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FIGHT AGAINST DOLES TO CONTINUE

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

IN A CLASS society so very much depends upon viewpoint. That is why it is so important for workers, employed and unemployed, to organize, crystallize their viewpoint into a code of action and press for the satisfaction of their needs and desires.

And that, too, is why public officials who have the viewpoint of the master class—like Mayor Ermentrout and his Fusion Council—consider it a "nuisance" when workers demonstrate because they are jobless, hungry and underprivileged.

MANY YEARS AGO I saw Lewis Morrison in a stage version of Goethe's "Faust." There was one scene there which still lingers with me; Mephisto was on the outside of a church when the organ began playing and voices sang sacred hymns. To the audience it sounded beautiful, but Satan indicated extreme annoyance and chagrin. To Mephisto church services were a "nuisance." I have no doubt that if the devil were mayor of Reading today he'd invoke the nuisance ordinance to stop the ringing of church bells just as the Fusionists use the same piece of legislation to interfere with cast-off workers who want more than the powers-that-be see fit to give them.

IT'S IN THE viewpoint. And the viewpoint depends upon the economic interests which each individual or group seeks to serve.

To Mayor Ermentrout marching workers are a nuisance. To those same workers fake NRA ballyhoo parades may be equally as disturbing. Each are affected differently because they have different points of view.

From the viewpoint of an advocate of the Capitalist system, workers are guilty of violence if they forcibly prevent scabs from taking jobs during a strike, while wealthy parasites are acting reasonably and peaceably when they deny workers the right to produce and have food, clothing and shelter because there is no profit in it for the owners.

AS I THINK of it, I can't help reflecting that the labor-exploiting owners are much more consistent in their actions than workers are. I mean, their actions fit their viewpoint better. They don't only THINK that workers should be dependent upon owners, they see to it that workers ARE dependent. They make laws and enforce laws to protect the owners and they vote in such a manner that they will have the political power to make the laws they need.

But it's different with workers. Their viewpoint is that they need and want a comfortable living. They think that way, talk that way, strike and demonstrate that way—but they don't vote that way.

Workers are easily kept in subjection because they have always been persuaded to look at things from the viewpoint of the owning class. They wrongfully believe that things as good streets, low taxes, honest officials and such like are important enough to serve as political issues. But as a matter of fact the only consideration which workers should entertain is that of controlling the means whereby they make their living.

Capitalists are that way. They are interested in streets, taxes and public honesty, too. But Capitalists will (Continued on Page Four)

SOCIALIST Radio Program

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Apr. 15—Jasper McLevy, Socialist Mayor of Bridgeport, Conn.
Apr. 22—Birch Dilsen,
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NO SERVICE UNLESS SERB WORKERS GET DECENT PAY, IS LABOR GROUPS' STAND

Fusion Officials' Hostility Will Not Divert Unemployed, CWA-PWA Union Official Declares—Grow Insists Jobless Are Eager to Work If Earnings Are at Proper Level—Predicts Strike When Dole System Starts—Violations of SERB Rules Seen as Attempt To Finish CWA Jobs and Disrupt Workers' Organizations

While for the moment the fight of the unemployed of Reading and Berks for relief which will permit them to live in decency has shifted to an attack upon the dictatorial methods of Reading's fusion city administration, the workers of this city who are banded together to protect the interests of the jobless are not losing sight of the main point.

The main point in this case is: "No relief work for less than living wages."

It was to stress this point against the State Emergency Relief Board setup, that members of the CWA-PWA union requested the use of the city hall auditorium last week. It was in protest against the refusal of Councilman Yocom to permit the use of the hall "to protest against the government" that the unemployed conducted a demonstration last Thursday which resulted in the arrest of Steward L. Grow, business agent of the CWA-PWA union, and Charles McDonough, Albert Eckenrode and Morris Keiser, members of that organization.

Despite the fact that a 10-day jail sentence, handed out by Alderman Printz, was aggravated by Mayor Ermentrout after the four had served 24 hours in the county prison, George M. Rhodes, president of Federated Trades Council, and Grow visited city council this week to demand the repeal or amendment of the infamous "nuisance" ordinance under which the unemployed demonstrators were arrested and jailed. Both labor leaders describe Mayor Ermentrout's treatment of their demands as "contemptuous."

Mayor Won't Halt Demands
"The fact that the city authorities, headed by Mayor Ermentrout, appear determined to do all in their power to keep us from bringing the case of the unemployed to public attention, will not sidetrack us," Grow declared this week.

"The real fight lies ahead and the (Continued on Page Four)

LOCAL WORKERS PLAN MAY DAY CELEBRATION

May 1, International Labor Day, will be celebrated this year by a demonstration called by the Reading Federated Trades Council and Local Berks Socialist Party. Besides serving to commemorate Labor's annual holiday, the meeting will open the organization drive that the Trades Council is planning for the spring and summer. The Trades Council is inviting all workingclass organizations in Reading and all workers, organized or unorganized, to take part in the mass meeting. There will be speeches, singing and other signs of solidarity.

Thomas and Rieve Speakers
Among the speakers who will be present will be Norman Thomas, Socialist Party candidate for president in 1932. Mr. Thomas will come from a May Day demonstration in New York City to be with the Reading workers. Evil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, has also been asked to speak.

A meeting of the committee of the Federated Trades Council to be held Friday, April 13, at the Hosiery Workers hall, 10th and Penn streets, will perfect plans for the meeting. Harry Boyer, secretary of Branch 10 of the Hosiery Workers; Earl White, business agent of the Federated Trades Council; and Lawrence Rogin, educational director, have been appointed as a committee to work on the details and to insure the co-operation of the unions in this demonstration.

S. P. CANDIDATES WIN IN WISC'NS'N

Power Trust Propaganda Seen In Narrow Defeat In Milwaukee — Gain Offices In Other Towns

(Special to the Advocate)
MILWAUKEE — While Socialist candidate for alderman, John Wartchow, was defeated by 236 votes in a special election in the 26th ward last week, election results in surrounding communities leave no doubt that the spirit of Socialism, once confined almost exclusively to Milwaukee, is spreading throughout the state.

The vote for alderman was Wartchow, S. 2,775; Esser, N. P., 3,061. In the judgeship fight, Stern, S., received 41,835 votes, against 79,935 for Hennessey, N. P.

Socialists Elected Elsewhere
Socialists increased their power in state politics by winning elections in two communities for the first time. In Kenosha the Socialist candidates for aldermen at large led the ticket. At Sheboygan four Socialists were elected members of the county board of supervisors while one Socialist won a seat in the city's common council. The successful candidates in Kenosha are Hugo Froehlich, Adam Mueller, Henry Druhe and Richard Luther, who will constitute half the city's representation on the county board, which has 36 members. The Socialist alderman is Fred Knevers.

Win in West Allis
Mrs. Pauline Bernhardt and Arthur A. Schmidt, Socialists, were elected to the West Allis school board.

In Milwaukee an old age pension (Continued on Page Eight)

THE APPEAL WHICH WAS SNUBBED BY ERMENTROUT

Address Delivered by George M. Rhodes, President of Federated Trades Council, Before City Council This Week

Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council:

We come to you with a grievance, with a protest against grave injustice. We come, not as "so-called" friends of the working class, but as a part of that class, as representatives of the organized section of that class who through the ages have struggled and sacrificed, not only to advance their own interests, but the interests of all workers.

To prove that statement, we point to the public schools which are a benefit to all workers. It was organized Labor that led the fight for free education and was condemned as we are today, as agitators and radicals. It was the pressure of organized (Continued on Page Four)

McLEVY SPEAKS HERE SUNDAY

Bridgeport's Socialist Mayor Will be Feature of Big Sunday Bazaar Program—Record Crowds Expected

With two nights of the Big Socialist Bazaar in Odd Fellows' hall a matter of history, the committee in charge is planning to take care of record-breaking crowds for the remainder of the week.

Despite the fact that weather conditions on Wednesday were highly unfavorable, many people took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the dancing and other amusement features which the Bazaar offers at the bargain admission price of 15 cents.

McLevy Here Sunday
The announcement that Mayor Jasper McLevy, of Bridgeport, Conn., will address a public gathering in Bazaar hall Sunday afternoon has been greeted with enthusiasm by local Socialists. Another feature of the afternoon program will be vocal selections by the combined male and female Socialist choruses.

At the close of the afternoon program, supper will be served in the basement to those desiring it, so that no time will be lost in swinging into the evening activities, the feature of which will be an original Russian motion picture depicting street scenes in the 1905 revolt there. In addition there will be a set of comedies, a skit by the Labor College Dramatic group and a concert by the Socialist orchestra. The entire Sunday program will be free to the general public.

The committee asks all who have sold tickets to make settlement for them at the bazaar with Mrs. Bertha Tyson Weidner.

Keen interest is being shown in the freely nightly door prizes as well as the grand prize of an electric refrigerator which the bazaar committee is giving away to some patron. The booths are being generously patronized. Special interest centers around candy booth which is being conducted by the United Drive Committee. Here high-grade chocolates are offered in attractive boxes prepared for the committee and bearing the Socialist emblem with the words: "Socialist Chocolates," printed in red.

TEXTILE MACHINE LAYOFFS WILL ADD TO RELIEF ROLLS

A new group of unemployed workers became candidates for local relief aid this week as a result of widespread layoffs at the Textile Machine Company plant in Wyomissing.

