no wages at all—this story will make no definite statement of the earnings of the workers. However, before the hotel code was signed certain employees received \$40 per month and are now getting around \$50. Others got as low as around \$11 and are now being given in the neighborhood of \$13 for a half month's pay. It is from such earnings that deductions, amounting to about one day's wage per day, are being made.

The raises came as a result of the codes. The way the hotel paid more

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ALL SOCIALISTS GAIN PLACES ON BALLOT IN MILWAUKEE ELECTION

MILWAUKEE.—Socialist candidates all survived the primaries in Tuesday's election, and will go before the voters in a final runoff election. Outstanding in the voting was the record of John Warchow, candidate for alderman in the 26th ward, who received 1,702 voters to 957 for his nearest rival.

This an off-year election, at which votes will be cast only to fill vacancies and to fill the post of an additional circuit judge recently provided for the city. Morris Stern is the Socialist candidate for the new judgeship.

CWA LABORERS BACK, CRAFTSMEN STILL ON STRIKE

Retention of 50-Cent Rate and Permission to Make Up Time Brings End of Walkout

SKILLED WAGE STAYS AT \$1

Taxpayers' Protective League Reports 200 Members Will Join Washington Demonstration Against CWA Ending

Partial settlement of a two-day strike of CWA workers was effected Wednesday night when laborers, who had walked off the jobs in protest against what they considered threatened wage reductions from 50 to 40 cents per hour, received the assurance of Administrator Louis Rauhroff that the 50-cent labor rate would remain in force.

At the same time, building tradesmen, who walked off of several jobs when their wages were reduced from \$1.20 to \$1.00 per hour, were still out on strike at a late hour yesterday afternoon.

About 1,000 Joined Strike. According to Stewart Grow, business agent for the CWA-PWA Workers Union, more than 1,000 workers quit work when the strike call was issued. "We went back to work when we received the assurance of Mr. Rauhroff that the 50-cent labor rate would remain in force and when we were promised an opportunity to make up time which we lost because of the strike," Grow stated yesterday.

Francis L. Klemmer, business agent for the Building Trades Council (Continued on Page Three)

SOCIALIST MAJORITY IN LONDON WILL MOVE FOR CLEARANCE OF SLUMS

LONDON.—Holding the municipal reigns of London for the first time in history, with a majority in the county council of 14 members, the Labor party has announced that its major job will be to provide decent housing for the present slum-dwellers of the city.

The Labor majority of 14 replaces a former Conservative majority of 42 members. The Liberal party has been wiped out altogether as a factor in municipal politics, since it did not win a single seat.

Within four days of the announcement by Herbert Morrison, Labor leader, of his party's London slum-clearance program, the Conservative national government shook the dust off of a housing program for the entire country, which will give new homes to over a million people.

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What Reading Folks Are Talking About

FUSION PLANS AND PUBLIC INTELLIGENCE

Once again talk of Fusion in the coming election is being heard. The idea is to defeat Darlington Hoopes and Lillith Wilson for reelection to the General Assembly, and the degree of success which Fusion enjoys will be a good barometer for public intelligence.

Never have the people of Reading had two representatives who brought as much credit to their constituents as Hoopes and Wilson have. Both are sincere and courageous battlers for laws which will add some measure of happiness and security to the lives of Pennsylvania's workers. Because of their efforts, the old party politicians have been forced to act favorably on old age pensions and were literally driven to ratification of the Federal Child Labor Amendment.

With the record they made for themselves, Hoopes and Wilson should be re-elected on purely class lines. But there's the rub; many workers still lack the intelligence to vote as workers. Instead, they give political power to their economic enemies by putting marks on their ballots under old party names for no better reason than because their fathers and their grandfathers did the same thing.

Because most of America's workers are just as politically stupid as that, political racketeers have the nerve to fuse whenever Socialists become powerful. No, nobody's intelligence is being insulted; workers who fall for Fusion have no intelligence to insult. That's why it has always been so easy to fool them, rule them, starve them and then—satisfy them with doles and made work. However, here in Reading Socialist education has produced gratifying results. For that reason it is highly probable that even Fusion will fail to defeat Hoopes and Wilson this year.

BILL HEISTER SEEN AS A 10-CENT DICTATOR

Workers on the Wilson High School project of CWA in Spring Township are displaying the following note which they received with their pay checks:

"Any man on this job who intentionally carries news or makes complaints to any member of the School Board or representative of the CWA without my knowledge or consent, is discharged without further notice." (Signed) "William H. Heister, Foreman."

Workers reacted in various fashions when they read Heister's note. Some laughed and some swore. But all of them thought they were falling pretty low when a petty foreman undertook to prevent them from taking complaints to elected public officials.

Heister may not know it, but the Constitution permits workers to petition such an august body as the National Congress for a redress of grievances. When he, with his 10-cent foremanship, attempts to put on a gag act he merely makes himself ridiculous. The matter was called to the attention of Louis Rauhroff who declared that Heister's message was not authorized by him. "Let 'em come to me if they have a kick," said

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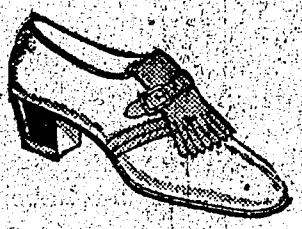


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SWEDEN (NNS). — Women's groups are making a determined effort to build up permanent friendly connections with women in Finland, whose people were long dominated by the Swedish government and in whom bitterness still rankles.

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and therefore his standard of living, reduced by 94 cents per week.

Gains Only Temporary

For a short time it seemed as though the NRA would bring a moderate rise in average wages. Weekly wages rose 66 cents between June and July, 10 cents more by August, and reached the peak a month later at \$19.46. If a man was fortunate enough to work 50 weeks a year, which few do, his yearly income would have been \$973. But by November weekly wages dropped to \$18.51, which would bring in only \$925.50 in a working year of 50 weeks. December witnessed a slight rise, to \$18.58, a week.

Back in 1923, before the New Deal was thought of, American workers averaged \$26.61 per week, or 44 per cent more than in November, 1933. In September, 1929, when the crash occurred, they received \$28.89, or 66 per cent more. And even in January, 1932, after the depression had been with us all over two years, average weekly wages were \$18.99, which was 48 cents more, or almost three per cent higher, than in last November. The depression, as the Administration admits, came upon us because the American people lacked purchasing power. But the Administration did little more than talk, and wages remained in almost the same place, while prices mounted.

Real wages, the quantity of goods that the workingman can buy with his money, reached their highest point of 1933 in the month of July, and have declined month by month since then. The workingman's standard of living is endangered by the 40 per cent cut in the gold value of the dollar, which may cause prices to rise very rapidly.

Shortening Hours

Working hours in manufacturing industries in the spring of 1933 were at their lowest in March, when they averaged 32 and a fraction a week, and at their highest in May, the month the Recovery Act was signed, when they averaged about 37 1/2. With about 13,000,000 entirely unemployed, Roosevelt properly declared that working hours must be decreased to provide more employment.

He therefore put into effect codes establishing, for the most part, the 40-hour week—several hours longer than employees were working on the average when the bill was signed. By December, thanks to the blessings of the NRA, the average working week in manufacturing had been reduced to 34 hours, or a little more than they had been in April of the same year, and almost two hours longer than they had been in July, 1932.

Total Payrolls

Roosevelt spoke wisely when he said that the people must be given greater purchasing power, which means higher wages, if the factories are again to operate. This means, obviously, that total wages must be higher than they were in 1929, for it was the insufficiency of wages then that was fundamentally responsible for the depression.

Here again he promised swift, decisive, effective action. But the "New

Deal" merely raised payrolls until they were just about half what they had been ten years before. In December, 1933, total payrolls in manufacturing were exactly 53 per cent of what had averaged between 1923 and 1925, and 49 per cent of what they were in 1929.

Industrial Production Falling

But the primary purpose of the so-called Roosevelt Revolution, of course, was to stimulate production. Very well, let's see what the figures of the Federal Reserve Board show. In July, 1933, after the Recovery Act had been passed but before its provisions had had a chance to be effective, we produced exactly the same amount that we had averaged between 1923 and 1925. In August production dropped 9 per cent, to 91 per cent of the 1923-1925 average. Production continued to decline rapidly through the next three months and by November we produced less than three-fourths as much as we did ten years ago. Since November the volume of production has increased somewhat, and in January, 1934, it approximated 78 per cent of the 1923-1925 average, precisely the same volume produced last May.

