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WON'T WORK ON PAUPER ALLOWANCE

50,000% Gain in Motor Profits Shows Who Wins By New Deal

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

"WHAT! NO GARAGE?" I asked in a voice which I tried to make register sincere amazement.

My office visitor seemed surprised and a trifle hurt. He had come to show me a newspaper picture of what Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt considers an ideal home for workers who are dependent upon part time work. The project calls for "sub-sistence homesteads" upon which workers will raise their own garden truck on such off days, off weeks and off months as their services will not be required by private profiteers.

The plan is to provide families with about two acres, with room for a front lawn, a garden and a chicken run. The house shall be equipped with bath, toilet, washroom, running water and electricity.

But there was no provision for a garage.

"DON'T YOU THINK those who are unemployed ought to be glad to be provided for in that way," my visitor asked in a pious tone.

"Well," I replied, "yes and no. No, because the lady's plan is quite a comedown from the Hoover promise of a chicken in every pot and a car in every garage. Having never been a farmer, I've always believed that a chicken in the pot was worth two in the chicken run."

"However," I continued, "I don't object to the chicken run so much. It's the garage that bothers me. To tell the truth, I don't see how the plan is going to help things very much unless a garage is put into the picture—and a two car garage at that."

By that time my visitor had recovered his poise and decided that the best thing to do was to leave the presence of so unreasonable a person as a Socialist editor generally is. "You want too much for the unemployed," was his parting shot as he left my sanctum.

BUT DO I want too much?

My friend had me all wrong. My worry about the garage was not the result of my desire to make every American family the possessor of two automobiles. To tell the truth I was not thinking of the workers' welfare at all when I appeared to quibble about the lack of a garage in the "sub-sistence homestead" scheme.

What I was thinking of was the prosperity of the big corporations, motors, steel, coal, oil and all others whose prosperity and profits rest upon the ability of an increasingly-

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JOBLESS PLAN TO RESIST WORK ON DOLE STANDARD; TO DEMAND LIVING PAY

"Why Work For Mere Subsistence," Unemployed Leaders Ask—Make Demand For 75c Hourly Minimum And 30-Hour Week—Councilman Yocom Refused City Hall Auditorium to "Protest Federal Policy." Hold Daily Meetings In Labor Lyceum at 9 A. M. Mass Meeting In Birdsboro Sunday

"Living wages or no work," is the sentiment which is rapidly taking form among the unemployed of Reading and Berks County, as the full meaning of Capitalism's "New Deal" work relief plan is being recognized by the thousands of workers in this community who have been cast aside by the private profit-seeking industries. Acting as spokesmen for the movement to resist any plan which will compel them to give services for nothing more than subsistence relief, officials of the United CWA-PWA Workers' Union, Taxpayers' Protective League and Building Trades Council are declaring that they will picket the jobs which are to be manned by the unemployed in an effort to halt work and win their demands for an hour and wage arrangement which will make those who accept service under the State Emergency Relief Board self-supporting.

The outstanding points of the situation in Reading are:

CWA-PWA union, acting in co-operation with the Building Trades Council, is demanding a 30-hour work week with a minimum wage rate of 75 cents per hour for laborers and \$1.20 for mechanics.

Protest meetings in various sections of the county are enlisting the support of rural workers to the demand for living wages.

Councilman George Yocom, fusion Director of Public Property, has refused the use of city hall auditorium for a protest meeting against work at mere subsistence wages.

A committee, appointed by (Continued on Page Two)

EASTER CHOCOLATE SALE WAS FINANCIAL SUCCESS

With not all accounts settled, the United Drive Committee of Lacoil Berks stated this week that the Easter sale of hollow chocolates conducted under their auspices will yield a net profit of more than \$500.

"We feel that Local Berks has done a mighty good job in pushing this venture to a successful conclusion," Mark Ed. Seltzer, chairman of the committee, said yesterday. "We not only have raised this fund, but we have also demonstrated that the old Socialist spirit still exists."

The committee donated 134 boxes of chocolate Easter novelties to the Home for Friendless Children when the season closed with that amount of stock still on their hands. "Had it not been for the rainy Saturday which preceded Easter, we would have been completely cleaned out of stock," Seltzer said.

Of the funds raised by the committee, 45% will be sent to the National Office of the Socialist Party, 10% to the State Office in Pittsburgh and 45% will be retained in Reading. Local Berks United Drive Committee is acting in co-operation with a nation-wide plan to raise funds; which has been initiated by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party.

Fusion Cops Arrest Unemployed Leaders BULLETIN

Organized workers of Reading, employed as well as unemployed, this is a call to action.

Four workers, who have taken an active part in the organization of the working class have been arrested by Reading's Fusion administration. They are Stewart L. Grow, business agent of the CWA-PWA Workers' Union, and Albert Eckenrode, Charles McDonough and Morris Keiser, members of that organization. The arrested workers are charged with violating two sections of Bill No. 6, which is Fusion Reading's famous "nuisance" ordinance.

By their action, which occurred as the Advocate was being made ready for the press, the forces of Fusion have served notice upon the unemployed that they may starve if it suits the wishes of master class of America to let workers starve, but they may not demonstrate.

No overt act was committed. Keiser was arrested for refusing to be repeatedly ordered from one side of the street to the other. The other three were arrested as leaders of a group who were marching past city hall in protest against the refusal of Councilman Yocom to permit the use of the city hall auditorium to protest against work relief on a destitution basis.

MEETING TOMORROW, 7-A. M.

Resting upon a matted steel cot at city hall, Grow issued the following call for action to his organization and to friends of organized workers:

1. Hold a mass meeting tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock and protest against the arrests.
2. Workers will refuse to work for subsistence allowances.
3. Continue demonstrating.
4. Take care of families of Eckenrode and Keiser.
5. Don't be intimidated. Keep busy.

Labor Board Upholds Yellow Dog Company

WASHINGTON—Reversing the Indianapolis regional board, the national labor board has upheld the discharge of two unionists by the Real Silk hosiery mills, a notorious yellow-dog firm.