Just how many workers will be dispensed with before the end of the week can not be predicted, although the first group of at least 20 were given the sad news about 20 minutes before quitting time, Wednesday afternoon.

The reason for the layoffs, as stated by one foreman was "inability to sell the company's products and the cancellation of orders for more than a hundred machines." It is expected that every department will be affected and that the number of workers cast out will run into several hundred.

The workers will live upon their savings (?) and then ask for food vouchers. The owners of the plant will continue to live in their Wyomissing palaces. And the daily papers will publish a headline about business revival when and if a portion of the dismissed workers are again permitted to be of service to the big bosses across the river.

Although the "New Deal" is more than a year old, workers in Wyomissing and elsewhere still find themselves out of the Capitalist game.

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What Reading Folks Are Talking About

McDONOUGH FIGHTS FOR MORE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Making the needs of Reading's school children in mind, and not caring very much about the desire of School Board architects to spend as much money as possible, Socialist School Director Howard McDonough demands and gets an investigation of the plans which a group of six architects have submitted.

McDonough declares that the architects made the costs too high. He supports his contention by comparison with a similar building, designed by one of the architects in question for another school district. Why, he wants to know, does this architect design a building to cost 20 cents per cubic foot in Ridley Township and then find it impossible to design one for Reading under 30 cents per cubic foot?

Here is a question which the architects had better be clear in answering. Folks can easily be convinced that the architects made their plans unnecessarily expensive in order that they might spend as much of the School Board loan as possible and collect commission on as large an amount of money as possible.

"Mack" hasn't made any charges. Thus far he's only pointing to the facts and demanding an explanation. Incidentally, too, he's protecting the interests of all concerned, particularly the interests of the rising generation whose welfare can be best served by building as many new schools as possible with the money made available by the voters last November.

People like the way the Socialist member raised his objection. It's now up to the architects to do as well for Reading as they did elsewhere or tell the reason why.

WE DEMAND BETTER JAILS FOR WORKERS

It just doesn't do any good to send a real labor agitator to jail. All that is accomplished is to change the scene of his activities—and that is often embarrassing to incompetent public officials.

Mayor Ermentrout sent Stewart Grow, Charles McDonough, Morris Keiser and Albert Eckenrode to Berks County's cheese bar prison for 10 days. He let them out after 24 hours, but that was long enough for them to find out a few things about the jail which was built by Ermentrout's fellow Democrats.

On Wednesday Grow, McDonough and Keiser appeared before a meeting of the Prison Board and told those officials a few things which wouldn't do much good to Berks Democracy.

Some of the things which Ermentrout's prisoners found was:

Fish and potatoes served the prisoners were unfit to eat.

Prisoners were allowed only 7 minutes to eat a meal.

Vermine infests the cells and can not be exterminated by any ordinary means.

Men sent to jail from Reading for short terms are classed as "bums" and put in the filthiest part of the prison while actual criminals fare much better.

Short-term prisoners are not allowed in the library but long-term crooks are.

Prisoners who are mentally sick are exposed to teasing at the hands of their fellow prisoners.

That clipping the heads of prisoners was equivalent to "branding" practiced during feudal times and made it doubly difficult for victims to secure (Continued on Page Three)

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SKILLED CRAFTSMEN ORGANIZE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK (FP)—The Mechanics Educational Society of America has begun its membership drive in the New York area and members are flocking in, according to J. J. Griffin, organizer.

"Wages for skilled craftsmen in New York are terrible," Griffin said at the end of his first week in the city. "Tool and die makers are getting 50, 55 and 60 an hour, with no minimum. Some even get less than this."

"In the auto area around Detroit our members are getting an absolute minimum of 85c an hour and instead of being satisfied with that they have a goal of \$1.50 an hour for the 30-hour week."

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Master Exploiters Tell Senate Committee of Undying Hostility to Real Workers' Organizations

COMPANY UNIONS LAUDED

Spirit of "Rugged Individualism" Is Still Strong in the Ranks of Big Profiteers

WASHINGTON (FP)—One after another the monarchs of steel and their high-priced retainers paraded across the witness stand of the Senate committee on education and labor April 5 to express their undying hostility to unionism and to defend the elaborate company union system which has been imposed on nearly 500,000 workers since the passage of the recovery act last summer.

Ernest T. Weir, president of Natl. Steel, whose defiance of the national labor board constitutes the test case of its powers; Tom Girdler, former president of Jones & Laughlin, perhaps the most cold-blooded of all steel corporations; and now president of Republic Steel; Charles R. Hook, president of American Rolling Mills; and Arthur H. Young, vice president of U. S. Steel in charge of labor relations, expounded the American Iron and Steel Institute's theory of industrial slavery.

Jesus in Steel
U. S. Steel's Young, the first witness, struck the keynote in denouncing the Wagner labor disputes bill as "vicious and undesirable because of its fundamental philosophy as to the certain and complete slash of interest as between employer and employee." He wound up with glowing praise of Jesus Christ as having established the golden rule for the steel trust's treatment of its workers. He asserted that U. S. Steel's company union is "a supplement to the Golden Rule."

Young explained his background. He started to work in the steel mills at the age of 15, working 12 hours a day and "proud of the fact I was paid 15c an hour." Later he became personnel expert of Illinois Steel (U. S. Steel subsidiary) in South Chicago, then for Intl. Harvester and for 10 years was in charge of Industrial Relations Counselors, Inc., "underwritten by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., engaged in research and consulting service on all matters having to do with human relationships in industry." In this capacity he worked closely with Frances Perkins, then New York state industrial commissioner, and was a member of many of her committees.

How Company Union Was Formed
Young was called in from the Rockefeller organization on Feb. 1 to become U. S. Steel's vice president in charge of labor relations at a salary of \$75,000 a year. He immediately called a conference of steel moguls to revise the company union constitutions and bring them into legal conformity with Section 7a of the recovery act. Elections were ordered Feb. 23 in U. S. Steel plants to effect these changes.

Candidly he confessed to the Senate committee that the so-called unions have no membership dues, have no meetings, and that workers' only participation is to cast ballots once a year for employee representatives. His "job" in revising company union constitutions was necessitated by "interpretations of government labor board rulings." "The management felt that certain modifications were necessary," he said.

The steel corporation's labor expert admitted that there was no "super-council" of U. S. Steel company unions, corresponding to a national labor union. He defended the company's initiation of the plans, its influence in their functioning and financing as "acts of ordinary, everyday intercourse between men and management."

Attacks A. F. L.
"Employees of the iron and steel industry to testify before you later will, I am sure, confirm their desire and expectancy" that the management will assume "leadership" in labor relations, Young said. He attacked the structure of A. F. of L. unions as "archaic" and listed 38 unions with which, he said, U. S. Steel would have to deal if it recognized union labor.

Young asserted that his arguments

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SOCIAL T SPURNS NRA JOB OFFER

Strikers' Relief Chairman Refuses \$15-Per-Day Offer Because He's Out to Kill Capitalism

NEW YORK (FP)—Unwillingness to aid the NRA in patching up the capitalist system because he is a Socialist and believes that system must be destroyed, was cited by John Herling, executive secretary of the Emergency Committee for Strikers' Relief, as reason for refusing to serve as an administration member of an unnamed NRA code authority.

Herling was invited to serve by Armin W. Riley, division administrator in Washington, who offered him \$15 a day when working.

In Conflict With N.R.A.
"My objectives," Herling replied to Riley, "are in direct conflict with the essential aims of the N.R.A., which are to strengthen the capitalist system, to eliminate some of its inefficiencies as a profit system, and to develop techniques by which workers

can be manipulated into further acquiescence."

"Nor can I entertain the elaborate rationalizations with which some radicals have spun their way into the Roosevelt administration. Recent events have proved that the overwhelming pressure being exerted on government is by bankers and industrialists for the maintenance of their system. The good intentions of certain individuals in administration jobs is not discernible in administration deeds."

Wouldn't Aid Company Unions

"What role is it proposed that I play? Would it not be the role of the administration member of a code authority to follow precedents laid down in other industrial disputes? The revised Wagner labor disputes bill, based on the president's automobile industry agreement, would legalize company unions. My aim is to smash company unions, and help build genuine workers' organizations. I decline to be even an insignificant member of a government which after a year of displaying its brand of social engineering, has devised such a positive and universal scheme for workers' enslavement. The surface of capitalism in America has been worn too thin for any one to be deceived about the cause at work underneath."

CLEVELAND RELIEF IS BACK TO HOOVER LEVELS

CLEVELAND (FP)—Relief for Cleveland unemployed is back to Hoover levels as a result of abandonment of the CWA program, the Cuyahoga County Relief Administration reveals.

The administration must now care for 35,000 families and 70,000 extra individuals on the same amount of money formerly used for 25,000 families and 7,000 extra individuals. And 215 teachers working at \$15 a week in the emergency schools program have been cut to the amount they would receive on straight relief. The \$1.00 per relief family medical care program worked out by the Academy of Medicine also has had to be ditched.

The relief crisis also has resulted in an effort by the state to deport all alien unemployed who are on relief.

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DEMAND CWA JOBS GO ON

(Federated Pictures)



Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, is shown heading parade of CWA workers who marched in Washington to demand continuation of CWA and that relief funds be increased.