The reason that production was so high in June and July was because manufacturers desired to beat the codes by producing before its restrictions went into effect. The extra goods made then went not to consumers, but into warehouses to await sale at a speculative profit. But in that very month of June, when production was as high as it had been between 1923 and 1925, it took only seven-tenths as many workers as it had taken ten years before, and they were paid in aggregate wages only half as much. Even in December, when production was at 75 per cent of the 1923 and 1925 average, factory payrolls amounted to only 53 per cent. Total payrolls have fallen steadily since September, declining 9 per cent in three months. In the single month of November alone the decline amounted to almost 6 per cent, and the downward trend has continued since then.

Unemployment Growing Again

The number of unemployed in the United States totaled 12,200,000 in June, when the Recovery legislation was passed. Partly because of new jobs created under the codes, and partly because of a worldwide economic recovery then in progress, the number out of work decreased to 10,100,000 by September, a gain in the number of jobs of 2,100,000. Since September, however, each month has seen an increase in the number of the unemployed. In October, 100,000 lost their jobs, in November more than half a million, and in December 100,000 more. In the single month of January, 1934, almost a million persons—\$21,000,000 to be exact—were thrown out of work, increasing the number of the unemployed to 11,690,000. Of the 2,100,000 persons given work under the NRA, 1,590,000, or a trifle more than three-fourths, have since lost their jobs. In January, 1934, the factories of the United States employed less than half as many people as in 1926. The net effect of the Recovery Act, therefore, has been to put back to work only about half a million of the more than 12,000,000 jobless, or to solve about one-twenty-fourth of the problem. Even this slight improvement, moreover, might easily be due to the general world recovery, in which the United States has actually shared to a less extent than have Canada, Sweden, Germany, and Japan.

About 4,000,000 persons were employed for a few weeks on civil works, but this was temporary, made work that should not be confused with regular employment. These civil works employees are now being laid off at the rate of about 400,000 a week, and by April 1 the entire project is to be liquidated. Harry Hopkins, federal relief administrator, expects between 10,000,000 and 12,000,000 people to be cared for on a relief basis between May and next winter.

National Income Waning

The national income of the United States, according to estimates of the United States Department of Commerce, was \$83,000,000,000 in 1929. A year later it had dropped to \$70,000,000,000 or 85 per cent of that sum. In 1931 it dropped further to \$55,000,000,000, or 66 per cent of what it had been in 1929. In 1932 it hit bottom with only \$38,000,000,000.

The American working people, therefore, can so reorganize their economic machine as to obtain an average income more than six times as large as they now receive. Only through organized and militant political action, however, can they take control.

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It is a characteristic of that economic system that property rights are valued far above human rights. This means in one of its practical effects that the right of a rich man to receive interest on his money is protected by all sorts of legal safeguards, while the workingman has no guarantee that he will receive any income at all. Thus it was in the first year of the depression that, while wages in mining, manufacturing, construction, and transportation dropped by almost one-fifth, dividends scarcely decreased at all, and interest payments actually increased.

By 1931 wages in these industries were only three-fifths as large as they had been two years before, and in 1932 they were less than 40 per cent of that figure. Interest payments, nevertheless, were only 3 per cent less than they had been in 1929. The national income dropped by 54 per cent, but interest payments scarcely decreased at all.

Bad System to Blame

The national income in 1929, despite all the wastes inherent in the capitalist system, was sufficient to give every family in the country an income of more than \$3,200 a year, had it been evenly distributed. The working people, needless to say, averaged considerably less than half that sum. About 13 years ago Herbert Hoover's Committee on Waste in Industry estimated that production could be doubled, if only duplicated effort could be eliminated. In addition all the unemployed could be put to work with modern machinery, productions could be raised much higher.

This means that this country today can give every family an income far above \$6,000 a year, if we can only get sufficient social intelligence to run our industrial machines for the benefit of all the people. Instead of \$6,000, the working people today average, as we have seen, less than one-sixth this sum.

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who refused to strike, he decreed that every scab who had taken the job of a striker should be given a vote. Moreover, Johnson's plan included the provision that ballots be numbered and that those who voted should sign their names and write in the number they held at the Budd plant.

That was Johnson's interpretation of a fair election. So the Budd workers simply refused to vote. Of 7,000 who could have cast ballots, only 30 took the trouble to do so. Johnson now knows what the workers of the Budd plant think of him and of NIRA's right-to-organize clause.

I WAS ENTHUSED by the failure of the Budd election because it seems to me that what the workers need to develop is a deep and abiding contempt for the viewpoints of the ex-

plotting class. Too long have the workers permitted their exploiters to lay down the rules of conduct. Too long—and too meekly—have they lived their lives according to those master-made rules. For centuries they have guided their children along moral and ethical lines which assure the masters that the rising generation will develop into a race of humble, obedient, unthoughtful slaves. I believe that explains why it is that generation after generation of workers permits itself to be hoodwinked and exploited.

When the Budd workers scorned Johnson's terms they demonstrated that there still remains a spark of intellectual independence in the minds of the working class. Johnson said the Budd election would be "fair." The workers decided they would have no dealings with that type of fairness. And so, without arguing over much, they showed their contempt by staying away from the polls.

SOME DAY THE workers may find a leader who will teach them a new morality. Some day the mentally enslaved may understand that even "fairness" is unfair when based upon the premise that useful producers shall always remain slaves to exploiting parasites.

When workers show signs of really thinking and acting independently their leaders may be crucified but they will nevertheless proceed to tear up the law books of an immoral social order and write new codes of human

FASCISM OR SOCIALISM

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In the auto industry, the steel industry and the railroad industry the lines of battle are being drawn. The owners are united in their determination that they will not yield one jot of economic power to the working class. But while the owners are united, the workers are divided—and planless. Only a few workers are organized in real worker unions. And still fewer understand the necessity of winning not a little more bread and leisure, but the Industrial Democracy which Socialists demand and without which Real Democracy cannot live.

Every man and woman who wishes America to escape the dictatorship of Fascism which has come to other nations should now throw his and her lot with the Socialist party. They should do this because only by making the industries and natural resources the common property of all mankind can human society continue to function in ways that are Democratic.

President Roosevelt has served notice that he will take extreme measures to keep the industries running. That means that when workers finally refuse to work under the dictatorship of corporate wealth he will use the power of government to compel them to work.

When the government acts as a breaker of strikes the showdown between Fascism and Democracy is at hand. If the "New Deal" permits the owners to continue to profit from industry, that will be Fascism. If it decrees that industry shall become public property and operate only for the welfare of producers that will be to abolish economic classes and turn toward Socialism.

Sooner or later government authority will be put to the test. Only by organizing for the capture of political power can the workers have cause to hope that the weight of government will be thrown to their cause.

relationships, not the least of which will be the decree that it is just as immoral to steal with a big brain as to pick a pocket with long fingers.

As yet, however, we respect the exploiters' viewpoint too much to either have or deserve real freedom. But the Budd election encourages me to hope that workers may yet do their own thinking and acting.

LAUGH WEEK AT EMBASSY

A laugh every minute is about the average for audiences at the Embassy Theatre when Paramount's "Six of a Kind" opens Friday. With a featured cast of six noted comedians, the fun is fast and furious from the first minute to the final fade-out.

The sextet is composed of Charlie Ruggles, Mary Boland, W. C. Fields, Alison Skipworth, George Burns and Gracie Allen, the last named two being the famous broadcasting team of Burns and Allen. Under the skilled

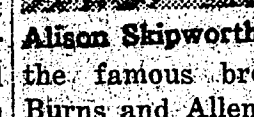
direction of Leo McCarey, not a comedy point is ever lost in the bright and refreshing story.

Ridiculous Auto Trip
The action of the picture takes place during a trans-continental auto journey, made by Miss Boland, Miss Allen, Ruggles and Burns, and to complicate the situations, an enormous Great Dane dog goes along. After some exciting and ludicrous happenings en route, especially at the Grand Canyon, the quartette arrives at Nuggetville, Nevada, pursued by two detectives who are after Ruggles on suspicion of bank theft.

In Nuggetville, Fields and Miss Skipworth get into the picture, the latter as a hotel keeper and the former as the sheriff. The pace of the picture, fast up to this time, becomes breath-taking, and the speed is maintained right to the final fade-out.