AVERAGE WAGE BOOST ONLY 3-4 OF 1% AS OWNERS GRAB \$83,213,675 IN DEPRESSION

Extent to Which Exploiters of Labor Are Benefitted by NRA Seen In Increased Loot Taken by Big Corporation While Purchasing Power of Masses Lags

DETROIT (FP).—A vivid picture of what lay behind the bitter fight waged by the auto industry against unionism—and an equally clear picture of who wins under the NRA—was given the industry by the report of General Motors for 1933.

LABOR'S POWER UNDER NRA IS GROWING LESS

"Partnership" of Workers In "New Deal" Rendered Silent By Johnson's Latest Setup

20% SHARE IN NEW BOARD

Government Sanction of Company Unions Is Only One Example of Chiseling Power Of Unions

By HARVEY O'CONNOR.

WASHINGTON (FP).—Labor's partnership in the "new deal" bids fair to turn into a dummy partnership, under the new setup being worked out by General Johnson.

Addressing the American Federation of Labor convention last October, Johnson told the delegates that they held an equal place in the partnership of NRA with employers and government, but the recent presidential decision that company unions have equal rights with bona fide unions has cut organized labor's part at least in two.

One Voice In Five

As a matter of fact the NRA administrator has fixed the mathematical share of organized labor in the "new deal." It is weighted at exactly one-fifth. The new labor policy board which Johnson has just created to determine what happens to workers under the codes is to be composed of one representative each from the NRA industrial, consumers, labor, legal and planning boards.

President William Green of the A. F. of L., shaken by the new turn which NRA has taken since the auto settlement, and alarmed by Johnson's latest administrative order, convened the NRA labor advisory board to consider the new crisis. He is acting chairman in view of Leo Wolman's absence in Detroit as chairman of the new auto board of review. Green stated that the new labor policy board was one-sided, as labor has but one member out of five.

Relation Boards Hit A. F. L. Johnson, in a further blow aimed at the national labor board, on which the A. F. of L. has nearly equal representation with employers, has directed that industrial relations boards (Continued on Page Four)

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

COUNCILMAN YOCOM
TALKS FASCISM

Whether Councilman George Yocom knew it or not, he was speaking the language of Fascism when he told a representative of the CWA-PWA Workers' Union that the unemployed should be satisfied with "what the government deems necessary."

Good Americanism used to be and still is based upon the right of the people to petition for a redress of grievances. That's what the American constitution says. Moreover, it makes no exception, applying equally to a large group or to an individual.

Yocom's attitude, at a time when economic classes are in sharp conflict, shows that he is thinking with the brains of the Capitalist master class. It is because Fusionists think like that that they are dangerous to elect as workers' representatives.

THESE RECENT BOOSTS IN READING WAGES

If you are encouraged to believe that times are going to get better for workers because several Reading corporations have announced voluntary 10% wage increases, it merely demonstrates that you are capable of absorbing a lot of mental punishment.

Ever since this nation was formed wages have been heading upward—and workers have still remained at the lowest level of living.

Since the beginning of the "New Deal" wages have increased—slightly. But prices have gone up—higher than the wage increases. The result is that purchasing power is lower now than before hourly rates were given their little lift.

If an apple is ten feet above your head a ten-foot ladder will not help you—if somebody moves the apple 15 feet near heaven when you go for the ladder.

Not higher wages but the elimination of profits is what will give workers the high living standards which modern industry could produce. And the only way to eliminate profits and conduct industry for the benefit of people is to use the power of government to make the industries the property of ALL the people. That is what Socialists aim to do.

ONE CENTURY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Isn't it strange how even Democrats and Republicans, who object to making industry the property of all (Continued on Page Four)

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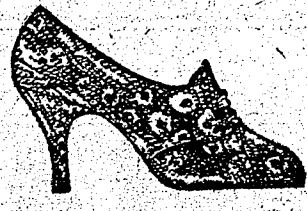
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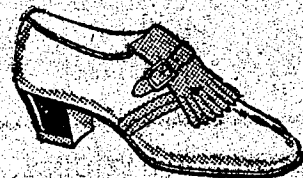
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NAZI SCHOOLS TEACH ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

DRESDEN (TIS). — The director of the well-known Goethe schools for girls at Leipzig, Dr. Behrends, and a woman teacher, Miss Vorwerk, have been reprimanded and summarily dismissed by orders of the municipal

Nazi council of Leipzig. The reasons given for the harsh procedure are characteristic for the Nazi regime. Miss Vorwerk had refused a request of a Nazi girl pupil to recite a notorious anti-Semitic poem before her class on the ground that it would unnecessarily hurt the sentiments of two Jewish pupils. The girl's father complained to the director who expressed his approval of the teacher's decision. The city council stated that such conduct of German educators must no longer be permitted in the Nazi totalitarian state.

The test of a new deal theory, like the proof of the pudding, is in the eating.

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SIR GUY STANDING and KENT TAYLOR

JOBLESS PLAN

(Continued from First Page)

CWA Administrator Louis Rothrauff, composed of Willard Wise, local business man; John C. Detloff, president of the Builders' Exchange; and George M. Rhodes, president of the Federated Trades Council, to come to a decision as to what shall constitute a prevailing wage in Reading, have failed to reach an agreement after more than a week of meetings and discussions.

Won't Starve Working

Howard Kramer, president of the CWA-PWA organization, voiced the sentiment of his group this week when he said, "If we must starve, it's better to starve in idleness than to starve working. We view mere subsistence work as forced labor and will, do all in our power to resist giving service under arrangements which will compel the unemployed to work out insufficient relief vouchers. Our work and wage demands will give laborers only \$22.50 per week. Families cannot live decently and prosperously cannot be restored on lower incomes."

Stewart L. Grow, CWA-PWA business agent, emphasized the contention that both wage rates and the number of working hours are important.

"No matter what the hourly rate may be, it will not mean anything unless we are permitted to work enough hours to live in decency," Grow stated. "We are not afraid to work. In fact, we want enough work to enable us to live decently. We also want a wage rate which will be in keeping with the professed aims of the administration to increase purchasing power."

Recent Pauper Setup Announcement of the plan to deal

out "work relief" solely on the basis of need, which came with the break-up of CWA, has caused resentment in the ranks of workers who, under CWA, were earning money on slightly more than a pauper basis.