THE FUSION POLICY

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exploiters of labor, the effect of their protests could not be other than food.

But few city officials will do that. They cannot serve the interests of workers and their exploiters any more than they can serve the God and Mammon at the same time. And so, as they stand for a system based upon the interests of owners, they turn their hands against workers who ask for more than owners are willing to permit workers to have.

Mayor Ermentrout and his Fusion associates are not workers' officials. They are not even the city's officials. They are the officials of the big business interests. If they had the interest of the community at heart, if they even cared about the small business men of Reading, they would be in the forefront of the demand for unemployment relief which would enable all workers to live on high standards. For only when workers have high standards can prosperity return to the merchants and to the nation itself.

Unfortunately Ermentrout does not have that broad viewpoint. So he thinks that workers should be satisfied with what they are getting and in the language which arrogant masters have always used to slaves, speaks about how much he has done for Capitalism's victims.

"THE TRUMPET BLOWS," EMBASSY

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of the world's most exciting sport.

George Raft stepped right into the
front ranks of stardom in his last
picture, "Bolero," which the public
applauded and which established Raft
as star in his own right. In "The
Trumpet Blows" he offers even a
greater portrayal. The play is said
to be the most exciting since the late
Rudolph Valentino's appearance in
"Blood and Sand," a picture that
will long linger in the memory of
theatregoers.

Another play that will be recalled

when "The Trumpet Blows" is pre-
sented, is "The Pretty Sister of Jose"
presented years ago by Maude
Adams. "The Trumpet Blows" com-
bines all the thrills, the emotions,
the daring and the brutal passion
that dominated such great plays as
"Pretty Sister of Jose" and "Blood
and Sand."

George Raft is surrounded by a
notable cast including Adolphe Men-
jou and Frances Drake.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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work when released from prison.

That prison labor is being
used to do the jobs which were
formerly done by CWA workers.

That the cinder block con-
struction of the jail permitted
water to pour through so freely
that cots are moved from cells
into the main corridor during a
rainstorm.

The boys told the Prison Inspec-
tors about their deficiencies, much to
the discomfort of every member, ex-
cept Mary Archer, who smiled broad-
ly when her complaints of misman-
agement were thus confirmed. By
sending a few more agitators to jail,
Mayor Ermentrout may aid in un-
covering enough evidence to con-
vince even Berks County's Demo-
crats that there is "eppes letz" with
their professional political leaders.

WORKERS HAVE NO INALIENABLE RIGHTS

When New York Central Railroad
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working for the Reading Co. don't
know when their jobs will be sold
away from them and they will be
cast on the scrap heap.

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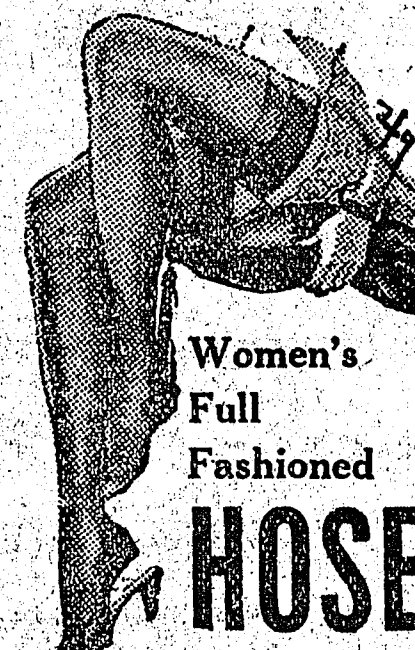
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the latter. Socialists raised a hue
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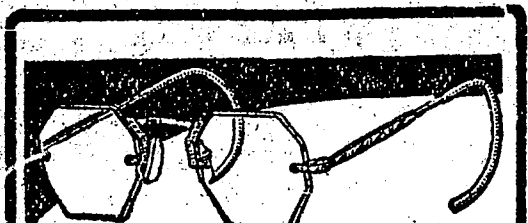
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workers make that mistake. That's why workers are so easily kept in poverty in the richest nation on earth.

FOR MANY YEARS we Socialists have been urging workers to unite their political power in a party of their own, and it's still necessary that they do so. Laws—even nuisance laws—aren't so bad in themselves. It's who interprets and enforces them that matters.

In Russia there are laws which are enforced mightily rigidly. But in Russia the speculator and grafter are the nuisances—so much so, in fact, that they are sometimes "liquidated."

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before firing squads. But in Russia things are not run according to the viewpoint of labor exploiters; that's the difference.

Capitalists' public officials take the viewpoint of the Capitalists who finance their elections. Workers' public officials will take the viewpoint of workers—if workers ever organize and make themselves the dominant class. Capitalist laws are written and enforced to benefit Capitalists. Workers' laws may read much the same in many instances, but they will be enforced to enable workers to get the wealth they create.

And by the way, what about YOUR public officials? Do they see things from the angle of workers or of owners? Well, that's how the workers who elected them saw things last election day.

SAN FRANCISCO (FP) — Margaret Marshall, Eleanor Booth and Jerome Peterson have been sentenced to San Francisco county jail for giving handbills to longshoremen telling them what to do if arrested during a strike. The three are members of the Intl. Labor Defense.

THE APPEAL

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Labor, who by struggle and sacrifice made possible workmen's compensation, labor laws that shortened hours, gave protection to women and children in industry, and other social legislation that eased the suffering and lightened the burdens of all workers.

We have always been in the forefront of the fight for old age pensions, widows pensions, unemployment insurance and other measures that would benefit, not only the organized section of the working class, but all workers.

Labor Won Right to Organize

After the NRA was written, it was the organized workers that caused Section 7a to be added to the Act. If there are any benefits that came to the workers from the NRA they came from this section, and credit belongs to organized labor who made that section possible.

In every code hearing at Washington it was organized labor who fought against the low wage policy of industry and who succeeded in raising standards in many of them that brought benefits to more unorganized workers than unionists who did the fighting, and who furnished the funds to carry on for better wages and conditions.

So we can truly say, that we come as workers and as citizens to protest against the unjust arrest of the four leaders of the CWA Workers' Union. We come also to ask you to repeal or amend the Nuisance Act, so that it will be impossible to interpret this Act in a way that permits the denial of free speech and free assemblage.

Nuisance Ordinance Autocratic

This Act is so broad that half the citizens of Reading could be arrested every week. Under this act it is possible to prohibit the ringing of church bells and arrest those who disobey. Under this Act public officials could even deny workers their rights to distribute literature and bulletins.

An Act that gives such autocratic power to an administration is contrary to constitutional government and should be changed or abolished. Public sentiment is opposed to dictatorship. As it is unconstitutional to deny freedom of speech and assembly we urge council to take steps at once to amend or repeal this Act. Or the least that can be done is to give an interpretation that is not so vicious as to make it appear as class legislation, but an interpretation that will not conflict with our constitutional right of free speech, free assemblage and the right to petition.

Would Avoid Violence

We deny that this bill prevents violence, rather the reverse is true. We are opposed to violence, for always workers suffer most when it occurs. We have no desire to fight the police. With few exceptions they have treated us fine, and it was not a pleasure for many of them to carry out some of the orders that were handed down.

We realize that they too are workers, who like many are forced to accept unpleasant jobs because they have little choice in selecting employment. But I challenge the mayor, the police commissioner and any member of this council to point to where any violence has been caused by the organized workers.

Violence comes from the lack of justice, and the denial of the right of workers to the bare necessities of life which are here in abundance. A government that plows under cotton and destroys milk cows and hogs is responsible for violence that occurs when ill-clad and hungry people arise in protest.

Hunger is Greatest Agitator

Not agitators, Mr. Mayor, but autocratic and unjust government is the cause of violence. The voice of agitators fall upon deaf ears when people eat regular and have decent clothing and shelter.

And to the mayor, I wish to say, that the organized workers are not a mob, but are respectable, law-abiding citizens. They have been patient in their misery and despair. They are not only within their rights when they protest against injustice, but as Thomas Jefferson has said, it is their duty to do so.

We realize that a city government cannot solve this problem alone. All we ask is fair play.

We believe that city council can help by using its high office in bringing pressure to bear upon state and national officials to enact laws such as unemployment insurance, the Wagner bill without amendments, and demand adequate relief for those in distress and the continuance of a program of public works that will provide jobs with wages instead of work relief.

Open City Hall

We believe that you should open city hall in times like these to give the people a chance to air their

THEY GROW IN SOIL OF SOCIAL INJUSTICE

(FP Cartoon by Jerger)



grievances which will reduce the danger of violence to a minimum.

This can be done during the day without expense and will require but a little janitor service, therefore we can see no reason why the city auditorium should be denied to the citizens who are the real owners, and whom you are expected to serve.

We ask that new rules be made for the hall without the red tape that makes it almost impossible for a working class organization to use it.

We ask that you consider our appeal without prejudice, and in the spirit of justice and fair play.

NO SERVICE

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arrest of myself and my comrades is only an incident. What the organized unemployed are determined upon is to refuse to work under conditions which allow them nothing more than bare subsistence relief.

Wants Public To Understand
"It is highly important that we be understood. There are many people who think the unemployed are unwilling to work for their living. The city authorities evidently wish to strengthen this impression by refusing us the opportunity to make our demands sufficiently clear.

