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Plan to Strike Against "Subsistence Dole"

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

MANY YEARS AGO, when I was a student in high school, the sentence, "Pity is akin to Love," was used to demonstrate a type of English construction. I remember that a discussion arose in the class, one of the fellows contending that pity is not akin to love at all. "It is akin to contempt," he asserted with all the cock-sureness of youth.

Looking back on that argument, I am convinced that both sides had good points, although at the time I was positive that there was no relationship whatever between pity and contempt.

IT MAY BE middle age which accounts for my straddling the issue at this time. Then, again, it may be that I see both sides of the question because I have just finished reading an appeal which striking hosiery workers of Harriman, Tenn., recently addressed to President Roosevelt. To me that appeal is pitiable—and contemptible. Read part of it:

"Mr. President, we believed in your section 7-A of the Recovery program. Why should the employer get all the benefits while we, the backbone of the nation, continue taking only the crumbs that fall from their table? Have we no rights? Was it all just so many words, meaning nothing?"

"The working people have bled and bled, who would lead us out of our misery. Mr. President, don't destroy our faith."

"Listen, Mr. President, we've been up here (in Washington) for over a week—now our money is almost gone but we are going to stay until we find out whether or not the government is powerless if we have to sleep in doorways, beg our food and hitch-hike back to Tennessee. Then our people will know that our fight has been all in vain."

WHAT AN APPEAL from members of an economic group which claims to be the "backbone of the nation" and which numbers more than 90 per cent of the entire population! What a pity that this "backbone" is bent in supplication instead of being straight and strong and supporting a head which is filled with determination and purpose!

In that appeal is revealed the real reason why workers have always been, not the backbone but the wishbone of the nation: They have always depended upon a "Moses" to lead them out of the wilderness of exploitation. They have never united their power and their efforts to transform the wilderness into the paradise they all desire.

AESOP WROTE ABOUT the workers in a fable. His story related how some foolish frogs accepted a stork as their king—and how the king ate his subjects.

Workers accept a representative of the private profit system as their "Moses," and meet the same fate as that suffered by the frogs.

How silly it is for workers to select leaders from the ranks of the owning class, the class which see no virtue in any human activity which cannot be turned to the profit of the

CWA-PWA GROUP PREPARING FOR GENERAL WALK-OUT TO HALT 'BASIS OF NEED' RULE

Officials of Unemployed Organizations Declare Orders Are Being Ignored Now to Weaken Union—Wage Cuts and Long Working Hours Reported by Office Workers Under Rothrauff

While officials of the United CWA-PWA Workers' Union are rendering assistance to approximately 200 striking workers who walked off of work relief jobs on Berkshire Heights and Kissinger's Church road projects early this week, the real task of the organization lies in the future. That is the opinion of the organized unemployed of this city.

What they mean is that a strike of more serious proportions is certain to be called when and if the local relief officials attempt to secure services for relief based upon a mere subsistence basis.

The present strike is against the 40-cent rate which is paid on state projects. The strikers are demanding 50 cents per hour, with both Work Relief Director Louis H. Rothrauff and Relief Director Seibert L. Witman insisting that they have no power to pay more than 40 cents.

Rules Ignored In reply to the claims of the local relief officials that the matter is outside their jurisdiction, officials of the unemployed workers organizations declare that the rules laid down for the conduct of work relief are already being broken.

"The orders which came with the break up of CWA were that work should be assigned to the unemployed on the basis of need," Stewart L. Grow, CWA-PWA union business agent, pointed out this week. "This is not being done as yet. When it is attempted to limit the earnings of workers by the size of their families, then our organization will do all in its power to make the strike general. We are willing to work for decent wages, but we will not work for mere subsistence relief."

Grow and Howard Kramer, president of the organization, stated their belief that the "basis of need" rule is being ignored temporarily in order to weaken the organization of the unemployed. "It seems that somebody is trying to see whether the men will work. Later wages and hours will be cut if these in authority think they can get away with it. We are waiting for that and will

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LABOR COLLEGE PLAY IS FREE TO PUBLIC MONDAY

After traveling throughout the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and having their most successful tour, the Brookwood players will play in Reading on Monday, April 23. The performance will be held at the Southern Junior High School Auditorium, 10th and Chestnut streets, and will begin at 8 p. m.

Sponsored by the Reading Federated Trades Council and the Labor College, as part of the educational and organizational work of the trade unions, the Brookwooders are bringing to Reading a show that is up to the minute, and based on the every day struggles of the workers. Two of the plays presented, one dealing with a strike and the other with the NRA have been written by Brookwood students from their own experiences. The labor ventriloquist, who is something new in labor drama, deals with such problems as the company union. Some of the songs that will be presented grew out of the strikes of last spring.

The Brookwood group that is visiting Reading consists of students at the Brookwood Labor College, at Katonah, N. Y. They are under the direction of Mark Starr, extension director at Brookwood, and Myra B. Smith, of the dramatics department. Tickets to the performance are free and can be obtained from any trade union in town and at the Federated Trades Council, 705 Walnut street.