CWA LABORERS

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Alison Skipworth

oil, said yesterday that the matter of going back to work was being carefully considered by the building trades unionists. "We feel that the reduction from \$1.20 to \$1.00 was

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Paul Loebe Leaves

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STRASSBURG, Alsace (T. I. S.)

—According to trustworthy information from Germany, the former president of the Reichstag and well-known German Social Democratic leader, Paul Loebe, is no longer behind Nazi prison walls. Loebe, who was arrested by the Nazis and sent to a concentration camp despite the personal intervention of Reichspresi-

dent Hindenburg, has been freed in November. The last two months of his arrest were spent in the police prison at Berlin. In contrast to many other cases, Loebe has suffered no mistreatment on the hands of his jailers. His present whereabouts are unknown.

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LEGALIZED TERROR IN HITLER GERMANY

BERLIN (TIS).—Hitler justice closed its balance sheet for the first month of 1934 with a total of three new death sentences and 447 years of prison and hard labor. Four earlier death sentences were executed, including the one against Van der Lubbe, the unwitting instrument

for the establishment of Nazi mass terror. Four well-known anti-Nazi leaders were shot dead by the police while "trying to escape" although it was conclusively proven that the men were deliberately murdered.

According to January statistics which are, however, incomplete, 123 enemies of the Hitler regime suffered heavy penalties from the hands of Nazi justice. Compared to the above mentioned figures, the prison sentence of every fighter for German freedom averages 15 years.

Nazi public opinion, however, was seemingly dissatisfied and grumbled openly against the alleged mildness of German judges.

Contrasting sharply with the claim of Hitler and his lieutenants that the Nazi revolution took only an insignificant number of lives stands a new secret compilation of the victims of the Nazi terror. The list includes the names of 3,400 anti-Nazis who were either murdered by the Hitler retainers, killed in concentration camps and prisons, shot "while trying to escape," or otherwise silenced by the head executioner's axe. More than two hundred persons are reported missing.

Turkey Rejects Colonization Offer

ANGORA (T. I. S.).—A petition of the influential Jewish community of Istanbul to permit the immigration of 30,000 German Jews and their colonization on Turkish soil, has been rejected by the Government. It is assumed that this ruling also applies to an offer of the Jewish colonization society in London to settle 100,000 to 300,000 Jews in Turkey.

WEIR INJUNCTION JUST 'BALONEY,' UNIONS BELIEVE

Weirton's Six Months' Success In Defying Federal Law Convinces Workers Prosecution Is Phoney

READY FOR REAL STRIKE

Defiant Steel Corporation Is Charged With Violating NIRA on Six Points In Belated Government Action

WASHINGTON (FP).—Tossing to one side as "baloney" an announcement by the department of justice that it would prosecute Weirton Steel, eight representatives of unions in that company's plants descended on Washington March 20 to demand that President Roosevelt act immediately to enforce Section 7a. Otherwise workers will take enforcement into their own hands by strike action, in harmony with their fellow workers in the automobile industry.

"We've been given the runaround long enough," asserted William J. Long, head of the union delegation. "We're going to see the President again and ask him if six months isn't long enough time to enforce a provision of the law—if Section 7a is a law."

Mistrust Court Delay
"We're not interested now in the department of justice and its prosecution. That means dragging Section 7a through the courts for another six months or a year. In the meantime hundreds of our members, fired for unionism, are near starvation."

"Talk about the war pictures they're running in the Sunday papers! We can duplicate those pictures right now in Weirton, W. Va., any day. Some 600 members of our union have been fired on account of Section 7a. Their families are destitute. Of course Weir's company town will not give them relief. Now they're evicting penniless families of discharged steel workers."

"Either we will get assurance from the White House now that our union will be recognized as promised under the law, or we strike. Backing us are 134 lodges of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, and public sentiment as a whole. All of us are done with stalling. We want action."

Pledge United Strike
With representatives of the Weirton Steel lodges from Weirton, Clarksburg, W. Va., and Steubenville, O., were representatives of 4,000 unionized workers of the Michigan Steel Co., another Weir affiliate. The Michigan Steel workers have pledged solidarity in strike action with the Weirton unionists.

Before going to the White House, the union delegation went to hearings on the Wagner bill on company unions before the Senate committee on education and labor. Long, president of the Weirco lodge, told how Weirton officials tried to impose a company union on workers immediately after the passage of the recovery act. The company gave \$12,000 to the company union to finance it and is paying "representatives" \$25 a month in addition to pay for the time spent on company union business.

NLB Promises Broken
Long recounted the strike against Weirton in October and the national labor board's promise to hold a neutral election. On Dec. 15 Weir defied the board and held instead another company union election. Three executive orders by Pres. Roosevelt, aimed to widen the labor board's powers in dealing with Weir, have been fruitless and the membership is now thoroughly disillusioned with Section 7a and the administration, Long testified.

A strike in Weir's National Steel plants, side by side with the auto workers, was promised by the unionists unless Pres. Roosevelt is able to effect an immediate settlement of the union recognition issue. The strike may spread to other steel plants and tie up the industry.

Suit Stresses Six Violations
The tardy suit of the department of justice, filed in federal court at Wilmington, Del., March 20, charges Weirton Steel with violating the recovery act, the code of fair competition for the iron and steel industry, its agreement with other steel code members to comply with the code, and with the President's executive order of Feb. 1, defining the labor

board's authority to hold elections. Weirton is charged with:

- 1.—Denial of the right to its employees to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing.
- 2.—Denial of their right to self-organization.
- 3.—Interference by Weirton with the designation of representatives of its employees.
- 4.—Interference with self-organization and concerted activities of its employees.
- 5.—Exercise of restraint and coercion with regard to Section 7a.
- 6.—Imposition of company union membership on employees, and coercion to prevent them from joining a union of their own choice.

Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer

ZAMFORD AIDS PRETZEL UNION

"Ho, hum, what to write, what to write, this week?"

Jack Zamford, organizer for Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union, was in town for four days assisting the Pretzel and Confectionery Workers with their organization problems. He left town Tuesday night stopping at York en route to Cleveland, to get things under way there in the bakery, pretzel and confectionery industry.

The problems of the pretzel and confectionery workers are important because of the wage differentials in counties in so close proximity to Berks. Because of this the pretzel workers' situation is complex, probably verging on seriousness and is deserving of constant attention and assistance until remedied.

Problems, however, were secondary at the party held Saturday night by the union at the Riverside Firemen's Relief Association hall, it was a huge success whichever way one looks at it. There was abundance of everything and if anybody did not have a good time it was old man gloom himself. The entertainment committee is to be congratulated. A few more like that and the non-union persons will be in the organization which will be the solution to all the problems confronting them. However serious one's troubles may have been, the party made everyone forget them.

At the Pretzel Workers' meeting Saturday afternoon in their headquarters, 913 Buttonwood street, they were instructed by Zamford how to proceed to make out applications to the international office at Chicago. Other important problems were disposed of also.

The executive committee met Sunday afternoon at the same place with George M. Rhodes, Zamford and the writer present to dispose of further important business.

Following investigations and laying preliminary ground work Monday and Tuesday, indications are that pretzel, bakery and cracker workers will be organized in York, Pa.

York today is a seething hive of business among organized and those workers desiring to organize. Organizers and competent persons are in demand and at a premium in that city today. The swiftness with which things moved Monday and Tuesday, when there, reminded me of our hectic days of revolt last summer. Present activities on the part of the workers in pretzel bakeries are certain to reverberate down the valley through to Lancaster and Lititz and other large pretzel centers now competing with Reading where wages are higher.

At an executive committee meeting on Monday night in the Liberty Fire House plans were laid for an intensive drive among all candy workers in town to build up Local 187, Confectionery Workers' Union.

UNIONISTS AND FRIENDS WILL MEET TONIGHT

All organized workers and their sympathetic friends interested in the united and economic strength of labor, should attend the preliminary Trade Union Organization Drive Conference tonight in the Hosiery Workers' hall, Tenth and Penn streets.

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SUPERIOR SUPREME IS STILL 'UNFAIR'

The reported willingness of the Superior-Supreme Pretzel Company's management to settle the existing strike situation is erroneous, and all organized workers and their sympathizers will continue to use discretion when buying pretzels.

HARDWARE UNION MEETS TONIGHT

The Hardware and Allied Trades Union is meeting tonight in St. Casimir's Hall. There will be matters of importance to be brought up and the membership should turn out to participate.