"We do not propose to have our allowances set by relief workers and still work," is the sentiment expressed. "Why work at all, regardless of the hourly rate, if all we get will be the equal in cash for a food voucher?"

Yocom's Action Assailed
At a meeting in Labor Lyceum yesterday morning, under CWA-PWA auspices, Councilman Yocom was strongly condemned for refusing to permit the use of the city hall auditorium for a protest meeting against present "work relief" plans.

Charles McDonough, a member of the group told how he had been flatly turned down when he made his request to Yocom. "He told me we were wrong in protesting anything which the Federal Government had decided upon and said that the government would give us what it deems necessary," McDonough stated.

Meeting Sunday At Birdsboro
On Sunday at 2 p. m., a meeting sponsored by the combined CWA-PWA, Taxpayers' Protective League and Building Trades groups, will be held in the Birdsboro Y. M. C. A. This meeting will be open to the public and a large crowd is expected to attend. Larry Rogin and Harry Alexander will be the principal speakers. Other meetings were held during the week in West Reading, Ephrata and Laureldale.

Daily meetings will be held at Labor Lyceum at 9:30 a. m.

Union Paper Vendor Beaten

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — Five Fayette county deputy sheriffs were feeling so brave recently that all five of them jumped on a 19-year-old boy who was selling The Independent, Uniontown labor paper, and beat him up brutally. The Independent is still being sold.

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TAXI STRIKE BROKEN WITHOUT RECOGNITION

NEW YORK (FP). — Without winning union recognition, the taxicab drivers of New York City returned to their jobs after a strike that lasted three weeks. The last of the drivers accepted the bosses' terms just in time to meet the companies' deadline for getting their jobs back without discrimination for union or strike activities.

"The fact that we are returning to work does not signify defeat," said Samuel Orner, president of the Taxicab Drivers Union of Greater New York. "We are returning to work with our union and our garage committees stronger and better organized than before the strike."

Conditions for return, he said, were that all strikers be reinstated immediately without discrimination for past, present or future union activity; that the men proceed to their garages under the leadership of their garage chairmen; and that the strike remain on where drivers did not receive their former jobs.

As originally agreed at the settlement of the strike on Feb. 9, the mayor will appoint an arbitrator to settle disputes between companies and drivers, the disputes to be brought up through grievance committees of three elected in each garage. The settlement was voted by the general strike committee and okayed by the men just in time to prevent another company plan from coming up which would have outlawed strikes.

"DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY" OPENS AT EMBASSY TODAY

Having won one Motion Picture Academy award with the thrilling double role of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Fredric March makes his second bid for that distinction with another, in "Death Takes a Holiday," the Paramount picture directed by Mitchell Leisen, coming to Embassy, Friday.

As in the Robert Louis Stevenson story, the chief character role in the Alberto Cassella drama, "Death Takes a Holiday," played by March, is a dual personality type, and, here again, March handles the part with consummate ease and convincing realism. Leisen, the director, firmly believes that March's role will receive considerable attention from the Academy.

In the first part of "Death Takes a Holiday," March masquerades as a "Shadow," a sinister figure, capable of destruction at will. Intervening scenes find him transformed into a dashing Russian prince, a gay romancer, taking his first fling at love and life, but always conscious that, in three days, he will again become the "Shadow."

As the Russian prince, March enters the home of a distinguished family at a mysterious guest, and, seeking the meaning of love, he tests the young women of the villa, each in turn. Each of them is attracted to him, but only one understands his true personality and is willing to love him withal.

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Pork chops are up 29% above March, 1933; butter, 28%; flour, 60%; rice, 36%; potatoes, 87%; navy beans, 43%; onions, 60%. These are foods most used by low-wage families.

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SOUTHERN BRANCH CARD PARTY AT LYCEUM

The women of the Southern Branch will again take care of entertaining the card players tomorrow night. They have been working for weeks, making the fine hand-made prizes which always go so quickly. The prize table will hold attractive things for the men, too. So come and spend a pleasant evening playing with your Southern Branch comrades.

Supper will be served from 5 p. m. until the end of the evening.

WASHLINE SOCIAL AT NORTH- WEST TUESDAY

Those who have attended former washline socials at the Northwest Branch, Green and Gordon streets, will not need urging to be there again next Tuesday night; memories of the good time they had will send them out looking for more. If you have not had this pleasant experience, come to Green and Gordon streets next Tuesday night. Nough said.

NO BAND REHEARSAL DURING BAZAAR WEEK

Band members will please note that, because of the Bazaar, there will be no rehearsal next Wednesday night. We'll be seeing you there.

PAINE MEMORIAL SOCIAL TONIGHT

Members of the Paine Memorial Society are urged to attend an important business session and social tonight. Bring about 10 cents worth of "eats" with you and be ready for a good time. Pack the headquarters at 1311 North Ninth street.

DANCE AND CARD PARTY AT BIRDSBORO, APRIL 20

Prepare yourselves for a good time, dancers and card players, on Friday, April 20. The Birdsboro Branch will hold a dance and card party at that time in Orioles Hall, with the Socialist Orchestra furnishing the music.

This will be the first event of the kind ever held by the Birdsboro Socialists, and Reading comrades should help to make it a big success. Admission price will be only 25c per person. Half the proceeds will be

TODAY (FRIDAY)

**Tune In
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YIPSEL NOTES

A constitutional convention will be held on Sunday, April 8th, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Labor Lyceum on the second floor.

Since the new constitution will be adopted at this time, we will also have to elect the new officers provided for in the constitution. These officers will serve you for the next six months and therefore you should choose them wisely. Be there without fail.

Do you want to go along to Harrisburg with the Yipsels. If so, let either Comrades Adams or Seiders have your name and money as soon as possible.

The truck will leave the Lyceum at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 21st of April.

The Yipsel Chorus will hold their regular Wednesday night practice. All members should be there.