LOCAL WORKERS WILL CELEBRATE MAY DAY SPIRIT

Mass Meeting in Lauer's Park On May 1 Will be Addressed by Thomas and Rieve

IS INTERNATIONAL EVENT

Fete of Worldwide Labor Unity Will be Enlivened With Band and Mass Singing

May 1, celebrated as "May Day" throughout the world as the International Labor Day, will be observed by the workers of Reading and Berks County this year with a monster mass meeting in Lauer's Ball Park. It is estimated that at least 15,000 persons will respond to the call for a united demonstration of solidarity on that occasion.

Maurer Will Be Chairman James H. Maurer, veteran union leader and Socialist, will be chairman of the event.

"We want and expect to have the co-operation of every group of workers in this community," Earl White, business agent for the Federated Trades Council, said yesterday. "The assassination of democracy in many European countries and the willingness of many of the employers in America to follow in their footsteps during these days of economic collapse makes it more important than ever that workers should stand together and re-affirm their common purpose to strive for social and economic justice. This meeting will be the beginning of an organization campaign which will have for its purpose the unionization of every worker in the country."

Thomas and Rieve Speakers The mass meeting will start at 7 p. m., with Norman Thomas, Socialist national leader, and Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, as the chief speakers.

Mass singing and a concert by the Socialist band will also constitute part of the program.

The demonstration will be under the auspices of joint committees appointed by Local Berks Socialist Party and the Federated Trades Council. Volunteers who will act as ushers and guards are asked to hand their names to Earl White at the Trades Council office, 705 Walnut street.

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WORKERS, YOUR LIBERTIES ARE BEING DESTROYED

Workers of Reading and Berks County:

Things are happening in this community which deserve your attention and action.

Whether you know it or not, the ground is being set to deprive you of many of the ancient liberties which you once enjoyed. The freedom of the press has never meant much to the workers of the nation. All too few newspapers permit public discussion within their columns and news and editorials are all too frequently colored to suit the opinions and interests of the dominant owning class.

Now the Powers-That-Be are planning to take away from you the freedom to assemble, to publicly discuss your problems, to carry the message of Labor to the public.

In Reading we have a "Nuisance Ordinance" which, if it can be enforced, will enable anti-Labor officials to prevent workers from having their say on problems of vital importance. Already arrests and convictions have resulted from this ordinance in Reading when the corporation-sponsored and controlled Fusion administration turned its hand against unemployed workers in a peaceful demonstration.

Now West Reading, heading the voice of the same masters who dictate policies in Reading, has followed Reading's example. The West Reading nuisance ordinance, adopted this week, follows the action of that borough's council of a few weeks ago which gives the company policemen of the big Wyomissing industries the power of policemen in all of West Reading borough.

The exploiters of Labor now not only have their own laws and their own officials, but their own storm troops to wage war against the workers whenever the dictators of industry wish to enforce their freedom-destroying laws.

Workers of Reading and Berks, the "Nuisance Ordinance" must be challenged! They must not stand as justification for future assaults upon the liberties of jobless workers!

Do not be deceived by sections of those ordinances which appear to be "good." It is but a devilishly-clever scheme to blind your eyes to the real menace of tyranny when public officials include the passing of hand bills, public assemblage and peaceful demonstrations, along with drunkenness, houses of prostitution, dumping of rubbish and destruction of property as something to be prohibited.

Workers of Reading and Berks, the handbill and the public meeting are ancient weapons of minorities. They are final appeals which those who are oppressed may make to the conscience of their fellow-men. They are RIGHTS which you must safeguard.

The time to protest against such assaults upon your rights is NOW. Don't permit the servants of the county's labor exploiters to silence your voice.

3 LOSE, 1 GAINS DURING FIRST 'RECOVERY' YEAR

Living Costs Have Outstripped Wages; For Most Workers, Despite Promise of Purchasing Power

SHOWS NEW DEAL FAILURE

Survey Figures Show Slight Gain in Employment as Only Result of "the First Year"

NEW YORK (FP).—The New Deal hasn't arrived at the president's home town yet.

This was divulged as the result of a city-wide survey of buying power made by New York University in a project financed by the CWA. The survey was planned to cover 12,000 families but reports are available on 4,485 families so far.

Of these, nearly three times as many families reported that they actually have a smaller money income than a year ago as compared with those who have a large money income. The figures are:

Smaller income 1,911
Larger income 697
About the same 1,833

No effort was made to determine what proportion of the 13% who have a larger money income have received increases which equal or exceed the increased cost of living. It remains true that somewhere between 87% and 100% of these 4,485 typical New York families have a lower standard of living under the New Deal than under the old deal.