"What we want is work—at wages which will enable us to live in at least half decency. Our demands are for not less than 75 cents per hour and at least 30 hours' work per week. That will allow every worker a minimum income of \$22.50 per week. I am certain that none of the members of council would like to support a family on that amount."

Will Resist Destitution Level
Grow pointed out that the SERB aims to place workers on a mere subsistence level under conditions which would force family heads to work for the equivalent of "starvation vouchers."

"We will not work under these conditions," he declared. "If it is to be work and decency, yes. But if workers are to be held down to old relief standards, then we will do all in our power to prevent the unemployed from giving service."

State Rules Ignored
Officials of the unemployed union describe the activities of the unemployed as "necessary precautions against low living standards."

"As we understand it," Grow stated, "the rule laid down for relief under SERB is that relief shall be given on the basis of need. In other words, men will work for varying amounts, depending upon the size and need of each individual family. How many hours each worker will be asked to serve will depend upon the size of his relief voucher and upon the hourly rate at which his labor will be valued. For example, if the 50-cent labor rate remains in force a man with a fairly large family will get \$8 per week and be allowed to earn it by working 16

hours, while a man with a smaller family may get \$5 and work 10 hours. There is, however, no guarantee that the wage rate will remain at even the 50 cents which prevailed under CWA.

"Just now these rules are being ignored. Why this is so I do not know. However, two reasons appear likely: First, the SERB officials wish to avoid trouble until after a number of unfinished CWA jobs are completed, and second, they hope to split the CWA union by persuading a number of their members to take jobs.

"In addition, there is no attention being paid to the needs of the people employed. That is to say, some workers who are receiving relief are not working while others who have never asked for relief have been called to work. This appears like a deliberate attempt to disrupt the CWA-PWA union. However, the members of our organization and of the Taxpayers' Protective League see through the scheme and will stand out for the right to earn decent weekly wages. As soon as the 'basis of need' plan is attempted, I predict a strike of the unemployed. If only subsistence allowances are given those who receive them should not give service."

In their fight for higher wage rates and sufficient hours of labor to guarantee family wages, the CWA-PWA group has the co-operation of the Taxpayers' Protective League and Federated Trades Council.

The latter organization views any attempt to make workers give service for relief as a threat to the security of labor which is still employed. Also, in the case of wage rates, the trades unionists are eager to see high standards because they feel that a low standard for SERB workers will determine wage policies in the city's private industries.

Francis Klemmer, business agent for the Building Trades Council, declared this week that in his opinion every intelligent business man will look favorably upon efforts to keep the earnings of all workers at a high average.

"Even the scant relief which CWA workers received had a beneficial effect upon local business," Klemmer pointed out. "To drop below that level now would again reduce purchases and add to the stagnation in trade in this city. What workers should have and what is needed if prosperity is ever to return is not subsistence doles but wages which will enable everybody to live on a high standard."

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This society is in a position to face all claims of its membership. It also co-operates with the workers in all labor struggles.

Additional information concerning the society can be had from the financial secretary, Eugene Haag, 240 Linden street.

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Activities of the Reading Socialists

LOCAL BERKS

A special meeting will be held by Local Berks on Thursday, April 19, at the Labor Lyceum. All members are requested to attend as a special business must be transacted in regard to our National Convention. If you are interested be on hand. In order to complete the job, all members are asked to be there promptly at 7:30 p. m.

CARD PARTY TONIGHT AT LAURELDALE

All card players are invited to attend a card party tonight (Friday) at the headquarters of the Laureldale Branch, Yeager's Hall. Playing will start at 8:30 and attractive prizes will be awarded to winners. Lunch will be served.

A cake sale will be held at the headquarters tomorrow (Saturday) beginning at 9 a. m. and lasting until 7 high grade, home-made cakes and pastry will be on sale at reasonable prices.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

Another card party will be held Saturday night at the headquarters of the Northeast Branch, 1311 North Ninth street. Players will have an opportunity to compete for extra fine prizes. Refreshments will be served.

CARD PARTY TUESDAY AT NORTHWEST BRANCH

All card players will want to attend the card party which will be held under the auspices of the Northwest Women next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in their headquarters at Green and Gordon streets. Fine prizes will be awarded to winners.

No business meeting will be held before the party.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The Women's Committee will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 19th. Because of the special meeting.

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JACKSONWALD BRANCH

The next meeting of the Jacksonwald Branch will be held at Comrade Brookmeyer's home, near Oley Line, on Tuesday, April 24th. Branch members please note the change and bring your friends. A speaker from Reading will address the meeting.

TEMPLE BRANCH

Branch meetings are held at the St. Marko club house every Monday at 8 p. m. and new faces are seen at every meeting. The comrades of this new active branch invite you and your friends to drop in and join in the discussions that follow the speaking. Raymond S. Hofses, candidate for Congress, was the guest speaker at the last meeting and this coming Monday night Darlington Hoopes, member of the State Legislature and candidate for re-election, will deliver an address.

BRANCH SECRETARIES

Your quarterly report is overdue! This report must be sent in to the office for the purpose of bringing our office records up to date. Do not delay as we need the correct address of every member for mailing and voting purposes and other party activities.

SPEAKERS AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Monday, April 16th:
Northeast: Stewart Tomlinson.
Central: J. H. Stump.
Temple: Darlington Hoopes.
Tuesday, April 17th:
Laureldale: Raymond S. Hofses.
18th Ward: Mark Brown.
West Reading: Austin Adams.

LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By LARRY ROGIN

This year's annual Labor College banquet is now being arranged by committees picked from the evening classes at the College, with the cooperation of the officials. The date has been set for May 5, which will be the first Saturday after the closing of the classes. The place has not yet been picked but there is sentiment for holding the banquet in Reading this year in order that it may be possible for the greatest number of students and their husbands, wives, friends and relatives to attend. The price will also be kept low so that it can fit the New Deal pocketbooks. The committee and the officials will meet Saturday at 2 p. m., at the offices of the Federated Trades Council, 705 Walnut street.

Next week's classes will be featured by a discussion of workmen's compensation and its relationship to industrial accidents and diseases. The discussion will be led by Earl White, business agent for the Federated Trades Council and an expert on the problems of Workmen's compensation. Mr. White is a member of the permanent advisory committee to the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Bureau. Visitors will be welcome.

The officials of the Labor College have, at the request of some students, extended the time for the handing in of essays for one week to April 23. The subjects of the essays are Labor History, Labor and Fascism, Labor and the NRA, and Trade Unions and Political Parties. The essay prizes will be awarded at the annual banquet.

TENN. POWER MAY BOOST BUYING

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Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer

SHOE UNION RECEIVES CHARTER

To a crowded Shoe Workers meeting on Tuesday night at 413 North Ninth street, Fay L. Carlin, organizer for the Boot and Shoe Workers Union, presented the charter of his International.

In his presentation speech to the chairman, Edgar Miller, recipient for the local, Carlin declared: "Accept this charter as an emblem of protection to all Shoe Workers in Reading. Because of its very nature of creation and protection of wages, hours and conditions, it becomes almost sacred, and if need be, I trust you will protect it with your very life. To stand for the principals it represents—one for all and all for one—it may mean that you will be subject to persecution as that great Navigator who, after discovering America, was sent back to Spain in chains—and such as that great humanitarian and philosopher Abraham Lincoln, who died that a Union of States might live. Such are the ramifications and trials for advanced thinkers and leaders of society to whose memory monuments are built."

Shoe Workers meeting will be held weekly at 413 North Ninth street, at 8 p. m., until further notice. A large number of workers signed up on Tuesday evening and every one was optimistic about the possibility of reviewing the old united militant spirit among the people working in the industry. Whether they have intentions of signing up or not, all Shoe Workers are urged to attend these meetings without obligation.

The writer attended the meeting and spoke briefly on immediate current trade union problems, and endorsed their action of affiliation.

PICKET NRA CHISELER AT ROBESONIA PLANT

Running away from Philadelphia where his works are on strike for their rights under Section 7a of the NIRA, decent wages and working conditions, an outworn knit goods manufacturer is locating in the Richmond Knitting Mills building at Robesonia in the hope of defeating his striking workers in Philadelphia, and in the hope of exploiting Berks county workers.

Not to be outsmarted by this runaway chiseling type of employer, officials of the striking Philadelphia union called upon the Reading and Berks county labor movement this week asking us to picket the shop at Robesonia in an effort to keep it a union mill regardless of where he locates.

Volunteers, especially from the borough of Robesonia would be appreciated. Everyone line up for the big parade to Robesonia. Come directly to the picket line or register at the Federated Trades Office.

ENLIST FOR THE ORGANIZATION DRIVE

If the Cruading Organization Drive is to be the success everyone is hoping it will be, all unions must busy themselves, take up seriously the question of financing the campaign and report immediately the size of the contribution their organization is able to make.

Financial obligations have already been assumed by a temporary sub-committee. Considerable additional advance preliminary preparation must be made for a successful campaign. Because response from the unions has lagged, nothing much has been done.

The General Committee meets tonight to lay definite plans for the opening of the drive on May 1, with Norman Thomas as the principal speaker. Everyone is urged to be present so that all sub-committees can be appointed and started to function.

The Hardware and Allied Trade Workers' Union is holding its regular meeting tonight and all its members are urged to attend.