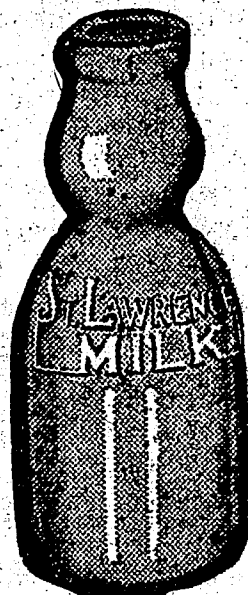
The Yipsels will not hold their card party at the regular scheduled time. We have been forced to postpone it because it would conflict with the Socialist Bazaar. The card party will be held later, however; watch this column for the exact date.

SPEAKERS AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Monday, April 9th:
Northeast: Birch Wilson.
Central: Stewart Tomlinson.
Womelsdorf: Discussion.
Mohnton: Current Events.
Temple: Raymond Hofses.
Tuesday, April 10th:
18th Ward: Stewart Tomlinson.
Laureldale: Discussion.
Kenhorst: Howard Moser.
West Reading: Fred Merkel.
Southern: Pep Nite.
Northeast Women: J. H. Stump.
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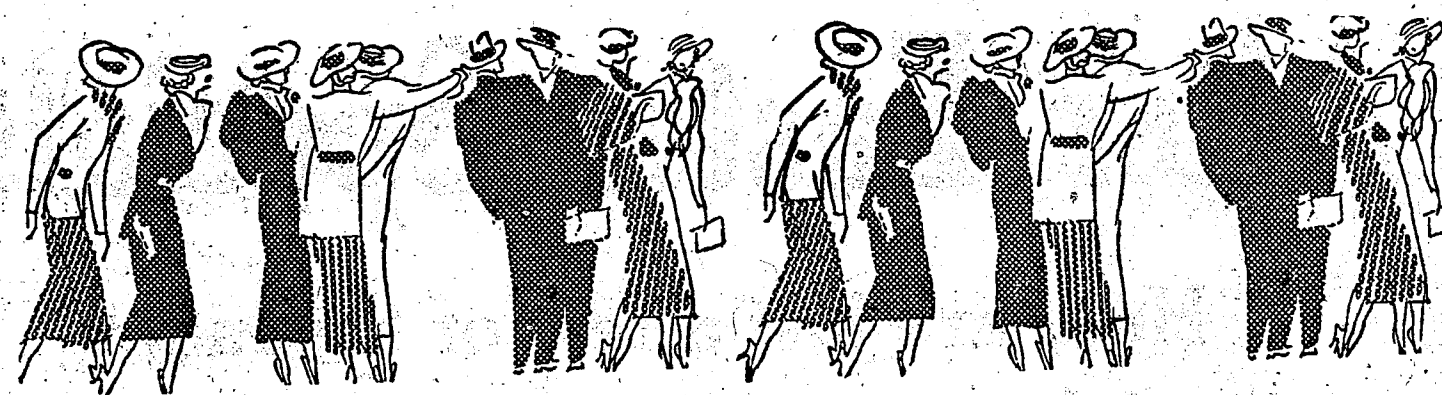
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RAIL UNIONS

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cern itself mainly with major disputes arising from failure to negotiate new agreements. If it fails in mediation, neither the companies nor the unions, according to existing law, can act for 30 days while the President sets up an emergency board to make final decisions. While the emergency board has no compulsory arbitration powers, its decisions so far have always been accepted.

Present Boards Powerless

The present regional and system boards of adjustment have practically broken down, Eastman states, due to a tendency by both parties to keep appealing cases to higher boards. Compulsory arbitration, he believes, would end many of these disputes.

Referring to compulsory arbitration, Eastman asserts: "To this employees are now willing to agree, so far as minor disputes over grievances and interpretation of agreements are concerned; although they are not willing that compulsion should be introduced with respect to major disputes over wages, rules and working conditions."

The companies have announced their opposition to Eastman's proposed national adjustment board, he noted. They argue that the board would be too cumbersome, too far removed from local disputes (its headquarters would be in Chicago) and more expensive. The roads oppose compulsory arbitration but Eastman argues that "full advantage should be taken of the present concession" by the unions. The coordinator concedes that the adjustment board may break down if overwhelmed with disputes.

The anti-company union clauses of the Eastman bill would make it unlawful for the companies to deny or question the right of workers to join labor organizations of their own choice, to interfere with such organizations, to finance company unions or coerce employees into belonging to them. It also outlaws the yellow-dog contract.

These provisions, Eastman states, mean "only that the railroad managements must keep their hands off, so far as labor organizations are concerned. Whatever may have been the attitude of employees in the past, it is plain that they are now prepared to insist upon their right as American citizens to bargain and deal collectively with their employers on equal terms."

Pointing out that the 1933 act provides no adequate enforcement and that the Pennsylvania threatens to appeal to the courts, Eastman urges that enforcement be placed in the hands of the department of justice, acting through the federal courts.

An important difference between the Eastman bill and the union bill is that the former does not name specifically the labor organizations which are to select representatives for the new adjustment board. The unions' proposal, according to Eastman, would "freeze" the present union setup. On the other hand the unions are fearful that company unions will be recognized as labor organizations unless the names of the real unions are in the law. This ap-

prehension has been increased by the recent White House sanction extended to company unions in the auto settlement.

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PRESSURE

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radely trials." that is, trials by fellow workers. In many Leningrad and Moscow enterprises workers have organized investigations to place responsibility for low quality production.

In the Electroapparatus plant where the quality of production had been unsatisfactory, a live tortoise was kept, the tortoise being a symbol of disgrace in Soviet Russia.

In the Kalinin leather factory, where spoilage was at 11 1/2% in December, workers held responsible

were tried, their wages were docked, and, worst of all, letters were sent to their wives explaining the reason the pay envelope was short. Waste was cut in half in a month.

A white flag is attached to the bench of those responsible for spoilage in several Moscow plants.

The drive is showing definite results. In the Lenin match factory, spoilage was cut from 43.8% to 4.1% between December 1 and late January, in the Comintern Radio plant from 2.85% to 0.7% in the Serpukhovsk plant, from 53% to 15% in the Egorsk textile combant, from 21% to 10% in the Ozerk factory, 17% to 2%.

SEES NEW BRITISH LABOR RULE AS TEST

NEW YORK (FP)—British labor will soon rule the empire again and this will be the testing time for Socialism for Western Europe, in the opinion of Sir Stafford Cripps, who may be prime minister when the Labor Party again takes power.