To make sure that the survey is an accurate picture of New York buying power, the economic proportion of the families questioned was carefully

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BOSS DISOBEYS, BOARD ORDERS NEW ELECTION

Battery Corporation Case Opens Way to Permanent Delay of Strikes Through Federal Intervention

COMPANY DEFY PERMITTED

Two Months of Hedging on Regional Labor Board's Rule While Workers Wait for Justice

WASHINGTON (FP).—

How the machinery of the NRA may serve to stall off strike action indefinitely, without satisfying labor demands, is well illustrated in the case of the USL Battery Corporation of Niagara Falls, N. Y. Following failure of the company to recognize its employees' union, to reinstate fired workers, or to recognize an election ordered by the Buffalo Regional Labor Board, the National Labor Board, which stepped into the situation to avert a strike, has now ordered another election.

The record of the case is instructive. Battery Workers Federal Union 19,130 was organized at the plant on December 14, and on December 19 the company laid off 138 employees. On February 5 the Regional Labor Board ordered reinstatement of 10 of the workers fired for union activity. On February 10 the National Labor Board intervened to avert a strike voted by the company's 700 employees, following failure to reinstate these workers.

Two Months Delay On February 18 an election ordered by the regional board was held, but the company refused to

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What Reading Folks Are Talking About

COUNCILMAN MUHLBERG'S EFFICIENCY PLAN

What do you think of Mr. Muhlenberg's announcement that greater efficiency is to be sought in making street repairs?

No doubt you are for it. It listens good and why shouldn't the city get as much as possible for the money it spends? But—

Isn't there something wrong about this business of "efficiency"? Isn't it a fact that the increase of efficiency in industry has something to do with the large number of people who are now facing permanent unemployment? Isn't it true that when efficient machines come into shops less efficient human machines go into breadlines?

Of course those things are true. Well, then, what's the matter? The matter is that in private industry efficiency is not intended to be for the benefit of people but for the profit of owners. It's different in public affairs, of course—if you happen to be a taxpayer. But even in spending public funds efficiency means that fewer men work fewer hours and earn fewer dollars.

Efficiency? For whom? That is the question which workers everywhere ought to answer to their own advantage. And the only way in which to answer it in a way which will make efficiency a boon to the great mass of people is to dedicate industry to the welfare of people instead of to the profit of a small and favored class. That's what Socialists will do when they gain political power.

THE SCHOOL BOARD AND PRIVATE INITIATIVE

Among the text-book virtues is "initiative." Men and women of the present generation will remember how our educational authorities caused them to be imbued with the "go-getter" idea in the formative days of youth.

But the idea doesn't appear to work so well when it is practiced on the Board. While the Board is thinking and considering and investigating about Director McDonough's charge that architects' plans for Reading are to run costs approximately 50 per cent more than the same architects would find necessary in another school district, let us do a bit of supposing...

Suppose, for instance, that it finally develops that the architects made their plans costly for no other purpose than that they might get the commission on the entire amount to be spent by the Board. We're not saying, understand, we just are "supposing." But supposing—wouldn't the Board members feel outraged?

Sure they would. But wouldn't that show fine initiative on the part of the architects? Just a bit of Capitalist salesmanship, that's all. Why the same thing is done in every line of business. The good store clerk is the one who sells the customer more than the customer intends to buy. The good auto salesman is one who manages to turn the prospective sale of a second-hand flivver into a deal on a new sedan.

Why, then, isn't the good architect one who manages to sell a 30-cent-per-unit building even though one at 20-cents-per unit would fill the bill.

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WASHINGTON—A general strike
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tional Association of Oil Field, Gas

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Well and Refinery Workers, at a
hearing April 13 before the Petrol-
eum Labor Policy Board. He stated
that the strike would be called if
proposed changes in wage differ-
entials under the oil code were adopted.
"We are prepared to take this ac-
tion," Freming said, "to force an
equitable schedule of wages for oil
workers as contemplated under the
NRA."

A stretchout system has been in-
troduced in the oil industry for the
first time under the code put in force
last September and the employment
curve is downward, representatives
of the union oil workers testified at
the hearing. It was called to con-
sider revision of wage differentials
between the rates for unskilled and
skilled labor, involving reductions
in present earnings of skilled work-
ers.

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FASCISM A REAL THREAT IN U.S.A.

Rep. Foulkes, Answering Red
Hunters, Declares Wall
Street Is Real Menace In
America

WASHINGTON (EP)—Scoffing at
Dr. Wirt's charges of a "brain trust
revolution", Rep. George Foulkes, D
of Michigan, declares the real danger
lies in effort to "build up a fascist
movement in this country."

"Great aggregations of wealth
alarmed at moderately liberal chang-
es put into effect by the Roosevelt
administration would welcome a dic-
tatorship after the Nazi or Fascist
type," he charges. "Wall Street is
the nation's real menace. Wall St.,
disturbed because the 'forgotten man'
is receiving a little more attention
than formerly, and has been helped
a little—only a very little yet, how-
ever—is planning the revolution that
we need not fear and guard against.
It is a reactionary revolution, not a
labor or social revolt, that Big Busi-
ness wants."

The little that has so far been done
for the producing class of this coun-
try is but a drop in the bucket com-
pared with what must eventually be
done. Instead of whining and whim-
pering about the terrible 'socialistic'
and 'communist' tendencies of the
new deal, let us face the basic fact
that fearful poverty and suffering
still exist."

