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PAUPER DOLE LOOMS AS CWA ENDS F. D. R. Recognizes Company Unionism In Auto Settlement

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

ANY PERSON WHO has turned the pages of one of the numerous smut magazines will remember the picture which I have in mind. It shows a tired business man receiving an unexpected visit from his wife. Hubby's facial expression registers alarm, and he is saying, "My gawd, my wife!"

Now those who have not seen this picture may wonder why a visit from friend wife should be so disturbing. Why, instead of "My gawd, my wife," doesn't this business man smile warmly and say, "Good morning, dear"? You know the answer when you see the picture. Hubby is holding his stenographer on his lap.

I AM REMINDED of that picture by the frightened manner in which some of our stand-pat advocates of Capitalist exploitation have reacted to the rumor that Franklin D. Roosevelt is the Kerensky of an American revolution and that a Stalin would soon appear to finish the job in the American way. Why, instead of saying, "My gawd, a revolution," do not frightened lawmakers of the David Reed type say, "It's about time that a revolutionary change was made in this country. We've been going too long on the proposition that the only reason for producing wealth is to give profits to owners. Now let's begin to mine coal to keep homes warm, raise food to feed people and install labor-saving machinery to provide everybody with plenty, leisure and security?"

The reason these senators and congressmen are so alarmed at the mere suggestion that the resources of the nation are to be dedicated to the welfare of the people is—they are holding the parasites and exploiters in their laps.

IT WILL BE interesting to learn how much truth there is in Dr. William A. Wirt's statement to the effect that members of the president's "brain trust" are working for the application of Stalin's policies to American economy. Certainly, if they have the brains they are credited with, these gentlemen ought to be planning to do just that very thing—although I doubt very much that many of them are. For only by dedicating the great resources of the nation to the welfare of the people who inhabit these United States can America lead a march away from impending Fascism and toward a higher and safer civilization.

WHAT ORDINARY AMERICANS need to understand is that Stalin's economic policies could be adopted in America without most of the details which were necessary in the U. S. S. R.

Russia was an undeveloped agricultural nation; our own nation is overdeveloped in industry and agriculture. Stalin finds it necessary to make workers produce surpluses of wealth in order that Soviet industry may be developed. But in America surpluses could be used to advance the living standards of workers. Russia had its revolution as a result of (Continued on Page Three)

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ONLY DESTITUTE JOBLESS TO GET \$12 TOP PAY RATE UNDER WORK RELIEF PLAN

"New Deal" Government to Return Unemployed Millions To Local and State Relief Bodies Under Conditions Satisfactory to Low-Wage Employers—Subsistence Gardens and Odd Jobs to be Solution For Rural Jobless—New Plans Win Approval of Southern Exploiters

By HARVEY O'CONNOR.

WASHINGTON (FP).—After months of experimentation, federal relief authorities have finally fixed the "proper" wage for relief workers. Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, announced March 19 that it is to be \$12 a week in cities. This is low enough so that sweatshop bosses won't complain that their workers are quitting regular jobs for relief jobs. And it is high enough above the \$9-10 cash relief given families to entice men from relief rolls onto work relief projects.

Between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 unemployed destitute workers with families will be privileged to work for the \$12 wage on the new emergency works program which is replacing CWA. The entire CWA program is being dropped March 31, a month ahead of time. The initials "CWA" had become so badly confused in the minds of the unemployed with early promises that CWA would assure a decent standard of living that federal authorities are dropping the title with a sigh of relief.

Local Exploiters In Command
In switching from CWA to emergency works, the unemployed will change their status from federal employees to employees of State and local governments. This brings them more directly under the thumb of local chambers of commerce and politicians who protested bitterly the original federal program of 40-50¢ an hour wages and the original intent to keep relief work out of politics.

The second big change is that only the destitute will be hired. Those will be given preference who have families and no other means of support. In the original CWA program, some 2,000,000 jobs were opened up to the unemployed who had not been on relief rolls.

Peasant Status In Small Towns
For the rural workers a new program is being developed to give them subsistence homesteads and a little cash income from building and repairing houses, schools, and roads. (Continued on Page Seven)

EASTER SALE AT LYCEUM CERTAIN OF BIG SUCCESS

With but two days before Easter, Labor Lyceum is becoming a veritable beehive of activity, with Socialists from all parts of the city and county crowding the first floor to select hollow chocolate Easter novelties at the unprecedented bargain prices quoted by the United Drive Committee.

No less than \$5,000 worth of chocolate and other holiday candies have been disposed of during the past few weeks. However, the prospects for today and tomorrow, when the bulk of the Easter buying will be done, that this total will be more than doubled.

From early morning until late at night, party workers who are co-operating with the Committee will be in attendance. The largest possible selection will be available, so that the most discriminating and exacting buyer will have no trouble in being suited as to quality, design and price. The hollow chocolate sale, the first ever attempted by the local Socialist movement, is destined to be one of the greatest successes achieved in the history of Berks County Socialists. Not only are people carrying the sweets away from the party's headquarters, but party workers in all parts of Reading and Berks county (Continued on Page Four)

PLAN TO RESIST FORCED LABOR ON NEW SET-UP

Taxpayers' Protective League Resolves to Picket Jobs If Wages and Working Hours Are Reduced

CWA UNION DISSATISFIED

Grow Declares Cut In Income Of Unemployed Will Hurt Business All Along the Line

Dissatisfaction with the prospects of reduced earnings and relief cuts when CWA projects are abandoned by the Federal Administration tomorrow is likely to result in mass action to halt work on such jobs as are attempted under the new work relief set-up next week. The plan to place work relief upon the basis of need is especially resented as a "pauper arrangement" by many jobless workers.

That the unemployed workers of Berks are determined to press for at least as high living standards as were enjoyed under CWA was indicated this week by representatives of two organizations. Stewart L. Grow, business agent of the CWA-PWA Workers Union, predicted that many workers will refuse to give service if the relief work allowance falls below the 50-cent rate for labor. At the same time, the Taxpayers' Protective League has already gone on record in a resolution which is aimed at any cut in wages or working hours. "Any cut in wages or working hours after April 1 will be considered an act of sabotage," the resolution reads. (Continued on Page Six)

COMPLAINS OF SAYLOR STORE

Baker at Local Grocery Concern Tells Charlotte Carr He Worked 12 to 15 Hours Daily

Complaint against the labor policies of E. & J. Saylor, local retail grocers, was forwarded to the office of Charlotte Carr, Secretary of Labor and Industry, at Harrisburg, by John Weinmann, 209 South Fifth street.

Weinmann, who stated he worked for the Saylor store for more than a year, first as assistant foreman and, since January 12, as foreman of the store's bakery, declared he was obliged to work from 12 to 15 hours daily for a salary of \$30 per week and that he was discharged a week ago when he asked for payment for five hours' extra service as a decorator of Easter eggs.

Weinmann described wage and working conditions in the Saylor store as "very bad." He amplified his description by citing the case of a fellow worker in the baking department who, he stated, was earning 30 cents per hour. "He is a mature man with a family, but nevertheless the store's manager takes every opportunity to send him home on days when his services can possibly be dispensed with," Weinmann declared.

Earl White, business agent for the Federated Trades Council, who assisted Weinmann in preparing his complaint, stated that the retail stores code calls for a maximum working week of 48 hours, with a (Continued on Page Three)

HOPES OF WORKER UNIONS IN HEAVY INDUSTRIES ARE HIT BY ROOSEVELT PACT

Automobile Strike Appears Definitely Sidetracked, With End of Busy Season Only a Month Away—Steel and Other Industrial Combines Now Gain Legal Sanction For Company Unions Which Already Exist—Wagner Bill Faces Defeat

WASHINGTON (FP).—A staggering blow was struck, March 26, at hopes of the American Federation of Labor to organize the nation's heavy industries when President Roosevelt gave recognition to company unionism in his settlement of the controversy between the newly organized A. F. of L. auto unions and the employers.

LOCAL UNIONS PLAN NEW DRIVE

Rieve Declares Local Bodies Must Undertake Real Responsibility; Conference Appoints Committee of Action

With genuine enthusiasm displayed for bigger, better and more trade unions, and most of the organizations in the city represented, the trade union organization conference went off with a big bang Friday evening, March 23, in the Hosiery Workers Hall.

In opening the meeting the writer, acting as chairman, outlined the purpose of the conference, declaring that: "The employers' constant chiseling and sniping to intimidate the workers made another labor offensive imminent. This is not only a conference for talk, but one for action, and by action is meant a real crusading organization campaign, carrying the gospel of trade unionism to the workers in every shop and mill in all four corners of the county. Finances will be necessary to wage such a campaign and the unions must supply those finances. The size of their contributions will determine the kind of a campaign and what success it will meet with."