2-DAY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ALLENTOWN

Socialist Party delegates from many sections of Pennsylvania will meet in a conference in Allentown, Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, to discuss plans to further the work of the party among unemployed organizations. The conference, which was authorized at the recent State Convention at Harrisburg, will be held in Local League's Labor Lyceum, 126 North Sixth street. While the Allentown Socialists have promised to do their best to provide housing, delegates attending the conference will have to bear

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LABOR PLAYERS TO PRESENT SKIT HERE

Again this year Reading Labor will be host to the Brookwood Labor Players and their Chautauqua. Sponsored this year by the Reading Labor College and the Federated Trades Council, the Brookwooders will be at the Southern Junior High School on Monday evening, April 29. This year's program, which will be almost entirely new, will have plays based on the recent strike epidemics. There will be new songs to keep up the workers' spirits and, as a special feature, a labor ventriloquist, who discusses how to get an idea into a block head.

The Brookwood Players are made up of students at Brookwood Labor College, at Katonah, N. Y. They are young men and women who come

from the different industries in order to prepare themselves for more effective service in the labor movement. This year's group will include coal miners, shirt workers, dress-makers, office workers, a hotel worker and others. The troupe will be in charge of Mark Starr, Brookwood Extension Director, and Myra B. Smith, of the dramatic department. Tickets to the performance are free, and available at all unions in Reading and at the headquarters of the Federated Trades Council, 705 Walnut street.

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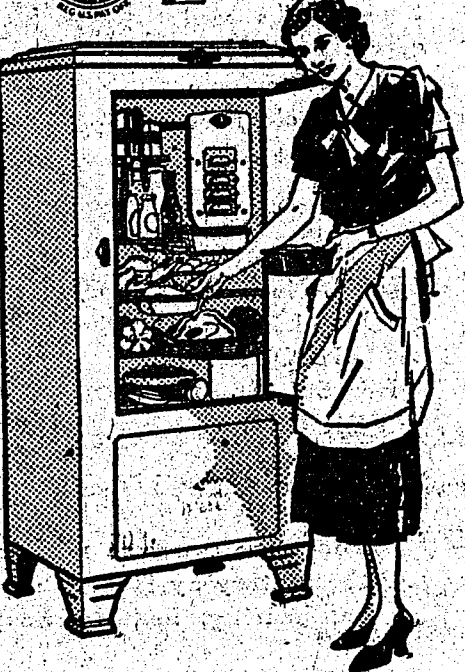
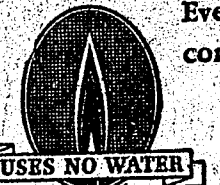
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approved by the Motion Picture Code Authority.

The Code Committee for Extras, an NRA setup, has decided that the list of 17,000 extras shall be reduced to approximately 1,500. Welfare organizations and various agencies hiring extras will be asked to submit the names of those they feel should be retained on the final list. Aside from qualifications, extras fear that the final list will be made up of those in favor with producers because of personal reasons. Political favor, nepotism and "friendly relations" with women have always been an important factor in Hollywood employment, especially among the extras.

The list when approved by the Code Authority will work hardships on the many who have relied on the form of work for support over a number of years, many declare. Their living conditions are none too pleasant at present; they will in the near future be reduced to abject poverty when the favored list finally goes into effect.

AUTO PARTS WORKERS STRIKE

MUSKEGON, Mich. — Approximately 2,000 workers have struck at the auto parts plant of the Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Foundry at Muskegon Heights. The strikers demand an 8-hour day, 5-day week and higher wages. They are now working six hours a day, six days a week.

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GERMANS RESENT NAZI POLICIES

Continued Low Living Standards Resulting In Widespread Bitterness — Confidence In Hitler Is Waning

CHEMNITZ (TIS).—Growing bitterness and desperation are rapidly spreading among the workers in the Saxonian industrial districts. Serious flare-ups are reported in factories where the workers are forced to work extra hours for the sole purpose of paying their holiday suits, prescribed arbitrarily by the Nazi Labor Front. The former method of subtracting weekly amounts from their regular pay envelopes has proven a failure. Wages are steadily reduced; textile workers were subjected only recently to a new 12 per cent wage cut. Newly hired young workers receive hourly wages of 22 to 27 pfennig (approximately 8 to 10 cents).

Leading plants in this center of German textile industry report the systematic distribution of anti-Nazi leaflets and underground Socialist propaganda. The main attacks are directed against the enormous graft by the Nazi labor leaders at the expense of the silenced workers. Workers, under the disguise of Nazis or Nazi sympathizers, have adapted the ingenious method of reading the leaflets aloud and roundly denouncing them before their fellow workers, with the result that the contents become generally known and are discussed everywhere.

The workers' council of the textile factory Goertz was recently arrested for its "Marxist ideas" and sent to a concentration camp. This led to such an excitement among the workers that the employer in union with the Nazi labor authority decided to receive a special delegation and hear their grievances. After prolonged meetings the attitude of the workers became so threatening that the authorities found it wise to free the arrested men and reinstate them.

BIRTH CONTROL MEETING IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A public meeting on Birth Control will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, South Fifth street, in the chapel, Thursday, April 19, at 8 p. m. Mrs. Mary B. Nelson, Executive Secretary of the local Birth Control Federation, will speak on the Washington conference on Birth Control and National Recovery.

The conference was of great interest; twenty-seven states were represented and over five hundred physicians attended the sessions for physicians only. The meetings of the Congressional Judiciary hearing were held in the largest room to accommodate the crowd.

The general public is invited to hear Mrs. Nelson next Thursday. A general discussion will follow her address.

The Birth Control office has moved from the Universalist Church to 408 Franklin street. Regular office hours will be from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Appointments at other times can be made by phone, Dial 4-3446.

STALIN REJECTS IDEA OF EQUAL PAY FOR SOVIETS

Renounces Leveling Tendency Which Prevailed In First Five-Year Plan

From Christian Science Monitor, Written by W. H. Chamberlin.

MOSCOW.—Perhaps the most significant feature of the long "political report" which Mr. Stalin delivered before the 17th Communist Party Congress here was the sharpness with which he denounced the idea that absolute material equality is a Communist or Marxian idea.

The vigor with which he denounced those misguided comrades who believed that everyone ought to be paid the same wages or receive the same share of the material goods of life suggests that he believes the time is ripe to call a firm halt on the destructive leveling tendencies which were marked during the first year of the Five-Year Plan, in 1929 and in 1930, but which recently have been falling more and more into official disfavor.

How did these leveling tendencies find expression? In the "liquidation," i. e., arrest and exile, accompanied by confiscation of property, of great numbers of the formerly well-to-do classes, the Nepmen, or private traders, in the towns, and the kulaks, or richer peasants, in the villages; in attempts to make the collective farms, in which most of the peasants are now enrolled, pure communes, where no one would possess private property and everyone would eat the same food; in attempts to establish communal groups among city workers, in which every member of the group paid his wages into a common fund and all shared equally in food and clothing.

Hopes for Farm Commune
Mr. Stalin fully approves of the elimination of the Nepmen and the kulaks and has no intention of permitting them to emerge again. This is part of his program of establishing social order where no private person may employ hired labor for profit or own any means of production or trade: factories, shops, farms, etc. But he just as heartily disapproves of the type of farm or housing commune where all members share equally, regardless of how much work they do.

He dismissed the "housing communes with a scornful reference to the harm which was done to our industries by these childish inventions of 'leftwing' blockheads."

As for the agricultural communes, he declared that they were now being obliged to pass over to the status of the far more numerous "artels," where land, machinery and working animals are common property, but members have their individual homes, gardens and small animals, such as chickens and pigs, and are paid in accordance with the amount and quality of the work which they put in.

Some day, Mr. Stalin predicted, the agricultural commune will again appeal to the peasants, when there is such an abundance of products that it will be easier to buy bread and milk at common storehouses than to raise their own, when the common dining room and laundry will seem more attractive than individual housekeeping. But this is a process of a distant future.

Very interesting is Mr. Stalin's emphatic repudiation of equal wages and distribution of the good things of life, even as a distant ideal.

Calls Leveling Nonsense
"Equalization in the sphere of needs and personal life," he asserted, "is reactionary petty-bourgeois nonsense, worthy of some primitive ascetic sect, but not of a Socialist society."

And he laid down a definition of equality which excludes equal rewards for all, even in the Communist state of society which Russia has not reached:

"(a) Equal liberation of all the toilers from exploitation after the capitalists are overthrown and expropriated.

"(b) Equal abolition for all of private property in means of production after they are transferred to the ownership of the whole society.

"(c) Equal obligation of all to work according to their capacities and equal right of all toilers to receive according to their labor (Socialist order).

"(d) Equal obligation of all to work according to capacities and equal right of all toilers to receive according to needs (Communist society). And Marxism proceeds from the assumption that the tastes and needs of people are not and cannot be the same and equal in quality or in quantity either in the period of Socialism or in the period of Communism."

Another point in which Mr. Stalin rapped the knuckles of the Communists, who wish to discard everything that savors of the capitalist

technique was in his insistence that money would remain in the Soviet Union for a long time and he spoke of the "pseudo-left babbling" to the effect that direct exchange of products must replace monetary methods.

No More Class Exploitation
He sounded another significant note when he declared that the traditional Bolshevik policy of setting the poor against other classes is to cease, now that "exploiting" classes, such as the kulaks and Nepmen, have been destroyed. He declared in this connection:

"Socialism means not the contraction of personal needs, but their expansion, not renunciation of these needs, but complete satisfaction of them."