To this Benjamin C. Marsh of the
People's Lobby adds that "an in-
vestigation of whether there are any
'reds' in the administration will not
feed one of the families of the 10-
000,000 unemployed, and will not put
one person to work". The Wirt af-
fair is "of course an attempt to get
the voters' minds off the fact that the
Administration and Congress have
betrayed their trust and evaded their
duty."

"Congress is responsible for letting
the Administration lend billions to
banks, trust companies, industries,
railroads and other enterprises that
have looted the American people for
the past half century, instead of
squeezing the water out of corpora-
tions, writing down interest rates and
deflating \$100 an acre farm land and
\$100,000 an acre city land prices."

REFLECTIONS

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owners! How weak, how pitiable—
yes, how contemptible it is, for 90
per cent of the population to give
political power to the 10 per cent
and then ask the 10 per cent to give
them the right to organize!

I WISH I could find some way of
straightening out that workingclass
backbone. I wish I could endow the
millions of dispossessed with such
self-respect that they would organize
for economic justice without regard
for any law which might permit or
prohibit organization. I would like
to thunder into the ear of every
man and woman who's interest is
the interest of a wage-earner and
say:

"You need not beg for favors;
yours is the earth for the taking.
You need not ask representatives of
the masters for consideration; you
have it within your hands to make
the kind of a world you wish to have.
You need no Capitalist Moses; you
can free yourself from bondage by
merely shaking your shoulders—if
you organize."

BUT WORKERS have not yet
learned to use their power. They
beg; they plead; they appeal—when
they might DO. They take Capital-
ist storks for their kings and are
eaten up. They don't unite their
power to end the system which makes
them a race of slaves.

What is your verdict? Is pity
skin to love or a close relation to
contempt? What about the millions
who, in election after election, vote
the political power of the nation into
the hands of their exploiters and
then beg for the right to organize
and a few more crumbs?

If you didn't pay taxes, the money
would go for something else, any-
way.

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WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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It's initiative, ladies and gentle-
men, Capitalist initiative. People
don't work for the public good when
—as usually is the case—public wel-
fare conflicts with private wealth.

Director McDonough, being a So-
cialist, should be congratulated for
trying to give the public as much for
its money as possible. But Capital-
ist-minded officials oughtn't complain
if it develops that the architects were
simply practicing one of the virtues
which were taught in the public
schools. What is necessary is a new
outlook and a new social system
which will not make all kinds of
racketeering the normal thing.

"PROSPERITY" RETURNS TO POSTAL WORKERS

So times are picking up at the
Reading post office because Postmas-
ter General Farley has lifted the
compulsory day-a-month furlough
order.

Well, well! If that's cause for op-
timism, then we ought to build a
monument to the highwayman who
returns part of the swag.

The fact of the matter is that the
money lost by the postal employees
as a result of their enforced idleness
is gone forever. That, combined
with the further fact that most gov-
ernment workers are earning less
than decency wages, would indicate
that there is no cause for cheering.

WHY "A CHANCE"

MR. SEIFERT?

Mr. Charles A. Seifert, secretary
of a local P. O. S. of A. Camp, be-
lieves that there is still a chance for
youth to "succeed if he has success
in him."

We wonder what Mr. Seifert means
by that. Certainly, if there is a
chance for youth to succeed there is
also a chance for youth to fail—and
judging by the present fate of many
thousands of young men who have
prepared themselves for service, there
is a greater chance for failure.

"One might ask, 'Succeed in what?'"
In conducting an efficient number
racket? In operating a beer club?
In getting the best of his fellow-
men in some way or another?

Why be satisfied with "a chance,"
Mr. Seifert? As one who undoubtedly
loves his country and his coun-
try's people, we seriously would ask
you and your organization, "Why not
take the chance out of success by re-
vamping our social and economic
structure in such a manner that all
men will have an opportunity to be
useful in this wealthy and wonder-
fully-resourceful nation?"

"We Socialists don't like that ele-
ment of chance which dooms the ma-
jority of men to more or less de-
pendency in old age. We don't like
the idea that only those who are born
with certain attributes have a chance
to live useful, happy, secure lives."

We don't think you'd like it either if
you'd stop to think about it.
What do you say? Why not help
us to socialize industry so that, in-
stead of "a chance," ALL men will
have a secure place in this nation?
Surely, that would be a good pur-
pose for any patriotic organization.

CWA-PWA GROUP

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resist when mere subsistence is
handed out," union officials state.

Vouchers for Families

In support of the contention that
the rules of the Relief Work author-
ities are being ignored in local pro-
jects, Grow pointed this week to the
practice of hiring single men and
permitting them to work 24 hours
weekly. In this way these single
workers are enabled to earn \$9.60
per week, which is several times as
much as they would receive in the
form of a relief voucher. Men with
large families are, for the most part,
not put on jobs but are given vouch-
ers.

"We do not object to this policy,"
Grow stated. "However, it will not
throw us off our guard or weaken
our determination to refuse work for
mere doles."