Luther (Pat) Adams, president of Reading Branch No. 10, Hosiery Workers Union and representative Ed. F. Callaghan spoke on the need for such a campaign and described the conditions in the hosiery industry and the plans they are proceeding with in order to assure success in the hosiery mills.

Trades Council Will Help
George M. Rhodes, president of the Federated Trades Council, stated "the Council recognized its responsibility to the organized and unorganized workers in the community and accepted that burden. We are glad to undertake this huge job, but we need the union's cooperation to assure its success. It's the duty of all (Continued on Page Six)

LECTURE BY M'DOWELL AT LYCEUM WEDNESDAY

Arthur McDowell, national chairman of the Young People's Socialist League, will speak at the Labor Lyceum, second floor, on Wednesday, April 4.

McDowell, who is traveling from Chicago to New York, is stopping at principal points along his route and delivering lectures on topics of burning interest.

McDowell has, for some years, also been the national director of the industrial activities of the league. He is well informed on all present-day industrial conditions throughout the United States. Next Wednesday's meeting will start at 8 p. m. No admission will be charged; a silver offering will be taken, however. Everybody welcome!

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

RICHARDSON DEMONSTRATES A MARXIAN THEORY

The class will now consider the theory of "Economic Determinism" as expounded by Karl Marx and exemplified by William E. Richardson, Berks County's Democratic and Republican candidate for re-election to the Congress of the United States.

"Economic Determinism" is a high-brow expression which means that peoples and individuals think and act according to the manner in which they make their living. Gangsters call it "figuring the nuts." Congressman Richardson merely explains it as a change of mind.

Here, however, is the demonstration which our Congressman gives to show how "economic determinism" operates:

A week ago he voted against the soldiers' bonus bill. In so doing, he knew he was flying in the face of veteran sentiment. But with the G. O. P. nomination virtually assured him, he felt that he could get away with the coming election. So he called the bonus bill a harsh name. He said it was a "get-the-soldier-vote bill." Moreover, he made a great point of "standing behind the president."

But patriotically standing behind the president became a more dangerous matter during the few days which followed. Another Democrat entered the lists as a challenger for the Democratic nomination for the office which Congressman Richardson holds and wants to keep.

So our congressman began to see things in a different light. Whereas his first vote was guided by a sincere and patriotic desire to keep the budget balanced and stand behind Franklin D., by the time he was put on the spot to either support or annul the presidential veto of the bonus bill, Richardson has been given good reason to act differently.

"After all," thought Congressman Richardson, "the safety of our great nation depends upon the election of good officials. Therefore I will be doing a highly unpatriotic thing if I do anything which will hurt the chances of so good and patriotic a man as I am. I see now that I will not be able to stand behind the president if I am defeated at the primaries. So, in the long run it will be better for Frank if I stay here to stand behind him later on."

Whereupon Congressman Richardson, while not changing his mind about the bonus features of the bill, saw the virtue of voting for the "get-the-soldier-vote" section. As we make our living decides how we think and act. Before the pressure of economic interest nations have fallen, civilizations have been swept into oblivion and—Congressman William E. Richardson, within one short week, has been dislodged from the pedestal of high public service "behind the president."

CLAESSENS GIVES THE LOWDOWN ON RECOVERY

August Claessens, New York City's eloquent little organizer has had the Reading Socialists talking during the past week about his keen and convincing analysis of the "New Deal." In an address in Odd Fellows' hall (Continued on Page Four)

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AUTO AGREEMENT FAILS TO SUIT MANY WORKERS

Rank and File Sentiment Views Settlement as Setback Which Only Delays Final Show-down

RESENT F. D. R. INFLUENCE
Independent Union of Skilled Craftsmen Deplores Action And Launches Campaign For Future Battle

By SAMUEL ROMER.

DETROIT (FP).—The automobile strike has been effectively postponed, apparently, by the peace pact of the White House. But there is little satisfaction over it among the rank and file workers.

General dissatisfaction is expressed but the men are resigned to the certainty of delay in any strike which may eventually come. There seemed little prospect of the outlaw strike predicted for Flint as the auto workers discussed the vague terms of settlement.

Dissatisfaction is not aimed at the union representatives who carried on the negotiations but at the president, who "put the union in the middle," as the men express it. Local union leaders say that Roosevelt weakened the strike movement by his request for delay while the employers' forces were strengthened.

While David Lano, secretary of the Chevrolet local at Flint, says, "We got all we asked for," most of the men consider that President Green's statement that the settlement is a "victory for neither side" is an admission of a defeat for the American Federation of Labor.

Matthew Smith, secretary of the Mechanics' Educational Society of America, has wired Washington that the settlement discriminates against skilled craftsmen and threatens "resistance with the only weapon available." The M. E. S. A., the union of skilled tool and die makers which carried on an effective strike last fall, is expected to push an organization campaign aggressively among the production and assembly line men now, taking advantage of the dissatisfaction among the workers with the Roosevelt settlement.

The M. E. S. A. is already talking a strike to force more representation under the president's plan.

PARTY PAMPHLET DEALS WITH CURRENCY INFLATION

Krueger, Maynard C.: Inflation—Who Wins and Who Loses? (Issues of the eDay Series, No. 4). Chicago: Socialist Party of America, 10c.

Under inflation, says this pamphlet, "prices go up the elevator while wages climb the stairs." And while the farmer is given some help in the reduction of his debts, "inflation will raise both his buying and selling prices and will not eliminate the difference between the two. This means that the farmer would get only a temporary relief from his debts because they would inevitably pile up again." The author is an assistant professor of economics at the University of Chicago who earned part of his college expenses raising prize-winning pigs.

This pamphlet is a broadside against "linking" from the Socialist viewpoint. "Inflation has been tried in practically every country in Europe. It has never succeeded in solving a depression problem." And again, "There is no sound system of money and credit in an economic system which is unsound at its base." He quotes the English economist G. D. H. Cole: "Our task is to socialize the machinery of production, and to bring the fixing of prices and incomes firmly under Socialist control."

Aside from its argumentative passages, the pamphlet gives a very clear explanation, in question and answer form, of exactly how changes in money affect the price level. Such questions are considered as: "What causes inflation? Is it caused by going off the gold standard? What function did gold serve? Is inflation caused by putting more money into circulation? Do increased government expenditures lead to inflation? Can the budget be balanced by inflation? Will the remonetization of silver bring about inflation?"

An official statement of the Socialist Party's executive committee is given as an appendix to the pamphlet.

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ONE YEAR'S FAILURE OF THE "NEW DEAL"

(Speech over Radio at Luncheon of Continental Congress Meeting, Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C., Saturday, March 3rd, by Benjamin C. Marsh, Executive Secretary, People's Lobby, Washington, D. C.)

A year ago the American people swapped office holders, the hungry for the starving.

The President flogged the felons of Wall Street with a feather, but left them doing business at the old stand. We drove the money changers out of the Temple of Wall Street, and they are now at home in Washington.

The President threw away his duty to take over the banking business, when he declared a banking moratorium, and ever since the bankers have been throwing wrenches in the works.

Instead of prosecuting violators of law, the President has promoted hard-boiled business executives to control of the NRA.

The whole purpose of the world-old "new deal" is to protect property holders, big and little, and to skin the producers.

Any person with the brains, not of Harvard or Columbia graduates, but of ordinary common sense, knew a year ago that the only way to increase the consuming power of the American people was to redistribute the national income promptly through taxation, to squeeze about \$150,000,000 of water out of the capitalization of corporations, transfer taxes from buildings and other products of labor to land values, and so cut down prices of land about two-thirds, cut debt and interest rates at least a third, and have the government take over natural resources and natural monopolies, paying the owners only for values they had created.

The Government should also have promptly taken over the purchase, processing and sale to consumers, of all basic farm products. Nothing short of this could honestly be called a "new deal."

Instead of these first essential steps to economic justice and hence prosperity, the Administration has bribed every essential property interest by some sort of bonus, or hand out, at the expense of consumers.

It has fed a lot of starving people, but it has made the semi-starving pay for the food.

It has tried to reduce consumption, so as to keep up and increase rent, interest and profits—most of which go to less than one-tenth of the people.

Washington is today an economic insane asylum, with a smiling superintendent who doesn't know what it is all about.

The Secretary of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration are trying to limit production of cotton, though we could use three million bales more of cotton, a large part of the carryover—to make mattresses for children and adults who lie out the night on rags and boards, and for clothes, if people could buy.

America could consume, if Americans got what they produce, or

would like to, all the milk, eggs, fruits, and vegetables we can produce, and can't export under a decent tariff law. Americans are high-brow enough to prefer food, clothes, mattresses and sheets, to corn bread and sowbello, rags, and board to sleep on.

The program of the Secretary of Agriculture helps speculators in farm lands, not working farmers, nor consumers.

Labor has been coded, but not employed. Not a single code requires enough wages to meet the increased cost of living which the Administration is trying to bring about, most of them are not over two-thirds enough.