In a speech at the Rand School in New York City, Cripps intimated that fascism will sweep the countries still free if British labor fails in that test. Germany is the menace to world peace now, he added.

Keep Right To Picket

MONTEREY, Cal.—Organized labor in Monterey successfully blocked an attempt by county supervisors to enact an anti-picketing ordinance which would have hampered organization activities of agricultural workers.

You have quit growing if the work you did five years ago doesn't make you wonder how you got by.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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the people, hold fast to Socialism once it is established?

Take the public school system as an example. We are now celebrating the 100th anniversary of public education in Pennsylvania. At the time free public schools were proposed the idea was adopted only over the most violent opposition of the stand-pat reactionaries of that day. But now? Now there isn't a Democrat or a Republican who is not a downright "nut" who would not fight the proposal that the education of the race should be made a matter of private enterprise for private profit.

The same thing is true of fire companies, water works, roads and post offices. They have been socialized. They operate to serve the people and not to make profits for investors. And non-Socialists are just as determined as Socialists that they shall remain public property.

But here's a thought. We could get along without schools, fire companies, water works, roads and post offices. There was a time when the human race actually did get along without them. True, people didn't live very well, but they lived. But there never was a time when people were able to get along without work. If it is important that society owns those things with which it could exist, how much more important is it that mankind owns collectively the wealth which represents the right to work and live?

Think that question over and ask your neighbor about it. He may be a Socialist and not know it.

OUR FUSION FATHERS HIRE FOREIGN WORKERS

Organized building tradesmen protested to council this week because that Fusion body permitted out-of-town workers to have the job when city hall basement was remodeled. To which Councilman Yocom replied that it was too bad but, since the job was practically completed, nothing much could be done about it.

We have always contended that this "shop in Reading" ballyhoo was a lot of bunk—so far as the people who voiced it were concerned, and here is an example that we were right. Other examples could be furnished to show how the Chamber of Commerce and some of its members went out of town to buy printing, packing boxes and other supplies which could have been supplied with Reading labor.

Workers who want officials to serve them ought not elect men whose campaigns are financed by the big business interests of Reading and Wyomissing. Such officials are always likely to consider the interests of big taxpayers before the welfare of wage-earners. And, since the big taxpayers supply the Fusion funds, why shouldn't they?

NOW CONSIDER RUSSIA

In contrast with the mad cries of American workers for the right to work and live, consider Russia where every worker is busy.

Arthur Brisbane, Capitalism's highest priced CON-fusionist, recognized the fact that American workers need jobs in his column this week when he criticized the plan of the American government to build a \$1,000,000 home for the American ambassador in Moscow.

Said "Brizzie": "If we have an extra million for labor, why not spend it in the United States, where plenty of men in the building trades need work."

In Russia workers don't NEED work—they HAVE it. And when they work they don't do it to supply parasites with profits.

In America workers don't need work either. But they suffer when a private profiteer can't use them because American workers are not permitted to work unless the Capitalists of the nation can make a profit out of them.

Some day, when Russia is built up, all the wealth of the nation will be used to provide welfare for the people. Then Russian people will not have so much work. But they will have the benefits of the modern industrial machine which Russia is busy building.

If American workers could make the industries serve them they would

not need work or anything else; they'd have plenty of everything and leisure in which to enjoy it. But until the people own the industries they'll continue to produce surpluses for idlers and take doles when they can't be "used." That's why it is so deadly important that the Socialist program be adopted by this highly developed industrial nation.

LABOR'S POWER

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be set up as soon as possible within the code authorities. On these boards employees have one member out of three. In unorganized industries it is by no means required that the employees' member be a member of organized labor.

Such boards have already been set up in the coal, cotton textile and auto industries. Two to one decisions are common on both national and regional boards in opposition to labor. Coal miners have complained bitterly of the functioning of the district coal labor boards. Independent unions in the coal industry, such as the Progressive Miners of America, have been shut out of any representation, and the national coal labor board has ruled consistently against its claim to recognition.

More Power To Employers
A further step in breaking down the three-part partnership of government, industry and labor in the NRA codes was Johnson's solution of the demands of the labor and consumers' advisory boards that workers and consumers be represented on each code authority. Johnson rejected the demand but decreed that the government member of the code authority shall have labor and consumers advisers. They will not sit on the code authority but may bring matters to its attention through the government member.

The compromise is thoroughly unsatisfactory to the A. P. of L. The government member of the code authority is usually an employer. In the auto code authority, for example, a former president of the Dodge and Durant motor car companies was named recently as government member. It is through this corporation official that the labor adviser must bring complaints and seek information from the code authority, the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

All information gained by the labor adviser is to be kept "strictly confidential," Johnson ordered. In other words the labor adviser is not to inform the unions in his industry of anything he may glean of the operations of the code authority. Revelations in hearings indicate that the code authorities are mainly concerned about boosting prices and blocking the advance of unionism.

"Individual Bargaining" Another Blow

The steady chiseling away of Section 7a through the White House and NRA interpretations giving government sanction to company unions, is repeated by the labor policy board of the petroleum industry. This is not an NRA agency but one set up by Secretary of the Interior Ickes, who is also oil administrator. A recent decision by Ickes' board ordered a Standard Oil subsidiary in Texas to deal with whatever unions the workers vote for, whether A. F. of L. or company union, and then added that those who wish to bargain "individually" may do so.

To this President Green responded: "Labor takes issue with that part of the decision which provides that workers may decide as to whether they wish to bargain individually with the corporation. Labor contends vigorously that Section 7a provides for collective bargaining and not for individual bargaining. The labor provisions of the recovery act were enacted into law for the purpose of conferring upon workers the right to bargain collectively rather than in their individual capacity."

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SHOE UNION AGENT VISITS READING

Pay L. Carlin, A. F. of L. organizer and Boot and Shoe Workers representative, was in town this week and met with the local Shoe Workers Union on Tuesday evening in an effort to interest them in taking out affiliation with the International Union, an A. F. of L. affiliate.

The Shoe Workers Union recently removed their initiation fee for a thirty day period and all shoe workers can now join the union by paying the months dues only.

REFLECTIONS

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large number of people who can buy and use automobiles.