Surveying the world scene, Mr. Stalin saw a victory for the Soviet system in the fact that the Soviet Union had almost quadrupled its pre-war industrial output at a time when Germany and England were still below the pre-war figure and America and France were only slightly above it. For an implacable enemy of the capitalist system, he took a relatively optimistic view of the condition of the world outside of Russia, however, declaring that the low point of the world industrial crisis was past.

An important section of Mr. Stalin's speech was devoted to an explanation of the reasons for a number of changes and reorganizations which are taking place in the machinery of the Communist Party and the Soviet Government. The main purpose of these changes is to insure constant examination of how economic decrees and orders are being carried out, and to see to it that this examination is in the hands of authoritative and responsible men. Mr. Stalin stressed the importance of this point, asserting that "nine-tenths of our failures and breakdowns are attributable to absence of proper checking up on the fulfillment of orders."

Stalin Marks New Era
Mr. Stalin's speech is an outstanding signpost on the dividing line between two eras of Soviet development.

The past era has witnessed the ruthless destruction of those classes which, to a greater or less degree, had enriched themselves through the exercise of those limited rights of private trading and production which existed until 1929. But the sequel to this destruction, contrary to the expectations of some naive rank-and-file Communists, will evidently not be a pell-mell rush toward a state of affairs where everyone will enjoy the same standard of living. On the contrary, material inequality, within definite limits, is not only sanctioned but even praised and encouraged.

One need not anticipate the emergence of a new class of Soviet millionaires, because the means by which large fortunes are made, factories, railroads, banks, land, natural resources, are all in the hands of the State.

But the approved formula, "From each according to his capacities, to each according to his labor," will permit some pretty wide divergences in salaries and standards of living between the highest and lowest grades of the huge hierarchy of state servants in which almost every Soviet citizen today takes his place.

RECOVERY AIDS RICH, BUT HURTS POOR

By SCOTT NEARING.
(Federated Press)

The New York papers announce a "decisive recovery" in Great Britain. The railroads report "large increases in revenue from both passenger and freight." The United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping reports an improvement in British national industries. The president of one of the leading London department stores rejoices in the probability of a "continued upward trend in prices." Recovery for railroads, shipping lines and department stores means more sales at higher prices, and, of course, greater profits.

There is another side of British recovery not mentioned in the daily press. It has to do with the desperate, day-to-day struggle of rail workers, dockers, miners and clerks to keep body and soul together in the face of a rising price level, with no corresponding increase in wages.

Poor Food Allowance
The British Medical Assn. has just submitted a report on nutrition that raises the whole question of the ade-

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The peace-time army ration includes 2.2 ounces of first class protein per day. The medical association report allows 1.75 ounces; the health ministry 1.33 ounces. In New-castle, unemployed men get 0.75 ounces, and employed men 1 ounce of first class protein.

The Ministry of Health reports that children up to 16 should receive one pint of milk per day. In New-castle, among workers, the children are receiving 0.39 pints of canned milk and 0.33 pints of fresh milk a week.

Children Stunted

Labor Research, in its report on this general situation, calls attention to the recently made comparison between boys of 15 years in four private schools, and in a South London riverside district. The calorie value of the private school diets "varied between 3,325 and 3,879 as compared with 1,935 and 2,421 for the South London districts." The private school diets were also superior in fat and animal protein. The private school boys, on the average, weighed from 15 to 20 pounds more than the boys of the same age from South London.

The sons of the British well-to-do

are well fed and housed in depression years as they were during the era of prosperity. More profits for their fathers will not mean additional food and clothing for the children, but only added luxury.

The sons of the British workers are under-nourished in depression years as they were during the era of prosperity. Recovery and higher prices will mean for them added difficulty in securing sufficient food to keep body and soul together. Even when prosperity does show its face around the corner, it only brings more wealth and power to the rich. To the workers it brings a rising price level, and with it the desperate necessity of bitter struggle to keep the wage rate up to the price increase.

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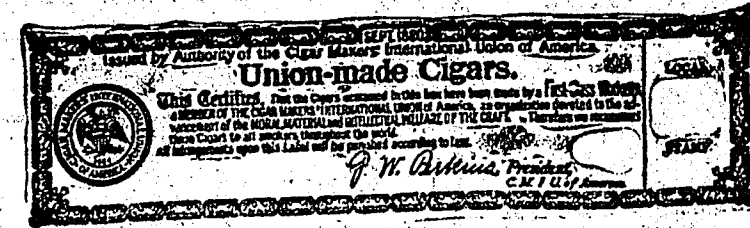
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WASHINGTON SCENE

By HARVEY O'CONNOR
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

Apparently things are happening in NRA that Gen. Johnson doesn't want the public to know about. Gagg orders have succeeded each other in the past two weeks, hushing up a drastic reorganization within the recovery administration. Reporters in search of information on important decisions are referred to the "press relations bureau," which, of course, doesn't know the answers. The goldfish bowl is getting muddy, and it's hard to see Johnson and the other goldfish any more.

Perhaps it's just as well. If the public knew what NRA is permitting industries to do under "self-government" in jacking up prices, organizing cartels and forming a united anti-labor front, there might be a rumormongering in what Washington calls the "provinces."

One of the reasons for all secrecy is that the country has just been through a "great crisis." It seems that the auto workers and the coal miners were about to plunge the country into a devastating civil war which would have killed once and for all that tender plant known as "national recovery." The auto strike would have called forth strikes in steel, rubber and other industries serving Detroit. The coal strike would have paralyzed all industry.

That's the story you hear around NRA. It's a curious thing that when workers' hands are aroused and they go out after union recognition through a strike, the pillars of the temple are shaken and ruin is just around the corner. Apparently the NRA generals can't understand that union recognition means shorter hours and higher wages, which are exactly what Johnson said he wanted

in the recent code conferences. As it is, the auto strike was strangled before it was born by Gen. Johnson and so the auto barons have undisputed sway guaranteed them for another year.

Among the new goldfish in the NRA bowl is W. Averill Harriman, master of his father's fortune and largest owner of Union Pacific. Harriman is a millionaire playboy who wants to engage in "public service," like his sister, who heads the NRA consumers advisory board. He is very close to the White House. In fact he is held responsible for Roosevelt's recent statement that the million rail workers ought to be content with the 10% wage deduction for another six months or more.

It seems that young Harriman was able to get Carl Gray, the operating boss of the Union Pacific and spokesman for the rail interests, into the bosom of the White House for a heart-to-heart talk with Roosevelt. Thereupon followed Roosevelt's statement about continuing the 10% wage cut, right when the unions were asking for an increase.

The rail unions nevertheless are determined that the wage cut must end July 1. With other industries being forced by the strike threat to raise wages 10% and with food prices up 20% above March 1933, the railroad workers don't see why they should have to hold the bag while the coupon clippers take a half billion a year out of the roads.

The big row over the monopoly trends encouraged by NRA will come to a head over the federal trade commission's recent report hitting the steel code. General Johnson is all hot and bothered about it. The trade commission thinks that the American Iron and Steel Institute is hardly an unbiased judge of what should be done about steel prices and practices. The General thinks it is.

The General's idea is that Big Business should run industry in true industrial federal style. Workers should trust their fate to industrial relations boards set up by the steel code. Consumers should trust to NRA to see that they get a square deal. The trade commission has no such touching confidence in the Iron and Steel Institute nor in big business-minded NRA. The row will break soon.

The general disillusionment of the union men with the operation of NRA in enforcing the labor provisions of the recovery act was given

expression by President John A. Phillips of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor that the Pennsylvania Federation, among the most important state federations in the country, is withdrawing support from NRA. President Phillips said: "The present administration of NRA is leading to an inevitable reversal to pre-NRA economic conditions. Special privilege is in the saddle and labor has been lulled to sleep by its faith in the operation of NRA."

AUTO AGREEMENT NEARS COLLAPSE

Shortage of Parts Would Cripple Industry If Threatened Tool and Die Strike Is Called

DETROIT (FP) — The White House settlement of the threatened auto strike lasted two weeks; at the end of that time it was apparently in collapse.

The Mechanics Educational Society of America postponed the deadline on their demands on 87 tool and die shops from April 9 but continued to insist on their demands for a 20% pay increase. Their experience with the Nat'l. Labor Board and the NRA organization last winter will probably preclude any settlement there.

Predicts Tie-Up
The strike of 5,000 workers of the Motor Products Corp. drew first blood when the Hudson Motor Co. closed down April 9. Other companies were reported to be running short of parts and the industry will be closed to a tieup in short order, union leaders declared.

Most serious of all is the revolt against the Nat'l. Auto Labor Board. Two weeks after the president had promised that it would be "functioning within 24 hours," no case of discrimination had been heard. The season grows shorter, the men complain, and they do not intend to be fooled while the spring wages slip by and have the bosses laughing at them when the summer layoffs come.

This is believed by many to be the bosses' technique. Pressure has been brought to have Labor Delegate Richard Byrd withdraw from the board but William Collins A. F. of L. organizer, succeeded in gaveling down protesters at a delegate meeting April 8.

The auto board's settlement of the Nash and Motor Products strikes were rejected by the workers and the conviction grows that it will be futile in adjusting the deep-seated grievances of the workers.