The Public Works Administration is a beautiful scheme to give a little employment, and billions of graft to land speculators, the value of whose holdings is increased several times the cost thereof.

The House under the complete control of the Administration, has passed a vicious revenue bill which increases taxes on a few of the wealthy, but reduces them on others.

An honest government would raise at least four and a half billion dollars more by taxes this year, upon concentrated wealth and incomes.

This Administration is borrowing from the rich instead, and issuing countless billions of dollars of additional tax-exempt bonds, the interest and principal to be paid by the poor.

This is what Wilson did to win the war to protect Morgan's investments; this is what Roosevelt is doing to win the fake war against poverty.

A Government can raise as much by taxing the rich individuals and corporations, as by borrowing from them. A Government can be made to do this by an outraged people.

During Morgan's World War, you couldn't protest against the fakers in Washington, if you have any manhood and womanhood you will do it now.

We shall have unemployment and suffering until access to land and natural resources is made free.

CAPITOL RESTAURANTS "CLOSED" TO PUBLIC

WASHINGTON (FP).—As the result of a week-long campaign of liberals and Socialists in Washington to break down color lines in the public restaurants in the Capitol building, all have been "closed" to the public. Prominent signs are hung in front of the eating places, but no one is barred from entering unless he is a Negro.

An employee who served a Negro educator accompanied by well-known Washington personages was fired. Twice Negroes were permitted to eat, but it was because they were so light in complexion, the manager said, that he didn't know they were colored until too late.

The Capitol restaurants are under the control of committees dominated by southerners. Jimcrowsism is more pronounced in the national capital in this administration than at any time since Woodrow Wilson left the White House. No downtown restaurant will admit a Negro, and no government bureau will give him a job above that of elevator operator or janitor.

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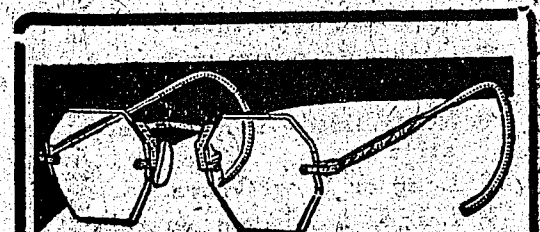
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COMPLAINS

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an economic breakdown which was followed by a brief violent upheaval; America—if the "brain-trusters" are guilty as charged and are permitted to work out their alleged plans—could avoid violence and disorder without placing hungry victims of Capitalism under the heel of an American brand of Fascism.

LET ME REPEAT, I do not believe there is much truth in this charge against "certain brain-trusters," but—isn't it a good idea?

An economic revolution is just what this nation needs. Why should we continue to await the pleasure and profit of a few thousand owners before giving to millions of people the benefits which our national industrial resources make possible in super-abundance? Why should we continue to destroy crops, limit production, haggle about the currency and generally let the nation's people go to hell while an amiable gentleman in the White House attempts to effect an understanding between the racketeers of Capitalism which will enable them to continue to levy tribute from producers?

Why not open the factories and produce? Why not equip the railroads and permit them to transport the fruits of labor to the homes of the American people? What would be wrong with that?

Of course that would be a revolution. But it need not be a violent one. On the contrary, everybody would be immeasurably benefitted except, perhaps, the parasites who are now standing between the great mass of Americans and their means of making a living. And, I suspect, even the present owners of industry and dictators of finance would be better off if they lived in a world which would be free of the poverty, graft, hatred and wars which Capitalism breeds.

FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES ARE needed. Perhaps college professors have come to realize that the old economic machine cannot be tinkered into action and are trying to build a new machine. But only by planting the new industrial mechanism on the firm basis of social ownership and democratic management can it be made to function without the jars and knocks of Fascist autocracy.

And just this in conclusion: If workers want to emerge from the economic collapse with their political liberties intact they had better be careful what kind of lawmakers they elect. Not "My gawd, my wife," but "Welcome!" is the proper greeting for the people's representatives to give to any plan which will end the exploitation of workers by owners.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR BIT?

These are days when every Socialist should be on the job doing everything possible to boost the Socialist cause and spreading the Socialist gospel.

These are days when every Socialist and every Unionist should be preparing for the great opportunities that lie ahead. There can be no doubt that American workers are awakening from their long slumber.

Starvation codes, outright betrayal of Labor by General Johnson and Labor Boards, the ending of CWA and back to "Relief" is evidence that the New Deal is not helping the workers.

Fusion of the two old political parties in Berks cannot indefinitely fool the workers, nor can boss-controlled company unions.

Even though many workers are still misled by ballyhoo and bunk, even though many are yet in the fog of the New Deal, they are slowly coming out of it.

It is therefore our job to reach these people. **WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP? WHAT CAN BE DONE?**

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quota on the 1934 United Socialist Drive, according to Mattie deHaan, assistant drive director. A \$100 check from local Louisville put the state "over the top."

Over \$3,500 has been sent in to the national headquarters so far as the national organization's share of the drive. The arrangement is that locals keep 45% of what they re-

ceive for their own work, send 10% to their state office and 45% to the national office.

So far contributions have been received from thirty states, but news of drive activities indicates that every state in the union will make some contribution. Wisconsin has contributed about half of the receipts so far, with Massachusetts, Illinois,

Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Missouri, respectively, claiming the next five places.

After all, the easiest way for a man to protect his home is to marry the right kind of girl.

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EASTER SALE

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are taking orders from their friends and neighbors.

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members of the committee worked without ceasing for the past two weeks. But the committee could not have made a great success it did without the help of many comrades. When we make our final report we will again demonstrate what can be accomplished by an organization when every member does his or her bit."

Seltzer issued a warning to buyers to make their purchases today if at all possible. "The manufacturers from whom we are getting our stock are not producing Easter goods in excess of the season's demand. By waiting until the last minute it is just possible that buyers will find the selection restricted. Buy Friday or as early as you can on Saturday," he advised.

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WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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last Sunday, Claessens pictured the actual loss of purchasing power as a result of price increases which far overbalanced the meagre wage advances given to the great mass of American people. "Recovery will not come until hours are drastically reduced and wages raised at least 200 or 300 per cent," the New York speaker declared.

A point which every worker should bear in mind is Claessens' statement that "the boss hasn't laid you off because he likes to." As the speaker declared, every business would like to hire (and profit from) many workers. But the trouble is that Capitalism simply CAN'T work under old principles. The time has come when industry must operate for the benefit of the people or it won't operate at all. It's pleasant to put individuals on the pan, but workers are themselves to blame for their sad fate. They must criticise themselves and do something for themselves by uniting their economic and political power.

THE WORKER WHO CRASHED THE WHITE HOUSE

There was a young man from Berks Co., Who said, "to see Roosevelt I'll go," The alienists said, "We'll examine his head, For he thinks what F. D. says is so."

WORKING FOR GLORY, NOT FOR GAIN

Folks who still believe that all incentive for personal effort would pass away if the profit motive were removed under a Socialist state ought to take a lesson from the Reading High basketball team.

The youngsters are up in front right now, battling for a state championship as a result of a season of very hard work. In this case the work is called "play," but that's only because the youngsters are working for glory and not for personal gain.

Sometime, when civilization is advanced to the point where the matter of sufficient food, clothing and shelter for everybody is no longer a problem and when humans work together like a basketball team for the common good, a wiser and better race will look back at this period of graft, greed, competition, wars and poverty in the midst of plenty as a very curious epoch.

The fact that the boys can be trained to do their level best for nothing more than cheers and a felt letter is ground for hope that mankind has not yet reached the heights to which it is destined to climb.

EFFICIENCY IS NOT EVERYTHING

We learn that in far-away New Orleans the Socialist movement there is pointing to Reading's Socialist administration as an example of efficiency in city government.

We are proud to serve as such an example, especially since our officials actually did show that ordinary workers with intelligence and fidelity to duty can make mighty good and efficient public officials.

However, we would once again warn workers everywhere against putting too much stress upon ABILITY and too little on PURPOSE. The greatest claim which Socialists can make for the support and co-operation of workers is not based upon HOW they use power; far more important is the question of WHY and FOR WHOM do they use their power.

Capitalists are also efficient. It was under Capitalism that this nation was transformed from a barren waste to a great industrial state. But the efficiency of Capitalism is for a master class, while the efficiency of Socialism is for the benefit of all workers. It is that difference of PURPOSE between Capitalism and Socialism which explains why, although millions of workers co-operated to develop this nation, it is actually owned and controlled by and for the profit of a very few parasites.

Socialists can make good. But even their failures are more valuable to workers than the successes of the Capitalists possibly could be. For by their failures workers will learn to succeed. And success under Socialism will be shared by all instead of monopolized by a few.

FARMER-LABORITES READY FOR SOCIALISM

An Associated Press item tells us that the State Convention of the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota has adopted a platform which asserts the failure of Capitalism and calls for the building of a Socialist co-operative commonwealth.