BEING UNABLE TO propound my problem to my departed visitor, I thereupon asked myself the questions which were buzzing through my mind. I also supplied the answers. Here they are:

Question: "Where and how will Uncle Sam get the money to build equip and stock 'subsistence homesteads' for the destitute jobless?"

Answer: "The money must come from the people who have it, either through taxes or by loans."

Q: "How do these people get their money?"

A: "By operating industries, producing things which people buy and selling those things at a profit."

Q: "But, if the workers of America make their living on 'subsistence homesteads' without garages—and therefore without automobiles—to whom will the big motor companies sell their products?"

A: "Well, if they can't sell so much they won't make so much."

Q: "But won't that mean less work in the automobile factories and more unemployment?"

A: "Yes, but we'll fix that up by putting more people on 'subsistence homesteads'."

Q: "Without garages?"

A: "That's the plan."

Q: "But where will the money come from?"

A: "As already stated, from the profits of the big fellows."

Q: "But the more 'subsistence homesteads'—without garages—the more the big fellows will have to give or lend Uncle Sam—and as the need grows, the profits of the money-lenders will dwindle. Won't that be it—without garages?"

A: "Perhaps the scheme won't work after all."

THE POINT I'VE been trying to make is that the only way to make America a nation of "subsistence homesteads" is to sacrifice mass production. We can't return to feudal methods and still have the advantages of modern industry.

The thing to do is not try to find new jobs for workers who are not wanted by private labor exploiters, but to erase the profit-takers from the scene and make the industries the common property of all the people.

Not a balance wheel for an outworn Capitalism, but Socialism, is what workers should be demanding. When we produce altogether for the welfare of workers and not at all for the profit of parasite owners, every family can have a high living standard—which includes leisure to do as

Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer

STUMP WARNS OF FASCIST DEVELOPMENTS

At a well attended meeting of Federated Trades Council, Tuesday evening in the Labor Lyceum, Ex-Mayor J. Henry Stump, former president of the Council for 12 years, spoke on the present dangers confronting the Wagner Anti-Company Union Bill and urged Labor to get busy and attempt to have it killed if compulsory arbitration is embodied in it. He reviewed conditions now existing in Germany, Austria and Italy where Fascist dictatorship has squelched the labor movement and the workers now are under the complete domination of their enemies. "We are rapidly drifting toward that stage," Stump declared. "We need only listen to the president appealing to the employing class to be good fellows under the NRA and go along, but, on the other hand he came very close to issuing a dictatorial mandate to Labor in the threatened automobile strike. The most serious dangers we, as workers, are confronted with is the possibility that Labor itself will become indifferent to its own best welfare and not maintain its economic instrument in their own trade union. For that reason we must continue to periodically attempt to arouse workers from their stupor by educational, crusading, organizing campaigns such as we are now contemplating opening very shortly."

POTRONIZE UNION BARBER SHOPS

John Souder, president of the Journeymen Barbers Union, reported that twelve shop cards were withdrawn from shops in the southern part of the city during the past month. Members of organized labor, sympathetic friends and readers of this paper are asked to be alert when patronizing a barber shop and ask to see the union shop card. The names of the shops whose cards were withdrawn will be published in a subsequent issue of this column. The committee handling the Union Buyers' Guide Bulletin reported progress and was authorized to continue in their efforts to publish same. Such a bulletin would be a material benefit to the Barbers Union and their fair employers.

URGE PAY RAISE FOR TEACHERS

Resolutions supporting the Reading teachers in their demand upon the School Board for the return of the 10% wage reduction, condemning Germany, Austria and Italy's Fascist suppression of labor and refusing to purchase goods manufactured in those countries, and urging Senator Wagner not to yield to pressure from the industrialists legalizing company unions and compulsory arbitration in his industrial relations bill, were adopted and copies forwarded to the press and the pates at whom they were directed.

COMPANY UNION AT DICK BROTHERS?

Reports have it that efforts are being made by the management of Dick Brothers to impose a company Union upon its members. For some time vicious intimidation against employees active in the Hardware and Allied Trades Workers Union has been carried on. The matter was up for discussion at the union's executive board meeting last evening and a plan of action against the company outlined. The Hardware Workers Union meets next Friday night, April 12, in St. Casimir's hall.

RHODES ADDRESSES PLASTERERS

The Plasterers Union reports the addition of fifteen new members following a talk of the writer at their last open meeting. Wednesday evening George M. Rhodes, president of the Council, spoke and it was hoped that they would double the number on this occasion.

The Plasterers are conducting an organization membership drive at a reduced initiation fee. All craftsmen are invited to participate in their

next meeting. A discussion of industrial accidents and diseases will follow. The class in public speaking is taking up problems in the making of a speech, such as gathering material, and outlining, as well as giving the members practice in speaking.

Arthur McDowell, national chairman of the YPSL, was a visitor at the last Wednesday morning session of the Labor College. He spoke for a few minutes on the present condition of labor under NRA, pointing out that the automobile settlement proved where the government stood. He said further that the little that labor has gotten by now from the NRA was all it could expect to get, and that the NRA had become more of a menace to organized labor than a help. A lively discussion followed the talk.

The labor dramatic group is still fulfilling engagements. Among those in the near future are the Musicians Union on April 8 and the Socialist Bazaar on April 15. The group will welcome anyone who wants to help in the work. Meetings are held at the offices of the Hosiery Workers Union, 10th and Penn streets, every Thursday night at 7:30.

An important meeting of the officers of the Labor College will be held on the coming Saturday, April 7, at 2 p. m., at the headquarters of the Federated Trades Council, 705 Walnut street. Among the other matters to be discussed will be the plans for the annual Labor College banquet, which will be held early in May, just after the closing of the classes.

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LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By LARRY ROGIN

Classes have resumed at the Labor College after the vacation enforced by the closing of the schools for Easter. In the final month of work attention will be paid to the recent labor history and current problems affecting the trade unions. The class in economics is dealing with the problems of shorter hours at its

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FOR "DO NOTHING" UNIONS

More and more it becomes evident that the "Recovery Administration" has no intention of permitting the workers of the nation to exercise any great degree of domination over industry. Those who held any doubts on that point should now be convinced by the recent automobile settlement, which halted the growth of workers' unions and gave added prestige to company-fostered and boss-controlled organizations.