FEDERATED TRADES TO BACK WAGNER BILL

The Federated Trades executive committee, at its regular semi-monthly session at the office on Tuesday morning, took action to support the Wagner-Lewis unemployment insurance bill. This is the bill that Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins proposed and predicts will result in the enactment of similar laws in most of the states within two years if adopted.

We urge all trade union organizations and workers to take similar action by writing Robert L. Doughton, chairman House ways and means committee; David J. Lewis, and your own representatives, David A. Reed, James J. Davis, and Congressman William E. Richardson at Washington, D. C., urging that the Wagner-Lewis Unemployment Insurance bill (H. R. 7659) be adopted without fail at this session of Congress.

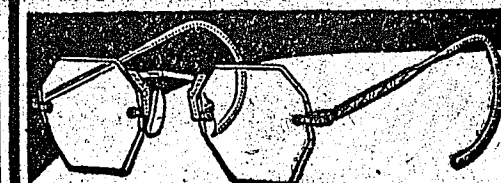
Unless labor acts immediately flooding congressmen and state senators with telegrams and letters urging them to support the Wagner bill strengthening Section 7a of the National Industrial Recovery Act, sufficiently to curb manufacturers in their progress of establishing company unions fostering shady welfare schemes, actually resorting to coercion, intimidation and discrimination of employees who do join unions.

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LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By LARRY ROGIN

Easter will bring a holiday to the students of the Labor College as well as to the other students in Reading. The holiday will not be on the same week for all the classes, however, as the school is closed for a split week. The Monday class will meet on Monday, March 26, but will not have a class on the following Monday, April 2. The Wednesday classes will not meet the coming Wednesday, March 28 but will meet during the first week in April, on April 4. The Tuesday class in public speaking will continue to meet regularly as the school will be open on that night during both weeks. This will be the beginning of the closing month of the school year.

Thanks are due to all of the students and friends of the Labor College who helped to make the dance and entertainment held Thursday night at Bach's Dance Hall a success. Included in this group are George LaPish and his Orchestra, who furnished the music. Mr. Bach himself, who was our host and all those who helped to sell tickets, contributed prizes for the card party, or

worked at the dance on Thursday night.

Those students who are preparing essays for the prize essay contest are reminded that they have only three weeks left in which to complete the work. The essays are to be not more than 2500 words long, written on one side of the paper and submitted without the name of the author. The suggestions for subjects are: Labor and Fascism, The NRA and the Worker, Labor History, and Trade Unions and Political Parties. Every student is urged to compete.

More students will be very welcome at the class in public speaking held on Tuesday nights at the Southern Junior High School. At the last session some of the students made talks which were criticized by the others present. Anyone desiring training or experience in public speaking should take advantage of this opportunity.

More Armament

STUTTGART (T. I. S.) — The Daimler Motor Works are booming, thanks to the lavish rearmament program of the Hitler dictatorship. Certain repair departments have been considerably expanded and are now employing 1,500 workers instead of formerly 80. Latest style turning-lathes of a length of twenty meters have been set up and are used for the production of heavy cannon and special air protection guns.

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Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LABOR LYCEUM

Be at Labor Lyceum, card players, on Saturday night. And you hungry ones who do not play cards, be there too.

The Saturday night card party will be under the auspices of the Women's Socialist League, which means that the prizes will be of a high order and the lunch of a superior quality. The eats will be ready about 5 p. m. Playing will start at 8 o'clock.

NORTHEAST WOMEN WILL NOT MEET NEXT WEEK

There will be no meeting of the Northeast Women's group next Tuesday because of the fact that the hall is being used as a storage and show room for the hollow chocolates which the United Drive Committee is now selling. All members will please take note.

MALE CHORUS, ATTENTION!

All members of the Socialist Male Chorus are requested to be at Labor Lyceum, Saturday at 2 p. m., for rehearsal. The chorus is scheduled to sing at the Classless meeting Sunday afternoon. Be on hand, everybody, and give your voices a work-out.

CARD PARTY WEDNESDAY AT LAURELDALE BRANCH

A special card party, to which all readers of the Advocate are invited, will be held at the headquarters of the Laureldale Branch, Yerger's hall, next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. This event will be under the combined auspices of the men's and women's groups, the Y. P. S. L. and the Taxpayers' Protective League. Proceeds will be used to purchase costumes for a play which the associated organizations will present in the near future. Be there, card players, and give this bunch of hustlers a boost.

HAVE YOU A PIANO WHICH YOU DO NOT NEED?

If you have a piano in your home which is not working, the Socialist Male Chorus will be glad to beg or borrow it. Get in touch with M. D. Kauffman at Labor Lyceum, dial 2-2441.

Y. P. S. L. BROADCAST TUESDAY
The next speaker on the Yipsel radio program will be Evelyn Shirk. She will speak on Tuesday evening, March 27, at 7 o'clock, over station WRAW. TUNE IN.

From now on all Y. P. S. L. exempt stamps will cost five cents.

HIKE

The Yipsels are going on a joint hike next Sunday with the Workers' Gym Club. All members who wish to attend should be at the Lyceum at 1 p. m., sharp. Our destination is unknown, but the game of foxes will be played.

CIRCLE SECRETARIES, ATTENTION

All circle financial secretaries are requested to turn the names of members in good standing over to the county financial secretary as soon as possible. Please be prompt.

Y. P. S. L. CHORUS TO REHEARSE

All members of the chorus are requested to report for rehearsal on Wednesday of next week. The rehearsal will start at 8 o'clock p. m. it will be held on the third floor of Labor Lyceum.

ANTI-WAR FORUM POSTPONED
The Yipsels have been forced to postpone their Anti-War Forum until the 22nd of April because of unforeseen circumstances beyond our control.

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Southern: James Roslin.
Laureldale: Amos Leshner.
18th Ward: Darlington Hoopes.
West Reading: J. Henry Stump.
Jacksonwald, at Lorah's: Stewart Tomlinson.
Muhlenberg: Jacob Hiestand.
Kenhorst: Discussion.

ONEAL WRITES PAMPHLET ON AUSTRIA INSURRECTION

The Austrian Insurrection is the title of a pamphlet by James Oneal, editor of The New Leader of New York City, in which the author sketches the rise of the Austrian trade unions, cooperatives, cultural organizations and the Social Democratic Party which have been destroyed by a Fascist victory following the general strike last February and the civil conflict that followed it.

Mr. Oneal gives an informing account of the revolution of 1918 participated in by soldiers, students and workmen and the founding of the republic and the terrible economic conditions that faced large masses of the working people in the ensuing years. Austria became a helpless nation dependent upon the Allied victors and yet the labor movement developed steadily despite great handicaps in the post-war years although a chronic crisis gripped the country since the end of the World War. The world collapse in 1929 made the situation still worse and a Fascist movement began to organize to destroy the republic and every phase of the labor movement.

The immediate events leading up to the insurrection are sketched in the pamphlet. The author declares that Chancellor Dollfuss took the course he did in the final weeks before the rising over the objections of leaders of his own party.

The pamphlet is an interesting and informative short account of the most dramatic and heroic battle ever waged in the history of the long struggle of the workers for emancipation.

Fifteen cents for one copy post-paid; \$3.50 for 50 copies, and \$6.50 for 100 copies.

HORRORS

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according to the workers was by paying half-month code rates every two weeks instead of every 15 days. The way they will get it back is explained by Flickinger and Crocker in the following letter addressed to all employees:

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The \$12-per-week workers in the "Berkly" restaurant are unorganized and are therefore doing little more than "pondering" over the question and "cooperating." A number of them miss the loss keenly and have decided to make it up by cutting a week from their summer vacation at the shore.

Swiss Labor Congress Votes For Anti-Hitler Boycott

BERN (T. I. S.)—The triennial congress of the Swiss Federation of Labor was held in the nearby city of Biel in the presence of representatives of the International Labor Office, the International Federation of Trade Unions and numerous other labor organizations. A motion in favor of the boycott of German goods and corresponding resolutions calling for the strengthening of the anti-Hitler boycott measures through organized labor, were carried unanimously. Fascist and other ultra nationalist tendencies in Switzerland were sharply condemned and the importance of democracy stressed "as the only guarantee for the welfare and development of the labor movement."

SOCIALISTS FIGHT ENDING OF CWA

Party Members In Many Cities
Protest Against Adding to
Jobless—Hoan In Washing-
ton

CHICAGO.—Socialists throughout the country are joining their protests to those of other workingclass organizations which are fighting the reduction of employment under the CWA, the party's national headquarters reports.