That is good and important news. Up to the present time, too many workers' groups have dilly-dallied with the slavery of Capitalism. Instead of stressing the demand for the abolition of exploitation, they merely sought to make Capitalist slavery

more bearable by padding the chains with velvet reforms.

The time has come for all workers to turn their activities toward the business, not of winning concessions, but of abolishing Capitalism. If all we want are concessions, we can even get those the faster by threatening the destruction of the owners' grafting game. As the hosts of labor advance the parasites will concede more and more in order to satisfy mighty Labor and retain their own class privileges. While workers will and should continue to fight for more and more economic justice under Capitalism, they should never lose sight of their goal—which must be to END CAPITALISM!

HOPES

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with express approval of the White House. Their main concession was the creation of an NRA board of three to supervise representation in the works councils and to consider cases of discrimination against union workers. This board is to be named by Gen. Johnson, who himself termed the instances of discrimination as "nothing at all."

Company Unions Sanctioned
Roosevelt's settlement performed the happy task of solving the company union problem in the auto industry to the Nat'l. Automobile Chamber of Commerce's satisfaction and apparently of heading off what appeared to be an historic strike. If the strike had been called, the Administration feared that it would start a gigantic wave of strikes that might settle once and for all the question of unionism vs. industrial feudalism. Fortunately for the Administration, that has been avoided.

There is now no possibility of a strike in the auto industry for another year, as the season will decline within a month and tens of thousands will be discharged. If the Roosevelt formula is applied to the steel industry, it is expected to "jell" the present situation in which company unions are still dominant.

Blow at Wagner Bill
Pres. Roosevelt's interpretation of Section 7a completely sustained the position taken for months by Gen. Johnson and Donald Richberg, NRA chief counsel, and overturned the position established by Sen. Wagner's national labor board. The President states that workers may organize into as many unions as they please within a plant, and each had tried to establish the rule that the majority of employees has the right to speak for all.

As if to underline his view that company unions are not illegal or contrary to Section 7a, Roosevelt expressly stated that the "government makes it clear that it favors no particular union or particular form of employee organization or representation."

Must Reveal Union Members

On the bitterly contested point of disclosing union membership rolls to employers, the President ruled that the NRA board of three, one an employers' representative, is to have access to "all lists of claimed employee representation." Regarding discrimination he stated that "in cases where no lists of employees claiming to be represented have been disclosed to the employer, there shall be no basis for a claim of discrimination." In other words, the hundreds of workers fired for union activity have no "basis for a claim of discrimination" because the unions hitherto have refused to divulge their members' names to the employers.

Pres. Green of the A. F. of L., explaining why he had accepted the settlement, asserted that the President had insisted on it. He referred to Roosevelt's "iron hand" at the force which kept the conferences going until a settlement was reached. Several times William Collins, in charge of auto organization, for the A. F. of L., asserted that he held himself "at the command of the President."

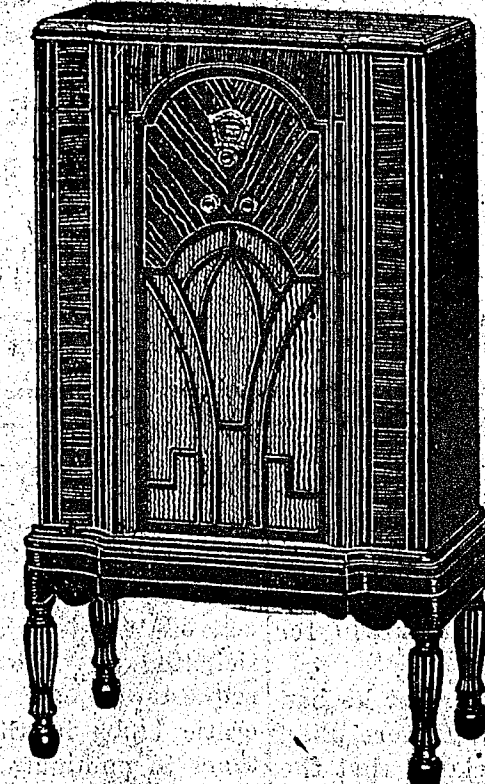
Masters Are "Grateful"
Alvin Macauley, chairman of the board of the Nat'l. Automobile Chamber of Commerce, said: "We are very grateful to the President and to Gen. Johnson that they have been able to find a settlement in accord with the principles in which we believe."

The main A. F. of L. demand, for recognition of the union representing a majority of workers in a plant, was rejected in the settlement. Other demands for wage increases

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and curtailment of hours, were dropped early in the negotiations. The NRA board of three to supervise setting up of works councils, has no power to hold elections in the plants, a point demanded by the unions. It can merely examine conflicting claims of unions and company unions.

GEORGE WHITE'S SCANDALS OPENS AT EMBASSY

Bigger, better and more magnificent than any of the productions that have annually amazed Broadway's musical playgoers for the past fifteen years, George White's Scandals, is to have its first screen premier at the Embassy Theatre starting Friday. Nothing more stupendous, more entertaining and more interesting could have been procured for Easter Week at the Embassy. Incidentally Reading's largest and most comfortable theatre will celebrate its third birthday and George White brings the Scandals for the anniversary event.

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CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LABOR LYCEUM

All card players be at Labor Lyceum, Saturday night. Good competition is promised as extraordinary hand-made goods made by Central Branch women will be the prizes.

Those who are buying their Easter candies at Labor Lyceum Saturday afternoon need not go home to eat as a high quality supper will be served starting at 6 p. m. Card playing will start at 8 o'clock.

CENTRAL WOMEN, ATTENTION!
Central Branch women will hold a social night, at Labor Lyceum, Friday night, March 30 (tonight). All branch members are urged to attend. Supper will be served at 6:30. Come and have a good time.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT WEST READING

A card party, to which all readers of the Advocate are invited, will be held at the headquarters of the West Reading Socialist Branch, 233 Kline street, Saturday, March 31, at 8 o'clock. Two fine prizes to each table. Fine Easter lunch will be sold at reasonable prices. All welcome.

NO CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

Because of the crowded condition of the hall, which is now being used for the storage and display of Easter novelties, there will be no card party at 1811 North Ninth street, Saturday night. All patrons of the Northeast Women's group will please note and watch this column for future announcement.

AFTERNOON CARD PARTY NEXT WEDNESDAY AT N. E.

Card players are again invited to another of those delightful afternoon parties next Wednesday, April 4, at 2 p. m., at 1811 North Ninth street. The Dead-a-Day Sewing Circle of the Northeast Women will be in charge. Fine prizes will be awarded.

LOCAL BERKS

April 5th is the date for the next meeting of Local Berks. All comrades should attend and help with the important work that is planned for the coming months. The United

Drive, National Convention, Socialist Bazaar and other activities. A good attendance will show interest. Will you be there?

MOHNTON-CUMRU WOMEN

The women of these branches will hold all further meetings at Comrade Rickenbach's home in Penwyn. The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 5, at 8 p. m. Stewart Tomlinson will be the guest speaker and members are urged to attend and bring their neighbors.

QUARTERLY REPORT

Branch secretaries will please send in their quarterly reports in time for the organizer to make a membership report to Local Berks on April 5th. Many new members have been added to the various branches and it is important that our office records are up to date. Your co-operation is needed, secretaries.

HYDE PARK

Hyde Park has changed its meeting night to Wednesday. This will enable them to assist Temple comrades to build their branch and carry Temple for Socialism. The Temple Branch will continue to meet Monday evenings and all members of the branches will please note the change and attend their meetings. Team-work counts.

NOTICE BAND MEMBERS

There will be no band rehearsal on Wednesday of next week. Gordon McLean has kindly consented to waive his claims on the hall for this night so that Arthur McDowell, of the YPSL, might speak. Please do not report.

YIPSEL NOTES

Art McDowell, national chairman of the Young People's Socialist League, will be in Reading on Tuesday, April 3rd. He intends to talk of the various problems that face the organization today. He will speak at a combined meeting of Circles 6 and 7.

All other Yipsels, who are interested in the welfare of the organization are urged to attend. Be there!

The educational director is extending an invitation to all persons who wish to attend the study classes. Although the class is rather far advanced we will welcome any person who would like to listen in on the discussion. The class is held every Monday night at 8 o'clock, third floor Labor Lyceum.