A point of dissatisfaction with
the present conduct of Relief Work
jobs is the refusal of those in charge
to permit workers to make up time
which is lost as a result of bad
weather. Under the old CWA set-up
their privilege was granted.

NIRA Dodged for Office Workers

While the CWA-PWA unionists
are awaiting the enforcement of the
subsistence rule as a signal for wide-
spread strike action, it has been
learned that salaries have been cut
in the office of Louis L. Rothrauff,
SERB Director. It is also learned
that hours worked by the SERB office
people are longer than those proposed
in NIRA codes for private industry.

"From the time we were hired we
never knew how long we would have
to work," one SERB office worker
admitted this week. "The shortest
work week was 44 hours; the longest
52 hours. Working Friday nights
and Saturday afternoons is very com-
mon. We are paid by the week with-
out any allowance for overtime."

Wages Cut, Too

"While relief work was still called
'CWA,' the pay was \$20.77 per week.
Last week a pay cut of \$3.46 was
enforced, which is a reduction of 17
per cent. This bad news came after
a working week of 52 hours."

Howard Kramer, CWA-PWA presi-
dent, declared this week that his
organization is growing stronger and
will be ready to resist work on the
"basis of need."

"Those of our organization who
are working today are doing so with
the approval of the organization.
When the work conditions become
unsatisfactory they will walk off the
jobs and work will be halted," he
predicted.

Predicts Years Of Depression

WASHINGTON—Before the Red
Cross convention Harry L. Hopkins,
federal relief administrator, de-
nounced the present system which
requires the unemployed to give the
histories of their lives before obtain-
ing food or a job. He predicted that
if this session of congress does not
provide unemployment insurance, the
next one will. He urged a broad
works program because "we are
going to have the unemployed on our
hands for years."

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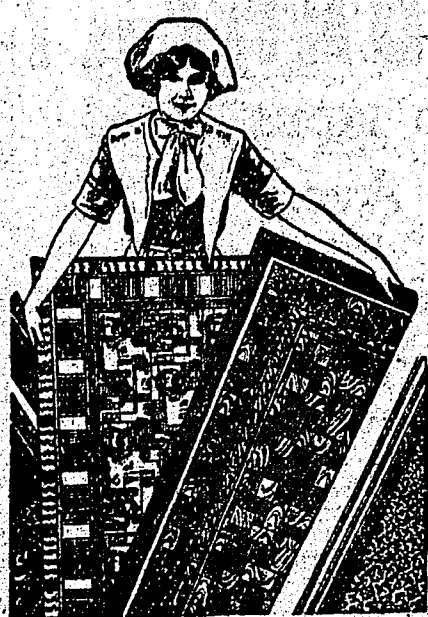
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gauged in different neighborhoods classed as poor, medium and "super." The supers were in the ritzy Park avenue apartments.

More Working
Employment has increased, however. In almost 1% of the families surveyed there was at least one person employed as against none last year. The figures were 578 with "no one employed and no source of income" a year ago and 536 in this condition this year. This was the gain brought to New York by the New Deal, the survey seems to show.

The survey was carried on during the first weeks of the second year of the Roosevelt regime. This year the answers covered a period touted as one of wide recovery throughout in-

dustrial. The comparison was made with a period last year in which the bank panic and nationwide closings had reduced the country to the lowest point in the five years of depression.

Retail prices have advanced about 29% or more and to make the survey show whether New Yorkers have improved their standard of living it would have been necessary to ask how many were making 29% more than a year ago. The survey, which was carried on under the direction of Prof. Hugh Agnew of the department of marketing of the New York University School of Commerce, was supposed to divulge possibilities of new business, however, not to expose the failure of the New Deal.

The Risks Workers Take

ALBANY, N. Y.—Industrial accidents in New York State for which compensation was granted in 1932 totaled 82,433, the State Labor Department reports. Compensation in these cases aggregated \$27,801,387, or an average of \$337. Deaths resulted in 901 cases; 96 injuries caused permanent total disability; 17,056 brought permanent partial disability, and 64,380 caused temporary disablement.

Washington reports increased consumption of meat last year, not counting pork.

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A. F. of L. Survey Reveals Fact
That Price Increases Have
Killed Effect of All Wage
Increases

WASHINGTON (FP)—Private industry, by kiting prices and profits, is destroying the basis for national recovery, states the monthly survey of business for April, released April 10 by the American Federation of Labor. "There is no justification for the large price increases which have been made in many products," the report states. "Code mechanisms have been used for price profiteering. "Price control is one of the chief problems before us. It is of prime interest to labor, for wage increases have been completely cancelled by rising costs of living. The individual worker's real wage today is no higher than it was a year ago, in spite of all efforts to raise it."

Profit Grabbers Helped
The A. F. of L. report cites figures for the first quarter of 1934 which show that of 554 corporations, 137 have resumed and 103 increased dividends and 132 have paid extra dividends. "These gains for stockholders and directors," it states, "are not being balanced by wage increases to the workers to any large extent except where workers are organized in trade unions." Automobiles, steel and soft coal raised wages only because of labor organization or strike threats.