That settlement gives substance to the ideas of those who were suspicious all the time that section 7a of NIRA was written into the law more as a means of enabling the political representatives of Capitalism to control workers than to furnish them with a weapon for actual use against the owners of private industry.

General Hugh S. Johnson has made it plain by this time that his conception of a "nice" union is a union which will not strike. In a press conference on April 3 he said: "I don't believe in coercion on either side."

That appeal for sweet reasonableness will suit the profit-taking industrialists very well. They never employ coercion; all they do is to impose speed-ups under threat of dismissal. But for workers the sacrifice of the right to strike will be the loss of the only real weapon which labor has under a Capitalist arrangement.

Johnson's idea of a union without the right to use its economic power against the boss is as sensible as the old nursery jingle in which the mother consents for her beautiful daughter to go swimming, provided daughter hangs her clothes on a hickory limb and then stays far enough away from the water. "Organize but don't do anything about it. Organize but accept our decisions. Organize but be ready to be herded back to work when you threaten to defeat the boss."

That is Johnson's idea of what a workers' union should be like. It is an idea shared by Mussolini, Hitler and Dollfuss. But it is not an American idea in the light of old concepts of Americanism.

With government taking power over the settlement of labor disputes, it becomes more apparent that Labor, in order to gain power, must take control of government. That is what we Socialists have been urging the workers to do for many years. Failure to heed the Socialist call has made it possible for the owning class to fasten the chains of economic bondage upon the workers. Now we have Johnson's warning that workers may no longer tug at their bonds.

PROSPERITY—FOR PARASITES

Food for thought, upon which every American should do some chewing, is contained in the business statement of General Motors Corporation for the year 1933.

There is something significant in the fact that, while millions of workers were sinking deeper into destitution under the "New Deal," that concern increased its profits 50,000 per cent. It is also significant that in the same period the average earnings of General Motors employees increased less than one per cent—which was not enough to permit workers' wages to keep pace with the rising costs of necessities.

Either the "New Deal" has been a failure thus far, or the purpose of the game has been to serve the interests of those who own at the expense of those who work. For that is what has been accomplished during the past year.

That business report should assist the common man toward a realization of the fact that big profits and prosperity do not go hand in hand. On the contrary, the greater the take-off taken by the few who own, the smaller will be the masses' share of industry's products. Owners simply can't have their loot and permit the general public to have it too.

Large profits mean large surpluses taken from workers. Large surpluses, plus small mass buying power, mean another industrial slump in the not-so-distant future.

With millions still unemployed, with workers living at low levels, with industry pouring purchasing power into only a few hands, we are given a picture of private Capitalism in normal action. Those who voted for Capitalism by supporting the political parties of the owning class have been getting exactly what the system promised.

The welfare of owners is always the only concern of industry. That being the case, the sensible thing to do is to make everybody a part owner of all industry—as Socialists have always been urging should be done. Only when industry is socialized and in the hands of the producing class will workers be able to enjoy real prosperity. Until then, better methods and greater surpluses will always result in greater profits for a few and more insecurity for the rest of us.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By J. I. S.

WAR SHADOWS

The seventeenth anniversary of our entrance into the World War finds the entire world feverishly building armaments, with peace agencies discredited and brutal, narrowly nationalistic regimes in power throughout much of the world. A young generation which knew not the horrors of the World War is being prepared as a sacrifice to the gods of national ambition, racial hatred, and commercial expansion.

The money cost of the war to the United States government alone has mounted well above the forty billion-dollar mark, and is increasing every year. This is more than the entire national income of the country in either 1932 or 1933. On the grounds of sheer stupidity war should be repudiated by the human race.

Nevertheless the world is heading straight towards a repetition of the colossal stupidity of 1914-1918. With an ambitious and reactionary Japan eager for expansion at the expense of Russia, and the forces that make for peace—the labor, radical, and liberal movements—crushed in Germany and Austria as they had previously been crushed in Italy, the outlook is dark indeed. In France and England reactionary governments are now at the helm, and in the United States a president liberal in some other respects suffers from a passion for a big navy. The disarmament conference has failed miserably, the League of Nations has been thoroughly discredited, and a new alignment of powers has been formed in central Europe with fascist Italy as the dominant influence.

In England the Labor Party, which will probably be the next ruler of England, has reaffirmed its opposition to war, and proposed that the unions work out a program, which will almost certainly include the general strike, in order to make war impossible. If a movement comparable to the British labor movement existed in each of the major countries of the world, the working masses could combine to prevent the outbreak of hostilities.

In the United States, in contrast, what little we can do appears almost futile. No really powerful labor movement exists here, and the strongest body, the American Federation of Labor, is in conservative hands. We must first create the labor movement that will be able to conduct a general strike.

As more immediate measures we can press for socialization of the armament industry, in order to end the subversive propaganda coming from the private munition makers. We should strive for legislation conscripting capital and industry in the event of war, which should lessen the enthusiasm of the jingoes and make war decidedly distasteful to the classes who now stand to profit from it. We should certainly prevent the shipment of munitions and war supplies to belligerents. We should join the League of Nations and adhere to the World Court, in an effort to strengthen all agencies that make for peace, and to prevent these agencies from becoming or remaining merely cloaks for imperialistic designs. We should insist upon passage of the Nye resolution for investigation of the armament industry, and strenuously oppose swollen appropriations for military purposes.

ROOSEVELT STANDS PAT

It is becoming increasingly evident that the Roosevelt administration is standing pat on its present program, and gambling on a return of prosperity. There have been no important experiments undertaken at this session of Congress, and what changes have been made have been largely in the conservative direction. The security market and stock exchange regulation bills are being modified, the industrialists are more thoroughly in control of the NRA, the company union has received the President's blessing, and the civil works program, the only feature of the new deal that directly benefited the masses, has been abolished.

Meanwhile the number of unemployed continues well above the 11,000,000 mark, and the relief agencies are swarmed with more applicants than ever before. The increased cost of living has nullified what small monetary wage increases labor has obtained. Beyond question the industrialists and the bankers are better off than they were, but labor is learning that its emancipation can only come through its own organized economic and political strength.