We have been forced to postpone the Anti-War Forum that had been

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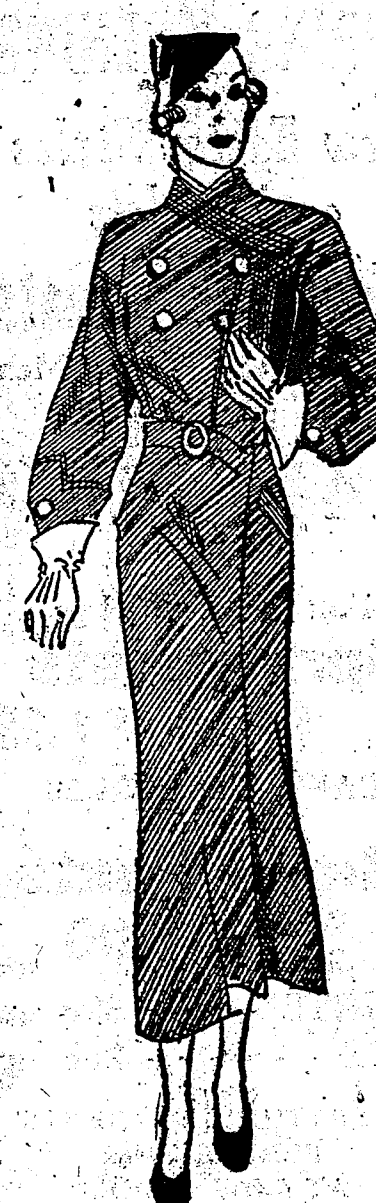
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LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By LARRY ROGIN

Easter vacation has interrupted the Labor College classes for a week, but they will get back to work as soon as the school buildings reopen. The Wednesday morning and evening classes will start work again on April 4. The Monday night class starts the following week, on April 8.

The class in public speaking, held on Tuesday nights, is determined not to miss a night's schooling whether the public schools are open or not. They will meet next week at the headquarters of the Federated Trades Council, 705 Walnut street, at the usual time, 7:30. Newcomers will be very welcome.

Dance, a Success

The Labor College dance held at Bach's dance hall was a success, from all points of view. Those who were present danced to a fine orchestra, on a good dance floor, enjoying the comfortable surroundings. Many not interested in dancing enjoyed the card playing and the prizes that were awarded. Thanks are due to Socialist Women's League, who furnished the cards and card tables, to the many students who donated prizes, to Mr. Bach, who allowed us the use of his dance hall, and to the orchestra under the direction of George LaPishe who played for us, as well as to the many others who worked hard to make the dance a success.

ist women members of parliament and of the Vienna municipal and provincial councils have been thrown into horribly overcrowded cells and treated like common criminals. World protest has caused authorities to grant them some of the privileges of political prisoners but the threat of concentration camps is still held over them. House to house searches for more victims continues every day.

Emmy Freundlich, president of the International Women's Co-operative Guild, and a Socialist member of the Austrian parliament, is among those jailed with no charges against her. She is a member of the supervisory committee of the Austrian co-operative union, was sent as government delegate to the 1927 economic conference at Geneva, and elected vice-president of the international conference. Now the government has thrown her behind the bars although it cannot even think up a charge against her.

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"The Socialist Party of Oklahoma reaffirms its allegiance to the principles of Socialism and pledges itself to use all the power of the state and all the powers of the workers and farmers organized on the industrial and political field, to abolish capitalism and establish the workers' co-operative commonwealth in the State of Oklahoma now.

"As an immediate program to this end the Socialist Party of Oklahoma proposes:

"(1) A system of social insurance to give security to the aged, sick, injured and other dependents;
"(2) That occupancy and use shall be the only title to land, all mineral rights reserved to the state;
"(3) That rent, interest and profit be abolished;
"(4) That every person shall have educational opportunities in accordance with his capacity to learn, and that all educational facilities shall be free."

She isn't really a hopeless old maid until almost anything a man does seems an insult.

One way to meet prominent people is to get a job with a collection agency.

ASK WORLD PROTEST FOR VIENNA WOMEN SOCIALISTS

WASHINGTON (FP). — Only strong pressure from the rest of the world on Austrian embassies and on Chancellor Dollfuss will prevent the sending of Socialist women leaders to concentration camps, according to the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. All Social-

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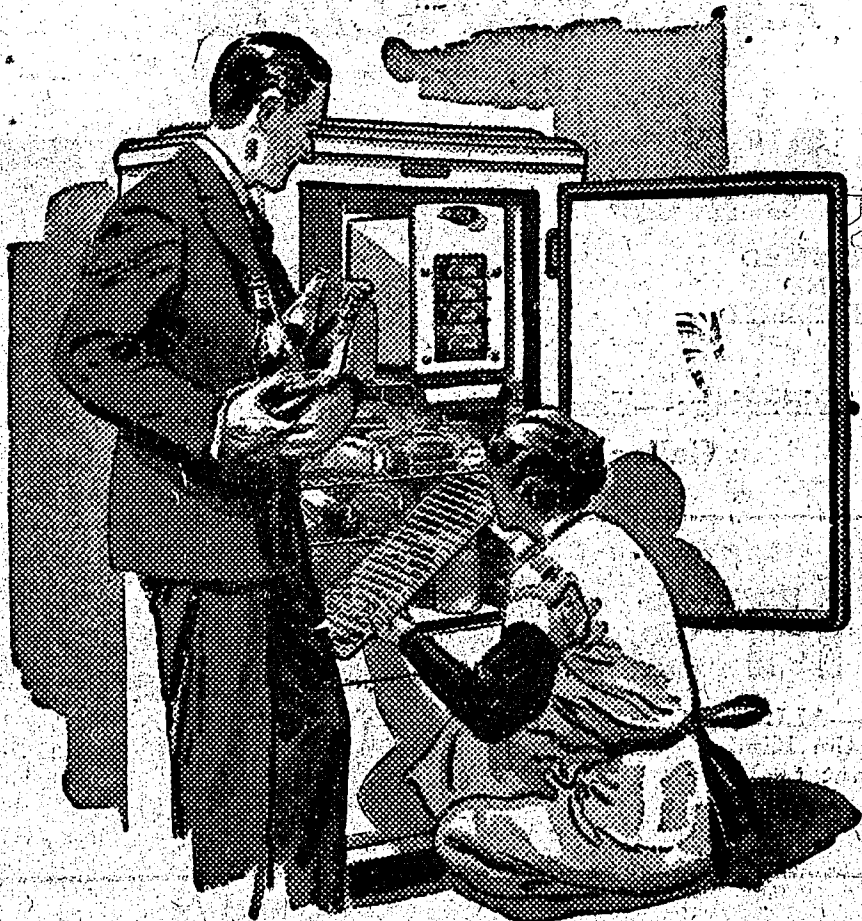
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LOCAL UNIONS PLAN

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union members and their friends to accept a few of the thousands of chores in such a job. Labor has lived through a winter of challenges from organized capital, but not without suffering some losses. That is manifest upon the balance sheet by the losses we sustained since the hysteria from the big push of last summer has abated. The Council

and I stand ready to assist anyone who desires to help themselves," Rhodes concluded.

In the absence of Leo Kryczki, Amalgamated Clothing Workers' organizer, who was detained on a huge strike situation in Morgantown, W. Va., Emil Rieve, Hosiery Workers Union President, was the principal speaker.

Rieve Praises Local Body

"You here in Reading in the Federated Trades Council are progressively outstanding in your action of undertaking this union drive," Rieve declared. "You are doing it with justice, for the reason that with all the demands made upon the International Unions by unorganized workers for organizers' assistance it is a physical and financial impossibility for any union to meet that demand. With the National Unions' inability to fill the bill, the Central Labor Union all over the country must undertake the work. That requires organization, planning, aggressive leadership, and above all, individuals who can accept responsibility."

"From my observations in getting about the country, uprisings such as took place here last summer must be expected."

"Everyone is hopeful of the Wagner bill passing. I am for it, if for

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By JOHN PAINE,
Federated Press

A painting, To the memory of P. T. Barnum, is being exhibited at Rockefeller Center. Barnum always declared that there was one born every minute.

Hail the Auto Industry

Three cheers for the patriotic auto industry.

Forced to accept a code work week of 35 hours by the great unemployment in the industry, it kidded Gen. Johnson into allowing an increase to 40 hours and then patriotically cut the work week to 36 hours.

So here's an orchid, auto makers. You get a slightly longer week and a lot of free blarbs. You're welcome to this one.

The German workers surely have much to thank Hitler for. He has decreed that workers must play more golf.

Of the \$100,000,000 1933 government seed loan to farmers, only \$73,000,000 has been repaid by Jan. 1.

At that, the farmers aren't nearly so bad as the banks and railroads which got loans from the R. F. C.

Birds of a Feather

A. Mitchell Palmer, premier red-hunter during the war hysteria period, has been hired to defend the guy who offered to trade 700,000 suits of underwear, bought previously for 14¢ each from the government, for \$8,000,000 worth of other army equipment when the C. C. C. was in a jam for supplies.

It seems that Florida, after seven lean years, is coming out of her real estate slump.

The U. S., on that basis, has three long years to go.

All is not rosy and unanimous in the Roosevelt family.

Son James opposes the child labor amendment, which all other members have enthusiastically endorsed.

Queen Mary of England bought only three pairs of woolen drawers for King George at the recent British Industries Fair.