Speaking of the auto settlement, the report asserts that workers "accepted the President's settlement and order because of their faith in him." The auto board of review must "promptly recognize union membership and set up collective bargaining; and reinstate at once those workers who were laid off for joining the union."

No Real Economic Gain
Business advances, the monthly survey states, are "due in large part to government spending and the NRA program. "The increase in productive activity has created jobs and put men back to work, but the records thus far do not indicate enough new jobs in industry to employ the CWA workers laid off in March. Gains in workers' total income in February, due to decreases of CWA payments, were no more than enough to offset price increases, so that buying power in that month made no further increase, although it held the previous level above last year."

The report attacks the recent increases in steel and auto prices. Referring to General Motors, the A. F. of L. asks, "Why should a corporation which has just announced an increase in profits from \$165,000 in 1932 to \$83,000,000 in 1933 be permitted to pass on to the consumer its increased costs for higher wages? When a 32 per cent increase in sales last year brought them more than a 400 per cent increase in profits, it would seem wiser to keep prices down and increase sales volume."

Guard Shoots Two In Cleveland Strike

CLEVELAND—Two pickets at the Cleveland Worsted Mills Co. were shot by a company guard as a strike entered its third week.

Police arrested Paul Squire, who admitted the shooting. He had been hired for guard duty by the Corporation Service Bureau.

The wounded pickets are John Hejmej, shot in the legs and groin, and William Zivney, shot in the hand. A shotgun was used.

A heavy police guard was thrown around the plant to prevent the strikers from retaliating. Previously police had broken up picket lines by use of tear gas and wholesale arrests.

Hartford Strikes Spread

HARTFORD, Conn.—With the airplane factory strike spreading until 2,800 are involved, other Hartford unions are talking strike while Anna Weinstock, U. S. arbiter, talks peace.

Workers in the Underwood and Royal Typewriter plants were ready to walk out and the electrical workers were turning to the warpath.

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It is the New Day we are celebrating—its improvement heartens us—its roseate future captivates us—intoxicates us, you will think when you see the reckless abandon with which we have priced new merchandise for the event, and the way we are spending money right and left in making the whole store over into one of great beauty.

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THE SALE THAT MARKS AN EPOCH!

FIFTH ACTIVE SOCIALIST OUSTED BY WISCONSIN U.

MADISON — Ross Stanger, who recently managed the Socialist campaign in the municipal election here, faces loss of his position with the University of Wisconsin. Stanger has received a letter from V. A. C. Henmon, head of the psychology department, "that the department will not recommend the renewal of your appointment to an assistantship for next year."

Other Victims

Stanger's case is the fifth in which contracts of faculty members were not renewed, and one assistant was told that his contract would be renewed only if he would promise to devote "full time" to research work. The other cases were:

John Powell, instructor in English, who ran last spring on the Socialist ticket for alderman of the 11th ward.
Delos Otis, assistant professor of history, who ran for supervisor from the 10th ward in 1933.

A. H. Tuttle, instructor in mathematics, active Socialist Party member.

E. L. Vernon, assistant in chemistry, who was told his contract would be renewed only if he abandoned active work in the Socialist Party. Vernon is now a state organizer for the Party in Wisconsin.

S. P. Protests

The central committee of local Dane county, in protesting to President Gleen Frank and the board of regents against Stanger's dismissal, stated:

"The recent dismissal of Dr. Ross Stanger accentuates the feeling among liberally minded persons that discriminatory practices against university teachers by the university result from their radical political affiliations and activities. Such practices include not only dismissals but involuntary leaves of absence, lack of advancement in rank and pay, and boycotting of classes, and explains the loss to the university within the past year or so of such persons as Drs. Hart, Melickjohn, Dawson,

Jacobson, Vernon, Powell, Otis and Tuttle.

"Discrimination exists also in that there are no persons of the rank of assistant professor or higher in the university who are members of the Socialist Party, although there have been admittedly many brilliant students of the Party attending the university, and although a large number of the taxpayers of Wisconsin support the principles of Socialism."

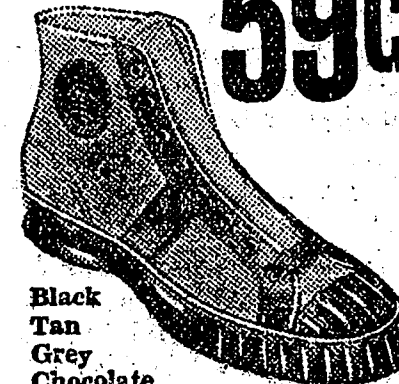
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"Bottoms Up," described as a romantic comedy with music, will open at the Embassy theatre today and remain for an engagement of one week. Buddy DeSylva, the producer who was also responsible for "Sunny Side Up," is credited with another hit. Like his earlier success, "Bottoms Up" is reported to be a delightful romance with songs woven logically into the story.