A mass delegation will go to Washington on Saturday from Socialist and sympathetic groups in New York, Reading, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Chicago, Milwaukee and other cities.

At an overflow meeting held last week in Milwaukee, several thousand workers demanded "jobs, not relief beans," approving resolutions demanding that CWA projects be continued.

Mayor Daniel W. Hoan of Milwaukee was in Washington during the week to urge continuance of government-financed work for the unemployed.

"Unless the unemployed make their demands strongly felt, both by mass demonstrations and by communications to the President and Congress," Hoan said, "present funds will be woefully inadequate to provide jobs. Unemployed engineers should be assigned now, in every community, and paid out of CWA funds, to plan beneficial projects on a large scale. Ten billion dollars is needed for public and civil works, and must be demanded vigorously if the present unemployment crisis is to be averted."

As a result of agitation by Socialists in Marion, Ohio, a proposed reduction in wages of CWA workers, from 50c to 40c an hour, has been indefinitely postponed.

Nazi Morals

BRESLAU (T. I. S.)—The indescribable moral destruction which Nazism brought in its wake, is borne out once more by facts. Nazi criminals have violated and partly destroyed the tomb of the leader of the Socialist Workers' Party, Dr. Eckstein, who was murdered last May in a concentration camp. The tomb of Eckstein's wife, the former Socialist municipal councillor Clara Ziels-Eckstein who died three years ago, was treated in similar vandal fashion. Strict official orders to the press forbid any public mention of the

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matter "in view of unwanted repercussions abroad." Word of the unspeakable deed became nevertheless miraculously known in the workers' quarters and led to considerable excitement and open mutterings which the Nazi authorities preferred to overlook.

Printing trades unionists will note that Harvey J. Kelly, head of the notorious "open shop" section of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, is on the newspaper code authority. Kelly is the specialist who rushes scabs into struck newspaper shops.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOUCHERS REDEEMED

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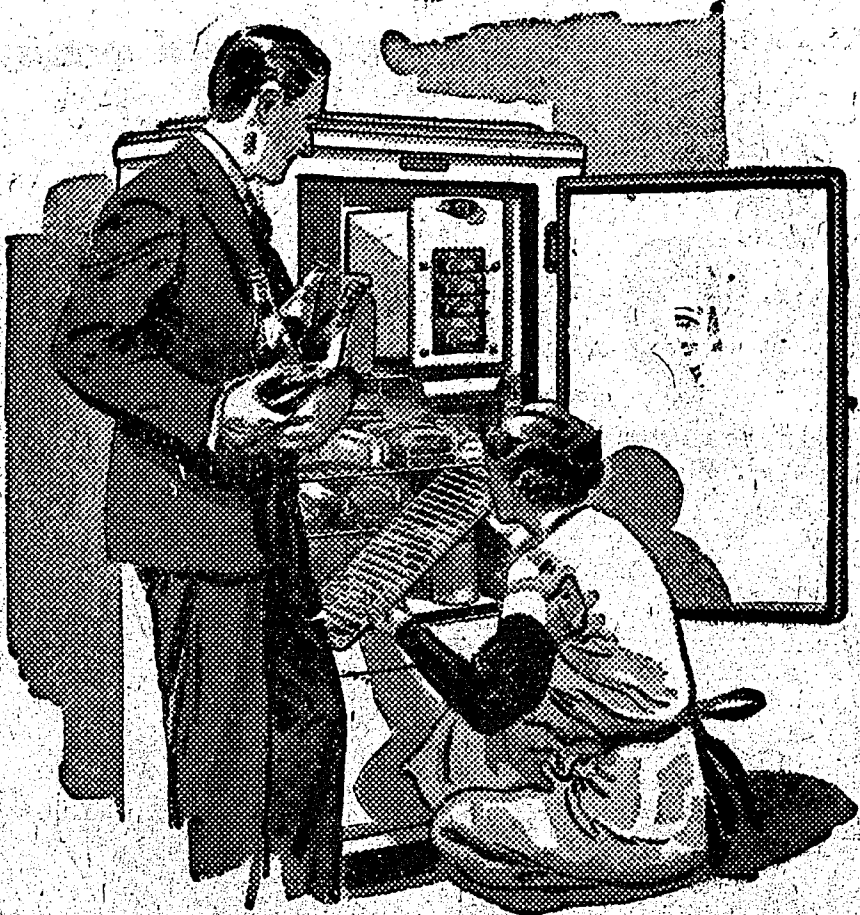
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Holland Issues Peace Stamp

HOLLAND (NNS).—A new peace stamp has been issued by anti-war societies of Holland. The stamp is large, in rose and white, showing a plowman laboring against the back-

ground of an enormous rising sun. Across the sky is the inscription, "Peace," while underneath the stamp reads: "Ignorance is the source of all suffering and strife." The Women's International League in Holland is holding a series of meetings to discuss the real purpose of the Red Cross, with speakers presenting both the militaristic and the non-militaristic aspects of the organization as they see it. One section of the W. I. L. is establishing a fund for the victims of peace—that is, for men and women who refuse to make their living in firms manufacturing war materials, or who are discharged on account of anti-war activities.

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UNIONS REVEAL HOW PARASITES MILK RAILROADS

Loot Taken by Owners Increased Since 1929 While Wage Bill Falls More Than 50 Per Cent

CHARGE FALSE REPORTS

Workers' Representatives Declare Companies Reported Deficit In Year When Profits Totaled Many Millions

WASHINGTON (FP).—Fifteen hundred representatives of the 21 railroad labor organizations, meeting in Washington in special session, have rejected the railroad managers' demand for a 15 per cent wage reduction. They countered with a proposal for the end of the present 10 per cent "deduction" and the restoration of the 1931 wage scale.

In their reply given the managers March 17, the rail unions buttressed their case with four arguments:

1. Railroad net operating income rose 74 per cent in 1933 over 1932.
2. Income to bondholders has increased steadily since 1929.
3. Prices are increasing rapidly.
4. Forty-two per cent of the rail workers earned less than \$100 a month in 1932.

Owners Gain, Workers Lose
Sensational figures on increasing coupon clippers' income from the railroads since the crisis set in are presented in the reply. In each year since 1929, interest payments on a top-heavy financial structure have increased, from \$499,000,000 in 1929 to \$533,000,000 in 1933. At the same time wages dropped from \$2,941,000,000 in 1928 to \$1,404,000,000 in 1933.

"The figures of decreased compensation," states the unionist reply, "only indicate the terrific privations forced upon these railway employees; men earning as low as \$5 or \$6 a week are among those being asked to continue their sacrifices from their pitiful wages to permit improved conditions for the railway bondholders."

Parasites Take Big Grab

The smothering load of bonded indebtedness, "a legacy from the days of festive financing which ended in 1929," demands "drastic action," the unions warn. Because \$500,000,000 a year must be paid holders of railroad bonds, the roads are turning in "deficits" which are purely fictional. "The word 'deficit' is misleading," the unions state. "In 1932 when the carriers reported a 'deficit' of \$133,000,000, there was actually a profit from railway operations of \$326,000,000. In 1933, when the Class 1 roads reported a 'deficit' of \$14,000,000 there was in fact a profit on operations of \$474,000,000."

"No previous national calamity," state the unions, "neither war, nor disease, nor economic decline, has taken such toll from the American people as have these years of suffering (since 1929). The scars left by the depression will never be effaced. The misery of the working people cannot be measured nor described."

Bondholders Protected

"But the railway bondholder has been above the storm. Class 1 railways paid these bondholders in 1929, \$499,000,000; in 1930, \$496,000,000; in 1931, \$518,000,000; in 1932, \$525,000,000; in 1933, \$533,000,000. We have been told that these last two years have been the worst in railroad history, the only two years when so-called 'deficits' were incurred. But these very two years were the harvest period of the bondholder; never before have they taken such toll from the railway industry. And it is more than a coincidence that the worst years in net railway returns were the fattest years for the coupon clippers."

In asking the end of the 10 per cent wage "deductions," the unions point to the rise in living costs and the "reasonable certainty that prices will continue to increase at an accelerated rate."

Low Earnings Cited

A million rail workers are unemployed, compared with 1920, and 400,000 are on part time. The unions cite actual wages. On the Southern, section men got \$5.40 a week in February and if they had worked full time would have made only \$10.80. On the Atlantic Coast Line section men got \$1.70 a day.