That, we take it, is what's wrong with the British underwear business.

Signs of the Times

Instead of each cabinet member giving a dinner to President and Mrs. Roosevelt, they pooled their resources and gave one big dinner at the swank Mayflower Hotel in Washington.

The CWA cost some \$200,000,000 a month; would cost \$1,600,000,000 for eight months.

Under the new plan which is to replace the CWA, \$500,000,000 has been allotted to run the program eight months.

Seems that there'll be a deficit in purchasing power of about \$1,100,000,000.

That's the way to make the wheels of industry hum, all right!

Left-Handed Humor?

Said Administrator Johnson after his recent 5-ring gripe session on the NRA: "We are immensely pleased with what has happened here."

Now that the last link between the NRA and the National Labor Board has been severed, we can look forward to great things!

And how! New members to the board include a tobacco tycoon, a lawyer, a food packer, a stationery manufacturer, and Gerard Swope, General Electric president, author of the famed (?) Swope plan of company unionism.

War Hurts Kaiser at Last

The threats of "hanging the Kaiser" after the war have started to come true.

At least, reports from Doorn say that the depression which was caused by the war has the poor old Kaiser's fortune down to \$17,500,000.

How the NRA Affects Earnings in Chiselers' Companies

E. T. "Shoot-a-Few" Weir, lamenting in his annual report that strike conditions interfered with earnings in 1933, reported that:

National Steel earned \$1,662,000, or 77¢ a share, in 1932.

National Steel earned \$2,812,000, or \$1.36 a share, in 1933.

Signs With Union

CLEVELAND. — The Joseph & Feiss Co. has signed an agreement with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. This concern has always been open shop but persistent efforts of unionists and the NRA finally gained a contract after a strike.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By J. I. S.

THE FRUITS OF FASCISM

The Austrian and German people are now eating the bitter fruits of the capitalist reactionary dictatorship represented by Fascism. The new constitution prepared by the Austrian government is as autocratic a document as could be imagined. Only the government will be able to initiate legislation, and the advisory councils whose opinions will be asked will consist, besides persons hand-picked by the government, of churchmen and business and professional. The sole function of the workers, the farmers, and the middle classes will be to obey.

In Germany, the political rights that were lost a year ago are now matched by economic suffering. The Hitler government, with no program for economic improvement other than the sort of public works upon which both Hoover and Roosevelt relied in this country, have drastically limited imports in an effort to preserve Germany's gold reserves. The inevitable result will be a lowering of the standard of living of the German masses, which is already scarcely above a subsistence level.

Signs are not lacking that Fascism has shot its bolt, and that it will be limited to those countries in which it now holds sway. Elections in England, in the Scandinavian countries, and in the Argentine show the Socialist vote heavily increasing, with Fascist candidates in those countries in which they can get negligible votes. The success of the Nazi and the Heimwehr in Germany and Austria prove only that a sufficiently emotional and demagogic appeal will sweep half-starved and dissatisfied people into a movement of blind protest, without knowing or even caring about the political program of that movement.

It is now apparent, however, that the deluded Germans and Austrians who joined the Fascist horde have merely forged the chains that bind them in a slavery from which war seems to offer the only hope of escape. Loss of democracy and of all civil rights, the crushing of all unions and of all other independent organizations, a lower standard of living with no hope for the future, a blind and narrow nationalism that leads inevitably towards war—these are the fruits of Fascism.

WAGES AND JOBS

After nine and a half months of the NRA, the number of jobs in the country is just about a million more than when the act was signed. This number is negligible, when one remembers that the NRA objective was to return 6,000,000 to employment within less than three months. England, without benefit of such legislation, has made greater progress in solving its unemployment problem, and several other nations have likewise surpassed our achievements, even if they failed to match our ballyhoo.

Despite all the talk about higher wages, the sober facts are that total payrolls in the country are just three-fifths of what they were ten years ago, and that only three-fourths as many persons have jobs. The standard of living of the American workers is actually less than it was last June, for the rising cost of living has outstripped the very moderate rise in weekly wages.

Meanwhile the Roosevelt administration goes steadily to the right. While lecturing private employers on the necessity of increasing employment and raising wages, it abolishes the Civil Works, depriving upwards of 2,000,000 of all their income, and putting the remaining 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 back on the charity level of bare subsistence. At the same time it lays off some thousands of the regular clerks and carriers. While doing this, however, it can appropriate more for naval armaments than we have ever spent in a year of peace, and approve the Vinson bill permitting a vast building program that will cost about a billion dollars.

PHILIPPINE FREEDOM

The sordid record of the United States in its dealing with the Philippines remains unimpaired even in the final granting of freedom. We took the island as part of the booty of the war with Spain, while we grandly proclaimed the purity of our motives. For thirty-five years we held the island for selfish reasons, though the Filipinos desired freedom. Now at last we set them free—not as an act of justice or in an effort to help them, but primarily so that our sugar producers may be free of Philippine competition. While giving them freedom we crush their economic life, which has been built up on a basis of free trade with the United States.

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PLAN TO RESIST

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denied to the extent of picketing any job, or we will use any means in our power to keep workers off the job," the T. P. L. resolution reads.

Viewed as Real Patriotism

Clarence Eisenbise, executive secretary of the League, stated his belief this week that the most patriotic thing which workers can do at this stage in the depression is to resist a lowering of living standards for the millions who have been cast out of private industry.

"The president has stated that recovery can be achieved only by increasing purchasing power," Eisenbise pointed out. "The millions who are unemployed have never received sufficient relief, either directly or by wages under CWA. Nevertheless, the effect of CWA was noted in the increased purchases which resulted. To give the jobless lower incomes now will be to deepen the depression and retard recovery."

All Interested, Grow Says

Grow declared that relief cuts will have an effect upon all classes of citizens. "Even those with jobs and especially merchants with whom the unemployed deal should be interested in seeing to it that the unemployed shall not have their buying power reduced," Grow said. "By making the living standards of workers high, orders on industry will be increased; more workers will be given jobs and merchants will sell more goods. To cut the unemployed is certain to hurt the working class all along the line."

Raises Forced Labor Issue

Grow also declared that his organization will be on the lookout against forced labor of any kind. "It remains to be seen whether an attempt will be made to compel the unemployed to work by withholding their vouchers. If that happens, and especially since relief is to be placed upon the basis of destitution, it will be forced labor and should be protested," Grow stated.

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BIG PROGRAM

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getting a Russian movie, "Potemkin," a 5-reel picture about the Russian revolution of 1905.

There will also be a 2-reel comedy. This will be followed by mass singing and a concert by the Socialist orchestra.

An interesting event on the Bazaar program will be the awarding of a "Copeland" or "Norge" electric refrigerator as the grand prize. The award will be made on Saturday night, April 14, at 11 o'clock.

Various womens groups and the Yipsels are assisting the committee to make the Bazaar a success. The Northeast Women have charge of the ice cream, the Northwest Women the cakes, the Southern Women the candy, Central Women refreshments, Women's League fancy work and novelties, and the Yipsels fruit. These groups are working like blazes to put the Bazaar across, but they need the help of every Socialist.

Ticket Sales Urged

Tickets must get out and be sold. Socialists are being urged that this is done at all branch meetings from now on until the Bazaar. Tickets are only fifteen cents for which every body will get several dollars' worth of fun and a good time—besides they will be helping to raise funds for the campaign to whip Fusion this year.

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THE ADDED BURDEN



WHEN CWA WORKERS VISITED WASHINGTON

By CHAS. McDONOUGH
Member-United-CWA-PWA-Union

Two groups, one representing the United CWA and PWA Workers of Berks and the other representing the Taxpayers' Protective League, were met at the Union station plaza on Saturday morning by groups from Washington, Baltimore, Camden, Philadelphia and New York City. The parade lines were formed and at 10:30 a. m. the march started up Constitution avenue to the Capitol, around the Capitol and out Pennsylvania avenue to the White House where a halt was called for ten minutes. At this time the workers made their demands known and I am sure the President, if he was in the White House, heard what the workers think of the new plan.

The parade then proceeded to the CWA administration building where they were addressed by one of the leaders of the New York group who reported what had transpired up to that time in the conference that was being held in the office of Harry L. Hopkins, CWA administrator.

It was disclosed that Hopkins, at first, had refused to see the committee. Later he agreed to see the marchers' representatives but refused to permit the press to sit in. The committee refused to agree to this, declaring their business was news for all the people. Finally Hopkins agreed to an interview with the press in attendance.

Thomas Heads Marchers
The workers represented in this committee numbered twenty-five and were headed by Norman Thomas, Socialist Party leader, who was elected speaker. Stewart L. Grow, business agent of the United CWA and PWA Workers of Berks County, was one of four others appointed as speakers for this group.