"Pat" Patterson, lovely English comedienne, makes her American film debut in this picture. The other members of the cast are: Spencer Tracy, John Boles, Herbert Mundin, Sid Silvers, Harry Green, Thelma Todd, Robert Emmett O'Connor, Del Henderson, Suzanne Kaaren and Douglas Wood.

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BOSS DISOBEYS

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recognize it or cooperate in any way. On February 23 the regional board ruled that the company should bargain collectively with the union, as representing 272 workers—almost all of those voting—who voted for the

union. The company refused to comply, and on March 8 the case was heard by the National Labor Board. And now, half way through April, another election is ordered, while the company still refuses to recognize the union or reinstate the discharged workers.

The National Labor Board has ruled that "the election of February 18 was not a satisfactory test of

wishes of the entire group of employees. The company's non-cooperation rendered a conclusive determination impossible, and makes necessary the ordering of a new poll." The ruling further states that the company was "not justified in requiring the disclosure of the names of those belonging to the union as a condition of dealing with the representatives selected."

Only employees on the payroll April 13 are eligible to vote in the new elections without qualification. The 138 workers laid off in December, following the organization of the union, may vote if they present "new charges of discriminatory treatment" to the regional board. But their ballots will be segregated and will be counted only if the board "finds evidence that sustains their complaint." Meanwhile they are to be placed on a "preferential list" for re-employment "as rapidly as possible... before any new employees are hired for the work which they are qualified to perform."

But a husband can't reform and begin being polite after 10 years of matrimony. His wife just thinks he is pouting.

Labor Players Stage Shows



This is a group of Brookwood Labor College players, now on tour, giving one of their labor plays, in which they dramatize the most vivid incidents in the fight for labor's rights.

F-L PARTY WOULD END CAPITALISM

Old System Has Failed and Must Be Ended, Is Declaration of Farmer-Labor Platform

ST. PAUL, Minn. (FP) — With the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota demanding abolition of Capitalism in the clearest-but platform in its history, the party is fighting a bitter campaign of attack by Republicans and Democrats.

From early signs, that attack will be centered on the party's program, in contrast to the mud-slinging at candidates which has invariably been done by the old parties in the past.

"Capitalism has failed," the Farmer-Labor platform declares. "Immediate steps must be taken by the people to abolish it in a peaceful and lawful manner, and a new, sane and just society must be established."

Outstanding planks include: Adequate legislation to insure security of land tenure for farmers; cooperative marketing and purchasing agencies; public ownership of all mines, water power, transportation and communication, banks, packing plants and all public utilities (excepting existing bonafide cooperative enterprises); the state to take over sufficient idle industrial plants to employ all jobless and to distribute necessities to the needy; state to handle without profit all social insurances.

Intelligent conservation of natural resources is advocated; freedom of expression for teachers; military training at all state-aided schools to be optional; unearned wealth to be restored to the state through taxes; immediate payment of the soldiers' bonus by treasury notes and repeal of the national economy act; nationalization of banking with government monopoly of money and credit operated without profit.

Gov. Floyd B. Olson is leading the Farmer-Labor ticket. At the party's recent convention in St. Paul he said: "I am not a liberal—I am a radical. I want a definite change in the system. I am not satisfied with tinkering. I am not satisfied with hanging a laurel wreath upon burglars and pirates and calling them code authorities."

SOCIALIST RELEASED AFTER 3 DAYS IN JAIL

NEW ORLEANS—After serving three days of her ten-day sentence for passing Socialist handbills, Mrs. Louise S. Jensen was released from jail on the telegraphed order of Mayor T. S. Walmsley. The mayor had previously refused to interfere.

"The Socialist party is ready now and at all times to fight laws which we think are unjust, and if it is necessary to go to jail in order to fight such laws effectively, then I and other members of the party will accept jail sentences," Mrs. Jensen said on her release.

While in jail, she actively directed the Socialist municipal campaign against "Old Regular" Democrats.

Thomas Urges Non-Profit Control Of Radio

NEW YORK—All broadcasting activities should be conducted by a non-profit making body set up by the government, said Norman Thomas, speaking on "Radio and Propaganda" over station WEVD last week.

Any new or minority ideas, said Thomas, or any genuine discussion of great issues, fares badly on the air because radio is largely commercial. Most of the time is allotted to advertising, and advertisers are not interested in controversial programs which might alienate any section of their possible buying public.

"Even paid direct radio propaganda," Thomas said, "is not welcome to the companies and their prospective advertisers."

FRENCH WORKERS PLAN WAR ACTION

Union Delegates Declare for Disarmament — Urge General Strike and Constant Resistance If Nations Fight

(NoFrontier News Service.)

In view of the recent critical upheavals in French political affairs, the great one-day strike of the nationwide labor unions, and the almost daily clashes and threats of conflict between differing organizations in the Republic, especially interesting is the drastic declaration against international war passed by the Confederation Generale du Travail, the workers' body which in size closely resembles the American Federation of Labor. In a delegated assembly it asserted:

"The Congress declares that war, considered as a means of settling international disagreements, is justified neither in right, nor in reason, nor in truth, and that it is the duty of everyone as well as his interest, to oppose firmly any recourse to arms."