Uncle Sam Is Chiseler, P. O. Subs Say



Some 3,000 post office subs marched on the post office in New York to voice the protest which is sweeping the country against the policies of the administration in firing thousands of post office employees, cutting pay, forcing payless furloughs—in making the post office workers pay for the subsidies to the air mail corporations, in short. Similar scenes were enacted in other cities.—(Federated Pictures).

COMPANY UNIONS BOOSTED BY NRA

President Green Traces Bosses' Organizations to Walter Teagle, Oil Magnate, on National Board

WASHINGTON (FP).—Exactly how company unionism was foisted upon millions of workers in the steel and auto industries as the result of the passage of the recovery act was described in detail before the Senate committee on education and labor, March 15, when President William Green of the American Federation of Labor testified on the Wagner-Connelly labor disputes bill.

Green traced the sudden spurt in company unions in August, 1933, back to William C. Teagle, president of Standard Oil of New Jersey and chairman of the industrial relations board of the business advisory and planning council of the department of commerce. Teagle's company, according to one of its own officials, sent no less than 2,000 copies of its employees representation plan and instructions on its introduction elsewhere to executives of other corporations.

This plan, said Green, "is complete even to instructions for a trip around the city and taking a picture at the first district meeting and the menu for dinner." Executives were told to pick out a key employee and have him name two more, they to sponsor the company union plan as their own. This committee arranged for the election together with the firm's president.

Must "Appear" Legal

The fake nature of the company union is given away in the "suggested letter from the president to the department and field managers." "The board of directors," the form letter says, "has authorized the installation of a representation plan in this company." Green submitted to the senators three identical letters, appearing on the letterheads, however, of Continental Can, Illinois Steel and American Steel and Wire, in which the contents of the plan were explained to employees.

In the steel industry, Carnegie Steel, a U. S. Steel subsidiary, modified Bethlehem Steel's company union plan, and that plan has been widely adopted throughout the industry. This company union scheme, like most others, states that the right to hire and fire rests solely with the management. The company union has no right to review the discharge of workers.

Fixing the Records

In February, however, Green related, the steel companies realized that certain features of their representation plan were illegal and so

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT (Continued from First Page)

Raushoff—but then he's a bigger man than Heister.

LETTING WORKERS DIE

Mrs. Lydia Stoudt, aged 68, having spent a useful life as a housewife, and being no longer needed by the master class, obligingly dropped dead last week at a meeting of the Taxpayers' Protective League, of which she was a member. Members of the League report that the Poor Board had refused to give her relief, suggesting, instead, that she sue her children for support. Local relief officials counter with the assertion that they have no record that she ever applied to them for help.

Whatever the true facts may be, from the viewpoint of the master class, Mrs. Stoudt's death was very opportune. It took at least one problem off their hands and, since the masters have no real cure for poverty, that was a "lift."

Our sympathies to the family of the dead woman and to the working-class in general. And our pity and contempt to workers, who can't see the necessity of uniting with the Socialists in their efforts to take over the means of wealth-production and operating them for the welfare of all people instead of for the profits of a few people.

Crucial as it may sound, it is nevertheless true that, in the opinion of labor exploiters, the worker who can no longer be profitably exploited shows great consideration by consenting to starve to death as quietly as possible. Cast-off slaves who complain about their misery may be kept alive with food vouchers, but they are always considered troublesome and unreasonable.

STRONGER BARS NEEDED AT THE COUNTY JAIL

A jail break last week again called attention to the fact that the county officials permitted themselves to be swindled by the contractor who furnished the bars at the new jail house.

How loyal Democrats would have howled if the jail had been built by Socialists instead of under the supervision of their own party misleaders!

It seems to us that prompt and efficient measures should be taken to make the jail as "break-proof" as possible. While a few dumb-bells may break out now and then, the greater danger for the future is that many people will try to break in if living conditions on the outside become much worse. For so crazy is this economic system that criminals get better food, clothing and shelter and a good deal more security in prison than humble slaves on the outside receive.

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NATION AS EMPLOYER IS NRA'S WORST ENEMY

NEW YORK (FP).—"The nation's greatest employer is the NRA's worst enemy. Sins of a Weir or a Budd are trifling beside those of Uncle Sam."

Thus The New York Evening Post starts a page one editorial scoring the federal wage-cutting policy, the discharge of 26,000 postal workers and the putting of 4,000,000 CWA workers "back in the breadlines by April 1."

"Friends of the administration stand appalled at this ghastly contradiction between what it preaches and what it practices," the editorial adds. In the first issue under the new publisher, J. David Stern, was a personal letter from Franklin D. Roosevelt wishing the paper well.

"That the federal government cannot permanently employ 4,000,000 men is obvious," the editorial continues. "That the federal government, still pouring out billions in dolars to Wall Street can well afford to keep them on its payroll for another few months is equally obvious."

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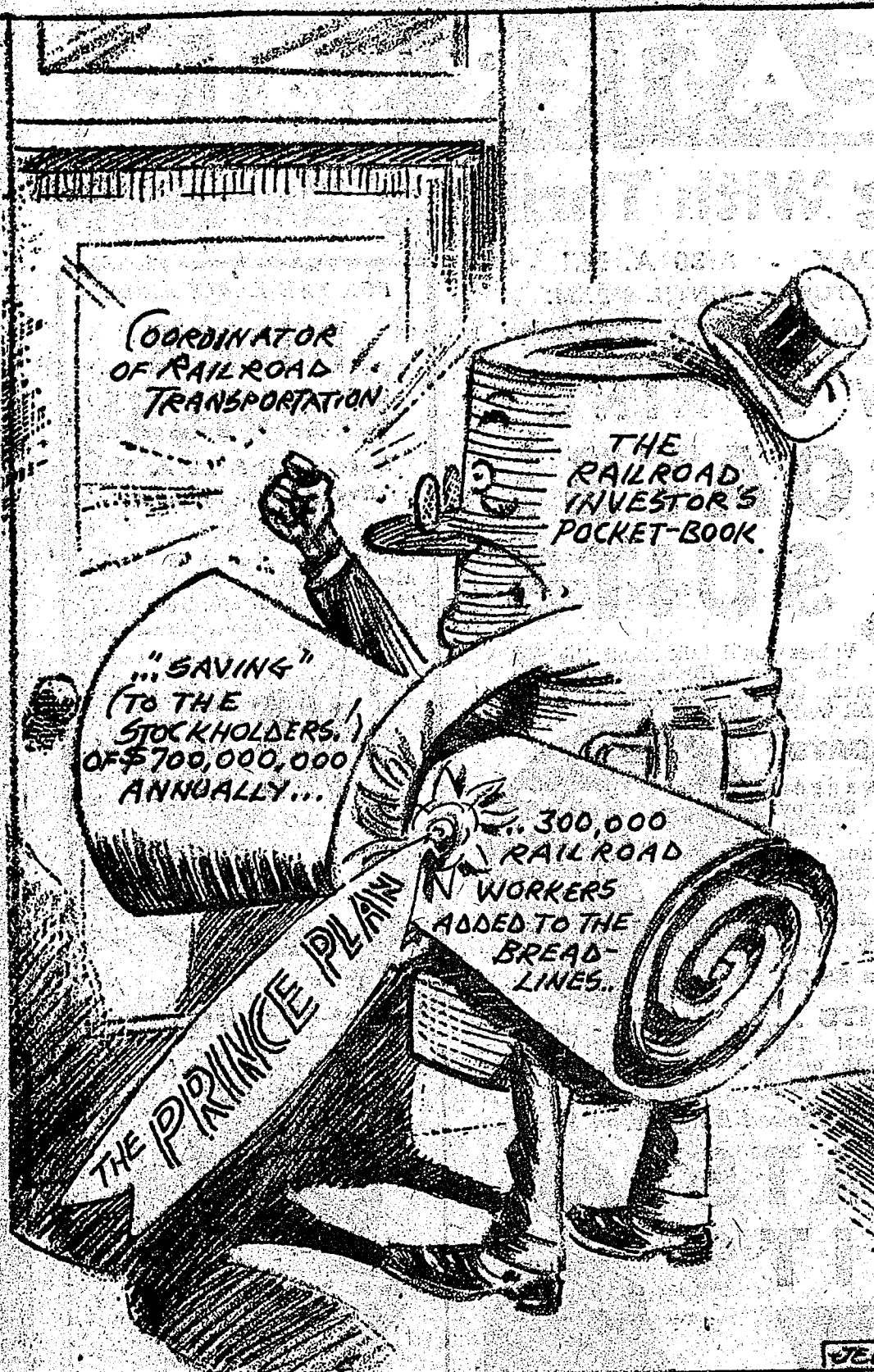
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Marry Or Starve, German Mayor Says

FRANKFURT ON MAON (T. I. S.)—A new ordinance of the Nazi lord mayor which threatens the im-

mediate dismissal of more than 1,000 unmarried city officials and workers, is widely commented here. In order to ward off the threatened blow, these city employees are enjoined to marry as soon as possible and so to "strengthen the New Germany."