The report was not at all favorable to the workers, Hopkins insisting that he could do nothing to change the plan and that it was up to the president to decide. The president was too busy with the auto strike situation to bother with 4,000,000 CWA workers. At least that is what one of his secretaries, a Mr. MacIntyre, told the group after they had been informed by Hopkins that he had arranged for the president to see them and after they had walked over to the White House in the rain.

Reading Workers Active
Anyway, at this meeting two committees were formed to interview the various U. S. Senators and to ask them to "oppose the new plan that is to replace the present CWA set-up on April 1. Alfred Eckenrode and Charles McDough, from the United CWA and PWA Workers of Berks, and John Krik, of the Taxpayers' Protective League, were on this committee which was composed of twenty-five men.

The committee proceeded to the Senate building on the Capitol grounds and when almost at the entrance were stopped by one of the guards who informed them that there was a new order forbidding large groups to approach or enter the grounds. It was suggested by the committee that someone with authority notify us to that effect. The guard immediately called out the lieutenant who called the captain who informed us that we could go in in groups of three and meet in one corner of the reception room where we could call out the Senators and choose the men who were to interview them.

Given "Bums' Rush"
After five minutes of waiting the messenger came out and held a whispering conference with the chief guard who immediately got a few guards together and proceeded to give our committee the "bums' rush." The committee met outside the grounds and decided to go to the Senate office building and there await the adjournment of Senate. Alfred Eckenrode, John Krick and Charles McDough were to interview the Senators from this district. They were unable to see Senator Reed but they did get to see Senator Davis.

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GERMAN WORKERS FACE NEW INFLATION THREAT PARIS (FP).—Fascism in Germany is being driven to a new inflation which will mean staggering wage cuts to the workers and impoverishment of the middle classes that had trusted to Adolf Hitler to save them from what he termed communist ruin. Hitler does not dare to cut wages directly but the big industrialists who are supporting him demand lower payrolls if they are to save German trade in the world market. Hitler's first year in power was	OLD UNCLE JOHN Fried Oysters, 20c a Dozen Fried Clams, 20c a Dozen Salt Oysters, \$1 and \$2 per hundred 428 S. 9th St. Dial 3-6732	WANTS FARM WORK MIDDLE-AGED MAN wishes home on farm. Age 58. Reasonable as to wages. Can come well recommended. Address Charles S. Sheaffer, 16 N. 2nd St., Reading.

WAGE DISPUTE IN RAILROADS

President Admits Some Workers Are Underpaid But Seeks "Investigation" Before Action Against Owners

WASHINGTON (FP).—Angered by the insistence of rail managers on a 15% cut in the wages of a million workers, the railway labor executives filed notice March 20 that they will ask for a 10% increase in pay, effective July 1, together with the end

of the 10% "deduction" in effect for the past two years. The action was ratified by nearly 1,500 representatives of the 21 standard railroad labor unions, who have been in conference in Washington for the past week.

President Roosevelt, who had previously recommended that the present 10% "deduction" be continued for at least another six months beyond July 1, against asked March 20 that the managers and union executives agree on continuation of the present wage cut. Otherwise, he said, he would be forced under the law to appoint a commission to examine into the controversy.

F. D. Admits Underpay
"Since I addressed my previous communication to you, however," Roosevelt added, "the fact has developed that some of the railroad employees are now receiving compensation for their work at rates which are below minimums which have been established in the NRA codes, if not actually below a subsistence basis." He expressed the hope that the roads and the "holders of their securities" would agree to raise sub-minimum wages. He offered the services of Joseph B. Eastman, federal coordinator of transportation, in that connection.

The unions have submitted Interstate Commerce Commission figures that 140,000 workers in 1932 earned about \$12 a week, below the minimums set in most codes. Answering the managers' reply to the effect that the unions had exaggerated the plight of underpaid workers, the unions assert:

Skilled Are Low Paid
"Your reference to skilled and unskilled labor gives the impression that low-paid railway workers are all unskilled. The inference is not in

keeping with the facts. The men being paid the extremely low wages, quoted in our statement, are skilled workers and carry responsibility far out of proportion to their earnings. Even if they were unskilled men the fact remains that they are earning less than one-half of the minima being recognized by the NRA codes and even by the charitable institutions of the country."

Despite the railroads' demands for a 15% permanent wage cut and the unions' counter-demand for restoration of the 10% "deduction" and a 10% increase, it is believed that a compromise will be reached for extension of the present 10% "deduction" and revision of wages for rail employees getting less than \$12 a week.

ONLY DESTITUTE

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About 1,000,000 persons, or 200,000 families, are included in the rural program. The CWA work is just about "washed up" in rural sections Hopkins announced. The subsistence homesteaders are supposed to feed themselves out of their gardens and do odd jobs in local industries or emergency works programs for whatever cash they can get.

For the entire city and rural program and for regular federal emergency relief, about \$600,000,000 will be available April 1 to continue until next winter, according to Hopkins. He does not plan to ask the present session of Congress for additional money.

Strikes Must Be "Warranted"
Questioned on his policy toward strikers, Hopkins said that they would be given relief on the same basis as other destitute persons unless the national labor board or the department of labor declare the strike is "unwarranted." In that case relief will be shut off and the strikers can either face starvation or the breaking of their own strike.

Hopkins has returned from Atlanta, the center of fierce opposition to the original CWA wage scale of 40c an hour. Plantation owners and peon labor bosses complained that the CWA scale was disrupting their exploitation. They are well satisfied with the new setup, Hopkins said.

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much easier for his party than the second year, now well under way. Export trade had gone up and the gold mark was kept at par value. But the devious financial maneuvers that helped to make this possible by speculating with bank depositors' and foreigners' cash are played out. The gold reserve for paper money is now only 8.2%. Wage cuts have been pushed as far as the government dares.

On May 1 the new labor law that makes the employer the complete boss of wages and conditions goes into effect. All wage agreements, which had been extended from time to time, are to end on that day, though most of them had already been chiseled beyond recognition as the payroll figures of the big corporations prove. But that announcement caused such an uproar, despite the fascist terror, that the government has had to promise that no sweeping wage cuts would be introduced.

This caused a great howl to go up from the employers and they were in turn promised a vague sort of relief from excessive costs of production. This is taken by German economists and bankers to mean that plans for inflation of the currency are well under way, following the

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HAVE DONE WITH "RECOVERY" BUNK

Reams of words and columns of figures have been spoken and printed by Socialists and others to prove that the "New Deal," after a year of opportunity and ballyhoo, has done nothing to attack the fundamental causes of the poverty and despair into which millions of Americans have fallen.

It is enough to state that prices have advanced faster than wages if one wishes to prove that the National Recovery Administration has fallen short of its professed purpose. President Roosevelt and his "brain trust" have not increased mass purchasing power; under their policies mass purchasing, in terms of commodities, has fallen. Neither have they succeeded in returning the jobless to private employment; on the contrary, the breakup of CWA finds the cast-off victims of private Capitalism headed once more to doles which will merely maintain them in deep destitution.

In the light of facts which are undeniable, the entire "recovery" scheme has been mere bunk. How could it be otherwise when the administration makes a determined effort to increase commodity prices on the one hand and, on the other hand, sanction codes which place workers on wages of \$14 per week and downward for full-time service?

We are not surprised. Throughout the entire year we have consistently refused to be fooled by the fair words of silver-tongued Franklin. We analyzed his tactics. But even without bothering to pry into what he was doing, we knew from the outset what he wished to accomplish by what he did. And so we need make no retractions for having warned the American people that Roosevelt was thinking about the old game of Capitalist robbery when he spoke of "recovery." He was not thinking of economic justice and the welfare of the American people.

We still have Capitalism, and any prosperity which comes to the workers under Capitalism will be the second-hand variety which has always been the portion of slaves.

It is time for workers—particularly those workers who are organized within the American Federation of Labor—to stop waiting for Franklin D. Roosevelt or any other person to do something for them. It should be plain by this time that the only way workers can be benefitted is by doing something for themselves. They can do things for themselves by organizing for that purpose. They must challenge codes which offer workers starvation minimums. They must refuse to be satisfied with made-work projects which enable workers to barely exist while they beautify the world which a master class owns. They must strike, if necessary, to see to it that hours are shortened to a point which will enable all to do their share of the world's work, and likewise to gain wages which will enable all workers to live, not at starvation levels, but the good and abundant life which is now possible for all.

And, if they wish their progress to be speedy and sure, the workers must register their demands at the ballot box in such numbers that their leaders will be executing the laws instead of begging Capitalism's representatives for a small portion of justice. We Socialists have been voicing our objections to the system which makes poverty a normal condition for workers even in good times. We have been organizing for the conquest of political power by the workers of the nation. It is unfortunate that so few workers have heeded our call in the past. For their refusal to heed is the chief reason why, in this dark hour, all the forces of government are in the hands of interests who are determined to keep masters in power and workers in economic bondage.