TULSA, Okla. (FP) — Due to a marked increase in attendance, formation of new local unions and a general quickening of interest in the labor movement, the Tulsa Central Labor Council has enlarged its quorum.

WINGS OVER WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (FP). — Has the Roosevelt charm been broken at last? The question is being asked in the affirmative in Washington by those who were astounded that only 72 of 435 Congressmen backed the President on his veto of the government workers and veterans' bill. In the Senate the rout was equally decisive. Only 27 of 96 Senators could be found to support Roosevelt on an issue which he himself regarded as crucial, that of "balancing the budget."

The President's unequalled popularity has been built up through several causes. The fundamental cause of course was the unparalleled support given him by the big business press last year in an effort to restore confidence in the government. However had pretty well shattered whatever confidence anyone had in Washington. It was imperative that confidence be rebuilt and so the President enjoyed unrivaled support from all sections of the business press, from extreme reactionary to liberal.

Another reason was Roosevelt's spending program. Anybody who makes it his job to dole out seven billions in one year to corporations, banks, railroads, farmers and the unemployed is sure to be popular. The test of that kind of popularity comes when the doling quits. That is happening to CWA workers.

Still another reason is that the President is a supreme diplomat, a master in the art of carrying water on both shoulders. Sooner or later however water is sure to spill.

Hitherto his job has been to mobilize public support in favor of a liberalized capitalism. Even the capitalists, sitting amid the ruins of last March, with a paralyzed financial system and an industrial system which had practically stopped, were willing to give Roosevelt rein in order to get business running again and profits coming in.

Now that some measure of recovery has set in and profits are soaring, the capitalists are impatient of further control. The devil, who was sick, thinks he is well again and wants to quit the monastery.

That's the meaning behind the Dr. Wirt business. Wirt's charge of "red revolution" in the Administration is so silly for words, but big business interests find it a fine disguise for shooting at the President. The big business press has given orders to "play the story for all it's worth." The big business crowd wants no more government control, particularly in stock market regulation and they were fearful, until the past week, that Roosevelt was trying to unionize their industries.

Union leaders are pretty well disgusted with events of the past few weeks. Unless Roosevelt can make another diplomatic hit, the American Federation of Labor may soon be seen in the "opposition." Union dissatisfaction is not a new thing of course. All the government employees' unions and especially the postal unions, have seen through the fraud of the new deal ever since Roosevelt rammed the so-called "economy" act through Congress last summer at the behest of the big business crowd.

But with the wisp of Section 7a and its ambiguous promises kept union leaders hopeful. To be sure, Section 7a was soon chiseled away by General Johnson and Donald Rieberg. But labor officials blamed that on underlings and still pinned hopes on the White House. Then came the Weirton case, with its six-month betrayal of the steel workers' union. To cap it all came the auto settlement, which placed White House approval on company unionism and wiped out all the gains the unions have made in Washington since last June.

Roosevelt's new deal, like Wilson's new freedom, is pretty much a frost so far as workers and small farmers are concerned. While industry has recovered from the dismal depths of March, 1933, the plain fact is that

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the living standards of the employed worker have been cut under the new deal because prices have gone up faster than wages. Twelve million are still unemployed despite the national recovery act. CWA workers are being thrown cynically back into the relief lines. Crop reduction is hitting a savage blow at the smaller farmers. And now it becomes apparent that A. F. of L. hopes of being picked as the government agency to organize workers are blasted by the auto agreement.

Big business does not intend to be unionized and has so informed the White House, leaving to Roosevelt the details of carrying out that order in the auto settlement. The truth is that the manufacturers and financiers are not yet alarmed by the growth of radical sentiment among workers.

WASHINGTON (FP)—Sen. Wagner, sponsor of the labor disputes bill which as amended is equally objectionable to employers and the American Federation of Labor, is absenting himself from the hearings on his bill. He is said to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown as a result of the terrific assault launched on his position on labor legislation following the automobile settlement, which nullified all his efforts on the national labor board since its creation, August 5.

According to his friends, Wagner is staying away from hearings on his bill in order to avoid "exploding" when the steel and other magnates trot out their phoney arguments for company unions. The bill probably will not be reported out of committee as nobody wants it in its present form.

Labor men are not wasting too much sympathy on Wagner. They believe that inasmuch as his bill is doomed, he should have waged a valiant fight for it in its original form. What President Green of the A. F. of L. thinks of Sen. Wagner for accepting company union amendments to his bill, and what Sen. Wagner thinks of President Green for accepting the auto settlement, are subjects not fit for polite newspapers.

The success of employers in including company unions and organizers in the coercion features of the Wagner bill is an indication of their increasing prestige in Washington. The "big boys" utterly discredited last year when the recovery act was passed, are now in complete control of the recovery administration. Their men are running the NRA, under Gen. Johnson's direction. A-1 man is W. Averill Harriman, millionaire

playboy, confident of Pres. Roosevelt and Johnson's right hand bower.

The national labor board has retired discreetly to bomb-proof shelter since the auto settlement. Sen. Wagner no longer participates actively and decisions are left to Jesse I. Miller, executive director, and employers' men. He has been nursing since March 20, an application by the steel workers' union in the Duquesne works of Carnegie Steel (U. S. Steel) for an election.

Gen. Johnson and the employers are determined that there will be no more labor board elections if they can help it. This is their reason: Many workers in industrial plants who are too terrorized by prospective loss of their jobs to join the union will however vote for the union in an election that guarantees them a secret ballot. So the election device is to be scrapped, Johnson has ruled.

Instead the principles of the Roosevelt auto settlement will be applied. This provides that a board of three will examine the union membership lists, and those of the company union, and award representation on a proportional basis. As nearly every employee must, as a condition of employment, belong to the company union, that assures a company union majority. The company union charges no dues and the real union does. So the board will insist that only paid up members can be counted as real union members. As many unions are newly established and dues payment is more or less irregular, because of the lack of any contract with the employer, this plays into the company union's hands.

The notorious Harriman hostility
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mill case has developed into an alleged tangle between Gen. Johnson and W. H. Davis, compliance director. Johnson says he told Davis to remove Harriman's blue eagle for violation of Section 7a, but Davis says Johnson told him not to. So Harriman, who has flouted the labor board and subjected 125 of his union workers to imprisonment for defying an anti-labor injunction, still has his blue eagle despite labor board recommendation that it be lifted.

The durable goods industries can't be expected to join the President's "10 and 10" program for increasing jobs without being "activated," says Gen. Johnson. So he's proceeding to activate them. He and the national emergency council are working on plans to lend more federal cash to industries under the guise of stimulating employment.

Wagner Bill Hearings Ended

WASHINGTON — Hearings closed on the Wagner labor disputes bill April 9. The Senate committee on education and labor is not expected to act on it for several weeks.

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THE NEED FOR RELIEF CONTINUES

Three can be no doubt that the Federal CWA program had a beneficial effect upon almost every line of business. The amount of this benefit can be measured by the number of dollars which were given to the workers in excess of the value of relief theretofore allowed. As CWA workers were paid in cash and not food vouchers, the benefits of the spending created was spread over a wider range of businesses.

However, it would be sheer error to view anything which has been done as being of lasting benefits. No fundamental changes have been made and relief must be continued. It should be continued on a more—not less—generous basis. Because so-called "Relief Work" is to be furnished on the basis of need, the change from CWA to RWD policies is certain to be unsatisfactory. Not only will SERB employment arouse immediate resentment among the workers, but it will soon be felt by merchants and condemned accordingly. Already in Reading there is an organized protest arising from the discontinuance of CWA, which has been accompanied by at least four arrests. Unless adequate relief at least equal to CWA allowances is provided, manifestations of discontent will spread and business generally will slump accordingly.

It is our opinion, and one shared by definite sections of organized workers and others, that in the ultimate the relief of unemployed persons must become the business of the Federal Government. States may help to raise funds, but the widespread condition of unemployment makes it a natural Federal responsibility.

The money for relief must, of course, be secured from those who have it—the wealthy industrialists and financiers who control the sources of wealth. It should be secured by a steeply-graduated income and inheritance tax and even by a capital levy; not by floating bonds which will burden future generations and which will make the few who control industry and finance the real owners as well as the real rulers of these United States.

THE MIDDLE CLASS STRUGGLES TOO

During the past week 200 unemployed school teachers staged a well-proportioned riot in the Board of Education rooms in Philadelphia.

Incidents of this kind are food for reflection. For one thing they afford conclusive proof that social conditions and viewpoints have greatly changed. A few years ago school teachers and other professional men and women were considered the soul of conservatism and the bulwark of the existing order. To find them now behaving like common workers whose wives and kids are hungry is one of the more recent incidents of Capitalism's collapse.

Of course we do not mean to suggest that unemployed professional persons are everywhere ready for the kind of change which Socialists desire. Neither, for that matter, are rioting hodgecarriers, miners and steel workers. Almost everyone who is not actuated by an intelligent understanding and personal resentment of this dog-eat-dog system would readily cease to be agitators and rioters and resume the role of conservatism if the old system would provide them with the proper standards of security and respectability.

But there's the rub. The old order can't care for all workers any more. School teachers and engineers, like all other unemployed persons, are discarded, not because the master class would not like to use them, but because the masters can't use them and still reap profits for themselves.