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By LAUREN GILFILLAN—The Viking Press, New York, \$2.50. Review by George M. Rhodes

Just out of college, the writer goes alone to Avelonia, mining town in the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania.

Although lacking perhaps a real workingclass background, she reports her findings in excellent style. For a picture of the misery and poverty that stalks in the coal fields in this richest of nations, read this book and follow the author in her travels and experiences with the mine folks.

Arriving in Avelonia, she goes to live with one miner's family after another; she dresses like them, eats with them, goes down in the mine with them, she becomes one of them.

She goes begging with one family with whom she lived. She relates her experiences posing as the oldest daughter of this family of starving miners, going from house to house begging among the country folks, many of them as poverty stricken as the miners.

She did picket duty with the miners and helped to solicit funds on the streets of Pittsburgh, dressed as a miner's daughter.

She reports the savage rule of the police and the comedy of the courts in dealing out justice in the coal fields.

In attending union meetings, social events, and in staying in various miner's homes, Miss Giffillan displayed unusual courage.

She offers a human interest story portraying the hopes and fears of the miners, of the ever-pregnant women, of the shacks that miners call home, without electric, some without water.

Homes with furniture made of boxes, overcrowded beds without mattresses. Children without shoes who cannot go to school. The scramble for the old clothes sent in by Socialist relief.

Although she was at first taken up with the miners, they finally became suspicious of her being a spy. She was threatened and finally left Avelonia.

Her book is well written, interesting from start to finish, sympathetic with the misery and plight of the workers, and gives to the world further evidence that Capitalism, the breeder of poverty and misery should be abolished.

NAZISM ABROAD

A Japanese Nazi party has been formed. Its leader is a certain Tsikava who recently returned from university studies in Germany.

An exhibition of the department store Daimaru at Osaka, Japan, shows a special section depicting the activities of the Hitler youth movement, its uniforms, instruments, weapons, and camp equipment.

General von Seeckt, former chief of the German general staff and now re-organizer of the Nanking army, is surrounded by Nazi civilian agents. According to the daily Nisi-Nisi, the Nanking government has placed an order for 5,000 machine guns with German arms manufacturers. Seeckt has also been instructed from Berlin to exert all his influence to effect a close alliance between Japan and the Nanking forces in case of a Russo-Japanese conflict.

A new Nazi scandal has been unearthed in Sweden. One of the Swedish Nazi leaders, Malte Welin, the publisher of several newspapers and until recently a lecturer on Scandinavian literature at the University of Berlin, has disappeared following the collapse of one of his manifold business enterprises. The case bears all the earmarks of fraudulent bankruptcy. It is believed that Welin has taken refuge in Germany.

THOMAS ASKS GREEN TO BACK INDUSTRIAL UNION

NEW YORK (FP).—Calling on President William Green of the American Federation of Labor to "issue a statement which will assure all faces in the automobile industry that you are standing for one united, democratic, industrial union," Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, has written a letter of warning that "craft unions in the industry mean defeat of the workers."

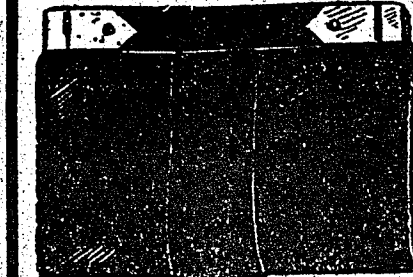
"Your chance of proving that the automobile workers depends at least in part upon your making it perfectly plain that the A. F. of L. stands now and will continue to stand for a democratic, intelligent and aggressive industrial union," he said. "Some of your own members are in actual fear that after they have built up an industrial union the-internationals will

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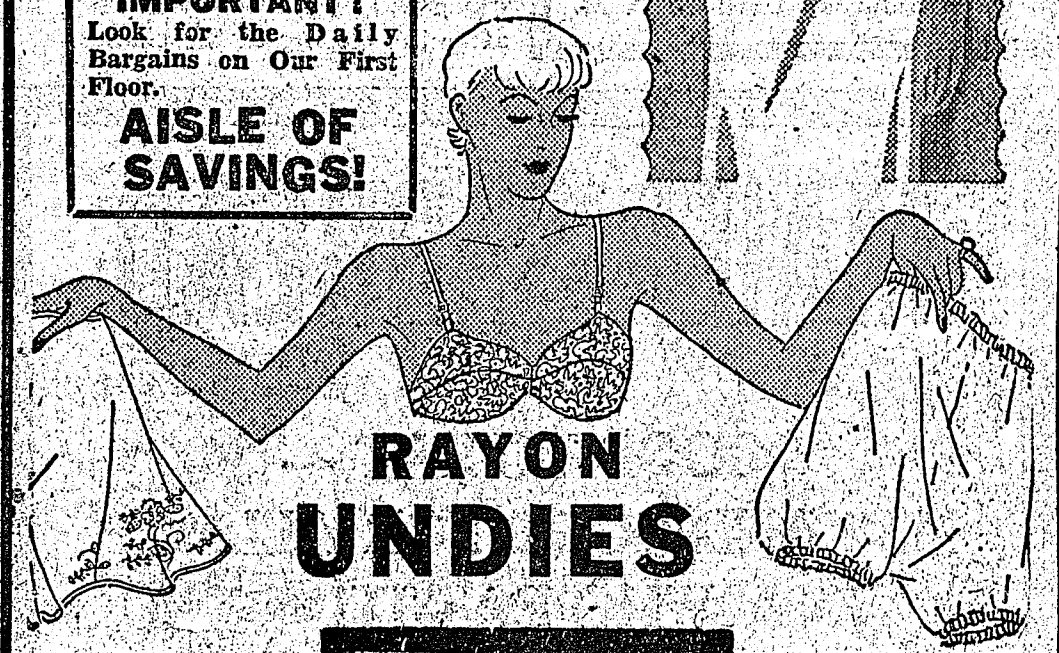
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MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—The "song of a shirt" still applies to Morgantown in spite of NRA, according to 350 girls and 10 men who have struck at the Charles Greenberg Shirt Factory. The girls could only make \$4 a week at the most.

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