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A. F. of L. 1934 Convention Will be Held in Frisco

WASHINGTON.—The 1934 convention of the American Federation of Labor will be held in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif., next fall, and the Whitcomb Hotel will be the headquarters of the Executive Council, Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation, announced on his return to Washington from his trip to the Golden Gate.

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WASHINGTON SCENE

By HARVEY O'CONNOR
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Governmental agencies, astounded by the sudden springtime rise in workers' militancy, are striving desperately to head off the threatened strike of automobile workers. After Gen. Johnson, NRA administrator, had failed to persuade the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce to recede from its refusal to meet with union leaders, Pres. Roosevelt threw himself into the breach, March 20, with an appeal to William Collins, Detroit organizer for the American Federation of Labor, and to Pres. William Green to postpone strike action pending a White House conference, March 22.

Pres. Green responded immediately with an appeal to the Michigan union leaders, meeting in Pontiac on the eve of the strike, to postpone action. Both manufacturers and union officials were scheduled to be present at the White House conference.

With dramatic suddenness the promise of a steel strike also broke upon Washington as indignant representatives of the Weirton Steel workers, flim-flammed by government agencies for six months in enforcement of Section 7a, showed up in the national capital, March 20, with the threat to camp on the White House steps until they get action. In a letter to the President, they asked him to advise all steel workers to strike for immediate enforcement of the law, inasmuch as no federal enforcement agency can get immediate results.

Another group of workers, thoroughly fed up with the delays and evasions of official Washington, deliberately boycotted Gen. Johnson's election at the Budd Manufacturing Co.'s plant in Philadelphia. This notorious case, arising from Budd's refusal to permit the national labor board to hold an election. First, W. H. Davis, national compliance director, ordered a Budd election from which were debarred 800 unionists fired for their faith in Section 7a.

Gen. Johnson, failing to halt the election at the eleventh hour when unionists protested the farce, thereupon ordered another election at which each employee was to divulge his identity in voting. This was accompanied by Gen. Johnson's praise of E. G. Budd's "good faith." The United Auto Workers union ordered a boycott on the election, with the result that only 11 of 6,000 Budd workers voted. Gen. Johnson was denounced by Budd workers as a double-crosser, amid vociferous cheers.

Still another group of workers, hoodwinked for six months by NRA, were promised "action within 36 hours" by Pres. Roosevelt on March 13. These Harriman, Tenn., hosiery workers have waited a week now but the "immediate action" has developed into another legalistic maneuver by Compliance Director Davis in calling the Harriman bosses to Washington for another conference. At the best, his action will only mean removal of the blue eagle.

The railroad workers, a million strong, are another group smarting under the approval given by Pres. Roosevelt to the 10% wage "deduction" which has been in effect the last two years. With prices increasing, the rail workers are pressing forward for wage increases. The President's admonition that the present wage cut should be continued hangs around their neck as a millstone in negotiating higher wages.

The business press has sent up a smokescreen of propaganda about the danger of strikes halting "national recovery." This theme has been played upon by Gen. Johnson, the Automobile Chamber of Commerce and all other forces opposed to militant action by workers themselves. A general strike in the auto industry actually would be the greatest impetus to real national recovery imaginable, if it established unionism in what has been a stronghold of the so-called open shop.

Unionism will result in higher

wages and higher consuming power. The most that can happen to "national recovery" adversely is that auto buyers will merely defer their purchases until the factories get back into production on a union basis.

The one danger is that the auto unions may be maneuvered into a position where they will be on the defensive in ordering a strike. The Roosevelt administration is "on the spot" if its actions result in impeding a strike at the present time, during the peak of the auto season. Manufacturers would like nothing better than to defer the issue of company unionism for a couple of months when the peak is passed, men are being laid off and a strike will be out of the question.

JAP PRINCE TALKS PEACE WHILE U.S. LOSES MARKETS

CHICAGO (FP).—War between Japan and the United States because of competition for markets was discussed before a thousand Chicago business men by a Japanese prince and declared out of the question, except for troublemakers. The speaker, Prince Tokugawa, is president of the American-Japanese Society of Japan and has been making the peace propaganda speeches that usually precede hostilities between rival empires.

Some of the business men are deeply interested in Chinese trade, others would gain by war contracts. "The only time we really made money was during the last war," a maker of heavy machinery recently told Federated Press.

Trade With East Falling
While the Japanese was citing certain figures on the growth of American trade with Japan and even with Manchuria, Chicago foreign trade students recalled the recent consular reports from Manchuria and the statements of experts of the U. S. department of commerce on the way markets are shifting in the far east. American trade with China exceeds that of any other nation but while it was over 25% of the total Chinese imports in 1932 it was only something over 21% in 1933, having fallen from about \$105,000,000 to about \$77,000,000. American exports to Manchuria were \$18,360,000 in 1929 and only \$6,960,000 in 1933.

At the Chicago office of the U. S. bureau of foreign and domestic commerce The Federated Press found the following statements in consular reports:

"American trade is faced with formidable competition (in China) of improved quality and lower prices of Japanese commodities."

In North Manchuria "American and European trade fell off heavily at the expense of increased Japanese commercial activity" in 1933. In motor accessories and parts "Japanese imitated articles were sold at one-fifth the prices asked for American products." The same is true of tires and wearing apparel.

Japan's share of Manchurian imports was 58% in 1932 and 66% in 1933, while the U. S. share went down from 5.9% to 5.5%.

Jap Competition Stronger

Against the bland statement of the Japanese emissary to the business men that "we must not forget the close relations between us on the basis of the most friendly sentiment," they balanced the following statement by Julius Klein, the foreign trade expert under President Hoover, which they found in the official U. S. handbook on China:

"Competition for China's trade has grown keener with every year since the world war."

The situation that is sharpening in the far east is that Japan does not want war so long as she can take over America's markets in Manchuria and China without an open clash. Japan can steadily enlarge her trade in China at American expense and nothing but war will stop her commercial expansion, to judge by the figures on foreign trade gathered by the U. S. department of commerce.

The steadily mounting war preparations by the Roosevelt administration seem to point to a secret decision that it will be better to stop Japanese commercial aggression in China before American trade falls much farther. American business wants more trade, not less.

Labor Church in Wales

CARDIFF, Wales (NNS).—A Labor Church has been founded at Cardiff, with well-known labor men of the community as leaders. One of its five articles of belief makes it a condition of membership "in the event of war not to take up arms, make or distribute material for it, and only as a last resort to defend themselves when invaded."

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CURRENCY TINKERING NO CURE FOR PROFIT SYSTEM

NEW YORK.—A warning that Socialists should not pin themselves down to any "penny-in-the-slot-paradise" type of currency or credit scheme is contained in an article by G. D. H. Cole, famous British economist, in the current issue of the American Socialist Quarterly.

"Our task," says Cole, "is to socialize the machinery of production. We have to make money the servant instead of the master of the economic world, and to rid our minds of illusions that it can possess a creative role. Monetary policy is of primary importance to capitalism, because capitalism makes money instead of goods the object of production. It will become far less important in a Socialist society, in which monetary policy will only reflect and implement the real decisions already taken in the economic sphere."

Other feature articles in the Quarterly include: "Circuses and a Little Bread," a review of Roosevelt's first year written by David P. Berenberg; "Socialism and Democracy," by Andrew J. Biemiller; "The German Catastrophe," by Theodore Dan; "Europe's War Clouds and America's Foreign Policy," by Kirby Page; "The Socialism of the Hopeless," by Haim Kantorovitch; an editorial on Austria, and book reviews of Lorn's "American Federation of Labor," Page's "Individualism and Socialism" and Berenberg's "America at the Crossroads."

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EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

THE AIR MAILS

It is a great pity that apparently someone in the Army told President Roosevelt that army fliers could do what they couldn't do; namely, carry on mail deliveries on short notice in bad winter weather. It is a pity because this mistake will be used to hit public ownership and to defend the kind of profiteering that was carried on by the subsidized air mail lines.