"NOW-NOWING" THE UNIONS

President Roosevelt wishes industry to operate under codes.

Codes require that both employer and employee do certain things, the doing of which can be assured only through organization.

When the American Federation of Labor attempted to organize the workers in the automobile industry and threatened to call a strike to compel the auto magnates to recognize the Federation as the representative of the workers, Mr. Roosevelt saw to it that the strike was not called. Instead, the organized workers were handed an agreement which compels them to compete with company unions which will be under the control of the employers. In addition, the A. F. of L. will not be able to make claims of discrimination against their members unless they reveal a full list of names of those who belong to their organization.

What has been done in the auto industry will now serve as a model for steel, coal and other big industries. In all cases the boss-controlled company union will have a decided advantage.

The workers will be kept divided. But the president still

seeks to get the employers united under codes which they or their representatives will themselves write.

It looks as if Federation leaders have permitted themselves to be hooked with an agreement which gives all the edge to the employing class. With the workers split into God knows how many organizations and the employers united in one arrangement to save the profit system, it ought not be difficult to guess that any plan which is finally adopted to stabilize Capitalism will be the plan of the masters and not of the slaves.

It looks as if Labor is being successfully "now-now'd" by the Administration. Which is not to be wondered at when it is remembered that in politics, as in their economic organizations, the workers have always permitted themselves to be divided.

HOLDING FAST TO THE PROFIT SYSTEM

No better evidence of the Administration's intention to safeguard the private control of industry could be found than that now offered by the plan to return the air mails to the profit makers.

Despite the fact that army fliers who took over the job under unfavorable weather conditions came to grief, it was the hope of all forward-thinking persons that the government would continue to perform this task as a matter of public service. While it was deplorable that army men lost their lives, it is nevertheless a fact that the government could, if the Administration wished to do so, do the job without tribute to profiteers.

This latest indication of the Administration's stand is all the more regrettable when it is taken into account that what is done in the air mails will also govern the government's action in all other industries.

We may now safely conclude that the "New Deal" does not include any official idea of taking over the industries and operating them for use instead of for profit. That is too bad, for until that is done only something akin to Fascism will suffice to stabilize the immortal master and slave relationship which is inseparable from the private profit system.

MODERN HEROES ARE LABOR'S OWN

The days of heroism are not dead.

There was the Hungarian, Koloman Wallisch, whose reputation for intrepid courage extends back to 1920, to the Hungarian Soviet Revolution in which he took an active fighting part. The fearless leader of the Steiermark "Republican Defense Corps" had long been a thorn in the side of the Dollfuss Heimwehr. When the workers of Graz rebelled against the violation of their headquarters by Heimwehr troops, the government placed a price of 1000 schillings (\$225), on the head of their courageous leader. A railroad worker betrayed his whereabouts and the severely wounded commander was brought before a court martial.

"Are you Koloman Wallisch?"

"I am."

"Did you bring insurrection to our peaceful nation?" rasped the military prosecutor.

"When the Heimwehr soldiers suppressed our newspapers and invaded our homes, I organized my comrades for the defense of their rights and their liberties."

"It was you who gave the order to shoot on government troops, you admit it?"

"I admit nothing. Under the circumstances I proudly claim that honor."

The trial lasted 20 minutes. No need for the court to retire to come to an agreement. Five minutes after the last word had been spoken, the death sentence was announced. The prisoner was hanged that same evening.

But the joy of the blackguard who delivered this dauntless fighter into the hands of the enemy was short-lived. He was found dead on the streets near his home a few days later. The workers of Graz had avenged the death of their leader.

A few days afterward George Weissel, an engineer in Vienna's fire department, was brought before the court martial in Austria's capital. He was a cultured man, a graduate of the technical high school, a student of philosophy. As fire commissioner for the working class district of Florisdorf under the Socialist administration of Mayor Karl Seitz he distributed rifles, ammunition and machine guns among the firemen of his precincts when the fighting began. He himself directed the battle against the attacking Heimwehr and police forces.

"Why did you refuse to lay down your arms when your chief commanded you to do so?" the presiding judge demanded.

"I told the chief that I could not turn back. I am a revolutionist and must defend my comrades."

"You were given a second opportunity to withdraw. You are a cultured man. You do not belong with these people."

"I am a Socialist. These workers are my comrades."

The court retired. After half an hour the sentence was announced. Guilty of insurrection against the constituted authorities. In accordance with paragraph 74 of the penal code, death by hanging. . . Three hours later the sentence was carried out. George Weissel declined the services of a priest. He died as he lived, self-reliant and unconquered.

The world will never know the story of those other thousands who laid down their lives in these days of Heimwehr frightfulness, with what desperate courage, with what unbeaten determination they went into the fight. A few days after the end of the Austrian rebellion, State Secretary Hofrat, Dr. Karwinski read into the minutes of a government conference a letter written by the secretary of the Social Democratic "Kinderfreunde" society in Linz, Bernatschek, to a member of the Social Democratic Party Executive, in which the writer protested against the evasiveness of that body in the face of continued Heimwehr outrages. The membership was in open rebellion.

"I conferred today," so reads the letter, "with five conscientious and faithful members of the Party. After long and serious deliberations, we arrived at a decision that cannot be recalled. I trust that I shall be given the opportunity tomorrow evening to explain and to justify our actions to your body. This afternoon and evening we shall make accessible to the workers of Upper Austria all weapons and ammunition at our disposal. Our men are determined to resist further Heimwehr

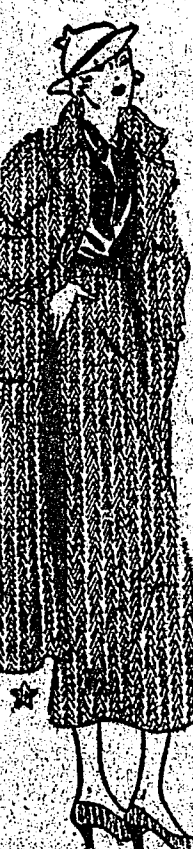
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attacks. If any attempt is made tomorrow to constitute a search for arms in the homes or headquarters of the workers in any Upper Austrian city, or any trusted member of the Party or Defense Corps should be arrested, we will resist and then proceed to an offensive. Nothing can alter our determination. We hope and expect when we telephone to Vienna "Our premises are being searched! Our men are being arrested!" that you will give the sign to Vienna's workers and the workers of all Austria that the time to strike has come. We will not turn back. I have not informed the Party Executive here of our decision. If Vienna's workers disgrace us, our blood be upon their heads. If the expected does not happen, Comrade Koref, who has not been told of our decision, and I will come to Vienna tomorrow (Monday) when I shall be more than glad to defend my actions before the tribunal of the National Committee of the Party."

The writer of these fateful lines is no longer among the living. He was among the first to lay down their lives when Austrian labor took its courageous stand against Fascist domination.—Ludwig Lore.

OUR CONCENTRATION CAMPS

This monstrous system of production and distribution that lies prostrate is creating what is called "stagnated communities." They are cities, towns or districts where there is no hope of a future. The masses are stranded like catfish in mud holes no longer fed by a stream. Life for them is black because even the prospect of being exploited by capitalism in their localities is not within their ken.

So the Federal Government has appropriated \$25,000,000 to look after these human by-products of industrial decay. They will be shifted "somewhere" that is not yet certain. Perhaps to forest regions, or to other centers if industry revives, or to submarginal land and be taught handicrafts. The suggestion of forests and handicrafts actually means shifting these workers out of the machine age!

If a million or more workers were sentenced to this fate by courts set up by the ruling classes in their industries, they would revolt. However, their exile is just as effective as though the bosses ordered it. Why not call those areas of outcasts "concentration camps" and be honest about it?—The New Leader.

UNION LEADERS GREET
OHIO SOCIALIST CONCLAVE

CLEVELAND (FP)—For the first time in the history of the Socialist Party of Ohio representatives of the trade union movement participated in a state convention.

Dan Moley, president of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, Coleman Claherty, A. F. of L. organizer in Akron, and James McWeeney, president of the Metal Trades Council of Cleveland, welcomed the delegates at a mass meeting preceding the official opening of the sessions.

Joseph W. Sharts, Dayton attorney who defended Gene Debs in 1919, was nominated for the fifth time as the candidate for governor.

Although the membership has dropped about 30% in the past year, according to the report of Secretary Sidney Yellen, the organization is more solid than before the loss. The financial condition of the locals is serious and only two locals are not in debt. Gains in the work with the trade unions was reported.

The state platform includes: the short workweek, minimum wage laws, public ownership of public utilities and banks, abolition of compulsory military drill in the schools and colleges, taxation on incomes, inheritances and gifts, and the protection of minority groups.

Russian Workers
Help Austrian Victims

MOSCOW (TIS)—More than \$150,000 has been collected by the workers of the Soviet Union for the victims of Austro-Fascism. The collection is progressing.