As this fact becomes increasingly evident more and more educated people will enlist in the struggle for Socialism. And those who do not join in that crusade will continue demanding and rioting just the same.

Many years ago Karl Marx predicted the elimination of the middle class. This, he warned, would occur as the preliminary to the final conflict between the workers and their exploiters. The middle class is collapsing right now and the stage is being set for the final conflict. Whether the victory of the workers will be delayed by Fascism will depend upon how well and how intelligently the producers and unemployed unite for Socialism and industrial democracy.

THE BRAIN TRUST SHOULD BE REVOLUTIONARY

We still don't know just how much there is to Dr. William A. Wirt's report of a plot to engineer a revolution in these United States. But if the "brain trust" did not intend that to be the ultimate result of its labors it should have.

The old economic machine never did serve the interests of

the great mass of the people. Now it is worn out and doesn't even serve the purpose of the exploiters of labor.

If a real turnover in social values and economic practices is not intended by those who rule the nation today, then the sum total of purpose behind the much-vaunted "New Deal" is only to adjust the Capitalist system to the needs of those few who live by exploiting their fellow men. That is the purpose which we attributed to the NRA in many editorials and talks, and it is because we viewed the "New Deal" in that light that we have refused to become enthusiastic about it.

To merely make Capitalism workable once more is not enough to justify the loyalty of the great mass of people. For the continuation of the Capitalist system, even under conditions which are workable for the moment, simply means that the nations of the world will head toward other and deeper depressions with the attendant evils of chronic insecurity, cumbersome surpluses and wars which may destroy civilization itself. The "brain trust" which would be satisfied with anything like that ought to have its brains examined.

What we want is not only a different set of codes under which the old game of labor-skimming may be played more effectively, but a different PURPOSE—a purpose which will be so REVOLUTIONARY that its accomplishment will result in giving to workers all the wealth which their labor creates and to parasites nothing at all. That is the Socialist aim. If we find it shared by the "Brain Trust" our respect for Roosevelt's advisers will be increased immensely.

THE FARMERS' DILEMMA

Farmers raise the foodstuffs without which the population would starve. The administration is trying to revive agriculture on the basis of production for sale. Wheat in the form of bread, pork, cotton and tobacco are taxed to help farmers. Milk may be next. Workers in general face increased prices and tend to buy less. That is one contradiction.

Last week we mentioned the cotton croppers and the conflict between aims and the results. It is possible that fines and jail sentences may be enforced in the cotton kingdom in the hope of preventing increased production by those who hope to realize most on higher prices.

In the corn and wheat belts production for sale also produced a conflict. Farmers who have not signed contracts to reduce acreage are increasing acreage in the hope of realizing on the expected higher prices. Now they are threatened with government power to license those who cooperate and penalize those who do not.

Moreover, farmers produce for a world market. Other nations aware of acreage restriction in this country—Argentina, Brazil, Egypt—are to increase cotton acreage. Down with acreage in the United States, up with acreage in other countries, and the farmers are where they were before! They are producing not for human wants but for sale. The profit motive turns against them and defeats their own best interests.

Tillers of the soil, you who feed the world; you are in the same boat with the workers of the cities. Neither the NRA nor the AAA will bring the tollers out of their misery. Socialism would abolish production for sale and bring production for use and human enjoyment. Think it over and join your class in the struggle for emancipation.—The New Leader.

WHERE ROOSEVELT STANDS

From a piece in Liberty captioned Is Roosevelt Going Socialist? (Reading time, 12 minutes 55 seconds) we gathered the following excerpt:

The final test of Roosevelt's "Socialism" is whether he is destroying the profit system. He is interfering with it in that he is outlawing certain types of profit. He has forbidden you to wring a profit out of child labor, phony securities, unfair competition, dangerous patent medicines and cosmetics, bootlegging or banking skullduggery. That is different from abolishing the profit system, and at every point in the new deal, Roosevelt has been careful to preserve the profit motive as the mainspring of our business life.

That's it. Roosevelt is not going Socialist. In fact he is so far not going anywhere. The thing that got us in trouble is profit. If he preserves profit, he preserves what we got. If he don't like what we got, he can go back to where Hoover left off.

If he goes on to where there are no more profits, posterity will bless his name. If he goes back to where Hoover left off, his name will be Dennis. And that's all.—American Guardian. (You're mistaken about his not going anywhere; he's gone fishing.)

THINGS BEFORE US NOW

The time has clearly come when it is the business of Socialists to get Socialism, and not bother with reform. There are some things, however, important enough to be worth working for if for no other reason than to show our loyalty to labor's cause.

One of these is unemployment insurance. None of the bills now under consideration with a chance of passage in any state legislature is adequate by Socialist standards. In endorsing unemployment insurance or unemployment indemnity, we endorse the principle and in every case should urge amendments to make the amount provided adequate and to make sure that the burden of this indemnity falls upon employers and upon the state.

Another thing that we should unqualifiedly and wholeheartedly work for is the ratification of the child labor amendment. It is a crime that it is necessary to have a constitutional amendment to deal with child labor. But since we are on the way to getting the amendment, let's push it through and have the job done. The opposition to the amendment is either trivial, selfish or hopelessly clerical.—Norman Thomas.

PRESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

One lesson President Roosevelt will have learned by now is that the crowd he is trying to save hasn't sense enough to let itself be saved.

The lesson he still has to learn is that if it could be saved, it would be worse than letting it go to the devil.—American Guardian.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By J. I. S.

Company Unionism

The phenomenal growth in company unions since the passage of the Recovery Act is a challenge to the organized labor movement, as well as an effort on the part of employers to nullify the collective bargaining provisions of the law. It no longer needs proving that company unions are mere shams and dummies, the creatures of the employers and controlled by them. What is disturbing is that their rate of growth has far outstripped that of trade unions, and that roughly a third of the ballots that have been cast in employee elections under the auspices of the National Labor Board have been in favor of them.

No one sees through a sham such as a company union quicker than the workers who are forced into them. In the Wierton plant few even took the choice of representatives seriously, and in one department Mae West was chosen one of the officers. But in nine of the captive mines, for example, the company unions were preferred to the United Mine Workers; and coercion by the employer does not explain all such results.

The truth of the matter is that trade unions have often antagonized the workers. The charging of high dues and initiation fees, the lack of real fighting spirit, the denial of democracy within the unions, the discrimination against negroes, the payment of excessive salaries to officers, and the organization along narrow craft lines are some of the practices of unions that have served to weaken their appeal. It is high time that labor sets its house in order, and organized militant unions along industrial lines.

The fact that outside unions suffer from these defects, however, is no excuse for allowing fraudulent company organizations to exist. The Recovery Act should have barred all company-controlled organizations, along with yellow dog contracts. Some administration spokesmen have gone out of their way to encourage their formation. The company unions were, in full retreat, under the fire of Senator Wagner and the A. F. of L., when the President, by his settlement of the automobile strike, seemingly gave them his blessing. Now the Wagner National Labor Board bill, which carried a provision outlawing them, seems doomed. Only the active support of the President can save the bill at this session, and thus far Roosevelt has yet to say a word upon the subject.

The only inference that can be drawn from this is that Roosevelt is not opposed to company unions. This is in line with other of his recent acts, such as the abandonment of the Civil Works program, and his support of General Johnson's reactionary leadership of the NRA. It is high time that labor abandoned hope of any substantial progress through the friendship of a Democratic President, and began the urgently necessary job of building its own political party.

Wages and Jobs

The government and the press are rejoicing over an improvement in the economic situation in February and March. With all the improvement, weekly wages in manufacturing are still below a \$20 average, which means that the average working class family whose wage-earner is employed receives less than \$1000 per year. What we are not told, in addition, is that the cost of living since the NRA began has absorbed whatever additional money the working class family has received. About 300,000 found work in February, but the ending of the Civil Works program put a couple of million out of employment.

After nine months of New Deal, total payrolls are only three-fifths as high as they were ten years ago. Even the Administration admits that the fundamental cause of the depression was the lack of mass purchasing power, but it nevertheless is content with minimum wages of twelve to fourteen dollars per week. Although the average factory employee in the country only worked 32 hours weekly in the summer of 1932 and 37 hours in June 1933, the government still pretends that a minimum working week of 40 hours can put the unemployed back to work. It has recently requested industry, to be sure, to reduce hours by 10%, but all except several unimportant industries declined, and the government is seemingly content.

Meanwhile, in many of our largest cities, fully one-fifth of the population is on public charitable relief, and the government, instead of distributing the country's huge surplus to them, is attempting artificially to recreate the conditions of scarcity.

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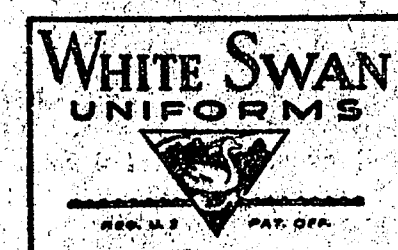
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referendum, strongly favored by the Socialist organization, was endorsed by the voters in every ward in the city.

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kee campaign a leaflet against public ownership was distributed which may have helped to defeat Watchow in his fight for a seat in the Board of Aldermen. Herman C. Kent, Socialist county secretary, brands this leaflet as the work of the local electricity profiteers. It did not contain the union label and suspicion is strong that it was printed in the electric company's print shop.