We should remember the facts. It was the government itself which pioneered in opening air mail lines. Only after they were safely developed were they turned over to private companies plus a great subsidy. The policy of the Hoover administration was to encourage the big companies. President Roosevelt did right in striking at this immense system of subsidies to profiteering interests. The unfortunate thing was that his plans for substitute action were not in good shape and that neither Farley nor the War Department seemed to have advised him well. His present plan for turning mail back again to private companies with more competition is not good. Instead the government should set up as a branch of the postal service, under the competent direction of a non-military board, mail and passenger services on air lines. At a time when we are thinking of nationalizing railroads it's an outrage to build up great vested interests in air travel. As for the Army, even militarists might admit that before we keep spending a lot more money on the army we should find out just how well based are its excuses for failure in competence, though not in courage, in the matter of air mail distribution.

THE PARTY'S DRIVE

The deep abiding impression I get from my almost continual traveling is the opportunity we have now for Socialist organization and the desperate necessity for it. We can get the jump on fascism by acting vigorously now. We can't get the jump on fascism unless we have organizers. We can't have organizers unless we have a little money to pay them. Hence the vital importance of the United Socialist drive. Every Local should come through one hundred per cent.

OUR PARTY'S LITERATURE

One cause for encouragement is the improvement in Socialist literature. In this connection I want to say a somewhat belated word of praise for David P. Berenberg's thoughtful, well written, and easily understood text book, "America at the Crossroads." It ought to be of great use in lots of classes. Moreover it's good reading. Especially I want to praise the "American Socialist Quarterly," 7 E. 15th street, New York City. We have long needed such a publication and we have one now of which we need not be ashamed. The current number is of high grade. Every Socialist ought to familiarize himself with the arguments C. D. H. Cole puts forth in his article "Socialism and Monetary Policy." There is a very great danger in a great many parts of the country that monetary reforms or alleged reform will be put in the place of Socialism as it was in the old days of the Populists. In "Socialism and Democracy" Andrew J. Biemiller starts a useful and fruitful line of inquiry, a much more useful line than the dogmatism for and against democracy of which we have been inclined to have too much. The rest of the articles are up to this high standard.

NAKED SPECULATION

President Roosevelt said in his message to congress that "naked speculation has been made far too alluring," so he wants to cover it up to make it more respectable. A thin veil will do. Stock exchanges may continue to operate under restrictions; brokers and lambs may continue to speculate provided they put up larger margins; banks may continue to lend to brokers for speculation; fabulous profits may be made as in the past, but certain practices must be abandoned if the bill introduced in congress by Senator Fletcher passes.

Here are some of the tricks current among speculators that would be outlawed under the new bill: Wash sales; matched orders; combinations or pools formed for the purpose of raising or depressing prices of securities; spreading of rumors involving price changes on the exchanges; dissemination of misleading information regarding any security; payments by manipulators for the dissemination of information favorable to their operation; pegging of security prices; cornering of the

supply of a security; the use of options and trading against options. Presumably all these devices for making millionaires overnight have been permitted in the past or it would not be necessary to legislate against them now.

Brokers are hoping that the Fletcher bill will not have the indorsement of the president; they claim that under it individuals could not recoup the losses sustained during the decline of the past few years. Supporters of the measure say that it strikes at "the system that has given a small and willful group of men control over the properties and savings of the great mass of investors."

Instead of clothing naked speculation in American style, it should be frozen and sent to Russia for burial.—The Arbitrator.

THE "CAPITALIST"

He was sitting on a gatepost idly swinging his legs, a short clay pipe in his mouth. He was, in fact, one of the most disreputable of the species tramp I had ever met.

"Got any 'baccy, mate, and he helped himself so liberally that I was inclined to ask him for the 'fill' and give him what was left in the pouch.

"Looking for work?" I inquired.

"Wot? Me! Why, I gotta job!"

"What doing?"

He pointed with the stem of his pipe to a man who was chopping furiously at a heap of firewood.

"Choppin' wood," was his reply.

"But you're not chopping wood," I said.

"Oh, yes, I am, boss. You see, it's this way. I walks up to this 'ouse and arsts the lady for a bit of scan. 'Well,' a'es she, 'If you'll chop me that heap of firewood I'll give yer five bob and a feed.' Well, there was my poor mate standin' at the gate doin' nothin', and I thought it was a pity to see 'im on the unemployed market; so I hands the job over to 'im, and I'm givin' 'im 'arf-a-dollar for 'imself and keeps the other 'arf dollar. You see, I'm doin' 'im a good turn as well as meself."

"I think you're abominably lazy," I replied. "Why don't you help him to chop the wood and share the work as well as the money?"

"Why should I?" was his answer: "Ain't I doin' wot every other capitalist does—sharin' the reward fer work, and givin' the work out?"

I felt I could not argue further, and went on my way, pondering.—A Digger, in The International, Johannesburg.

THE BURDEN OF THE SALES TAX

"A one per cent tax on retail sales, exempting food, such as that now levied in New York state, means taking \$2.74 per \$1,000 from the thousand-dollar-a-year laborer and 8c per \$1,000 from the multi-millionaire. This means that the farmer is paying a sales tax in this state that is 34 times heavier proportionately than that which the latter is paying.

"The discrepancy in the burden of the tax becomes much more marked when food is included. The burden of a sales tax that includes food is 60 times heavier on each dollar of the scrubwoman's wages than on each dollar of the multi-millionaire's income."—From Where the Sales Tax Falls, by Mabel L. Walker.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By J. I. S.

Labor on the March

The most encouraging development of years is the new aggressive spirit that much of the labor movement is exhibiting. For too long labor has been content with crumbs, and has failed in the signally important task of building up militant and stable mass unions.

These lines are written on the eve of a giant automobile strike, made inevitable by the stubborn arrogance of the feudal lords of industry. The workers asked merely for the right to organize and bargain collectively guaranteed by the NRA, but their masters have too long felt themselves above all law except their own selfish interests.

The struggle in the automobile industry promises to be the most crucial and significant labor battle since the great steel strike of 1919. The automobile workers have never rebelled in such large numbers before, and until a year ago unions scarcely had a foothold in the industry. If this struggle is lost it will likely be years before the organizations of the workers again become strong. Moreover, the country will have seen that industrial lords can successfully disregard the NRA and flout the government and inevitably labor in other industries will be discouraged and anti-union employers given an example they will be quick to follow. If, on the other hand, this basic industry is successfully organized, unions will receive an impetus to their growth that will carry labor organization to a higher level in numbers and strength than it has ever before attained.

The task facing the automobile workers is no easy one. Facing them is a unified group of industrialists with immense resources. The workers, most of whom have been jobless or on reduced earnings for many months, have little in the way of financial resources, and there is a vast number of unemployed in every automobile center. To win a strike under such circumstances will require the heroic devotion of all the automobile workers, and the financial

support of all workers and all friends of labor who are employed.

Meanwhile a struggle is brewing between the railroads and their employees. The railroads, after asking that the workers take an additional cut, now urge them to continue for the rest of the year the ten per cent cut under which they are now working. The railroad workers properly point out that they have borne the brunt of the depression, that the bondholders have not suffered the least bit, that the railroads are in better financial condition than they have been for years, and that living costs are rising.

The government, which is fast giving up whatever sympathies with labor it may have had a year ago, merely asks that present conditions be maintained for six months longer—which means that the ten per cent cut be continued. This is the same government, workers should note, that has just cut the pay of its postal employees, and laid off some thousands of postal clerks who throughout the depression have been treated as badly as any employees of private industry.

In other industries, too, labor is stirring, and some of the CWA employees have given an excellent illustration of what organization and militancy can accomplish. The American Federation of Labor should carefully prepare its plans for a giant organizing campaign this spring and summer, and at the first opportunity amend its rules so that an assessment to build up an adequate fund for strike benefits, can be levied on all employed members. Industrial unions should be organized in all mass production industries, and petty jurisdictional squabbles forgotten for once. Negroes should be organized on a plane of equality with whites, or the Federation need not be surprised if Negroes become strike-breakers. Its past failures will be quickly and gladly forgotten if the Federation throws itself into the struggle with all the energy and all the resources at its command.

It should be apparent by now that the Roosevelt administration will of its own accord give little to labor. What labor gets it must have the strength to take.

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