Plans United Action
"Deciding to draw from this fundamental condemnation the conclusions thereof, the Congress intends to fix upon the means of united action for the organization of peace and the struggle against war."

"To this end it earnestly urges the central organization of the General Federation of Labor and each of its constituent groups to intensify their actions in behalf of moral disarmament, especially in the use of pamphlets, films, posters, meetings, radio addresses, press campaigns, and all educative efforts. Convinced on the other hand that certain clauses of the Treaty of Versailles or of the corollary treaties constitute an obstacle to the pacification of thought, the G. F. L. declares that it does not consider these treaties as never to be revised."

"The Congress demands with insistence: (a) progressive disarmament and the permanent international control of armaments and war materials in every country; (b) the prohibition of private manufacture of arms, ammunition or any war material; (c) the obligatory resort to international justice for the settlement of international disputes; (d) the transformation of the League of Nations into a democratic organiza-

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"Firmly convinced that the workers cannot, however, rely solely on such action and upon a general desire to avoid war, the Congress orders the central organization of the G. F. L. to foresee the methods according to which the organized laboring class will carry on in the country the necessary propaganda to enable it, in case of imminent danger of war, to give the government a series of solemn warnings, going as far as a general strike if necessary in order to manifest the unchangeable will of the workers in refusing to fight."

"Last of all, in spite of this relentless resistance carried on according to the principles laid down in the previous paragraphs, a conflict should break out, the General Federation of Labor should maintain its strict independence toward the government and pursue immediately, both nationally and internationally, a ceaseless and energetic campaign to stop hostilities."

Boston Car Men Press For Wage Rise And 40-Hr. Week

BOSTON, Mass. — Demands by Boston union street car men for a 25% wage increase and a 40-hour week are being discussed in confer-

ences between public trustees of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co. and union delegates.

June 1 will see the end of the present agreement, under which the men are paid 65c an hour on one-man cars and buses, with a 48-hour week. This agreement was made in 1931, when the workers took a voluntary 10% wage cut. A 25% rise would lift the rate to 81c an hour.

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Card players will again have an opportunity to enjoy a pleasant evening as the guests of the Women's Socialist League on Saturday night. In addition to a fine line of prizes, the women will again have the kind of eats that everyone likes. Supper will be ready at about 5 p. m. and card playing will start at 8 o'clock. Do yourself a good turn by being there.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT WEST READING

All card players are invited to attend a card party Saturday evening, April 21st, at their headquarters, 233 Kline street, West Reading. Playing will start at 8:30 and fine prizes will be awarded for high scores. Refreshments will be served. Comrades give West Reading a boost.

TEMPLE

Do you like to dance? If so, join the Temple comrades every Saturday night at "Mom's" place, where you can dance the old and new dances with your friends and comrades. Admission is free. Lunch and refreshments served. The proceeds of these regular Saturday night dances goes to the newly-organized Temple Branch. Help the branch by attending these dances and boost Temple for Socialism. Thanks!

LABOR LYCEUM MEETING

Attention! Labor Lyceum members, the next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 29th, at 11 a. m. You are urged to attend. Remember the date.

MUHLBERG

All further meetings will be held on Tuesday nights hereafter.

NORTHEAST WOMEN'S SOCIAL NIGHT NEXT TUESDAY

All members of the Northeast Women's group are urged to be at their headquarters, 1311 North Ninth street, with about 10 cents worth of "eats" next Tuesday night. The occasion will be another of those de-

lightful "social" nights. Prepare for a good time and plan to be there.

BAND REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY

All members of the Socialist band will please be at Labor Lyceum for rehearsal next Wednesday at 8 p. m.

SETTLE FOR BAZAAR TICKETS WITHOUT DELAY

Now that the bazaar has passed into history, the only report which the committee is in a position to make is that it was a financial and social success.

In order to make possible a complete report, all ticket sellers are urged to make settlement as soon as possible. Those who received their tickets from the committee will settle with the committee. Those who received them from the branch will settle at their branch headquarters. Please act promptly so that the Bazaar accounts may be properly closed.

SPEAKERS AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Friday, April 20th: Berkshire Heights: Stewart Tomlinson.

Northwest: James Roslin.

Monday, April 23rd:

Northeast: James Roslin.

Central: Mark Brown.

Mohnton: Leon Minker.

Temple: J. H. Stump.

Womelsdorf: Wm. Schweren.

Tuesday, April 24th:

Southern: Fred Merkel.

18th Ward: Mark Seltzer.

West Reading: Raymond S. Hoises.

Kenhorst: Jacob Halderman.

Laureldale: Jacob Hiestand.

Muhlenberg: Wm. Schweren.

Jacksonwald: Brookmeyer's.

Darlington Hoopes.

Thursday, April 26th:

Mohnton-Cumru: Women: Lawrence Rogin.

Friday, April 27th:

Northwest: Lawrence Rogin.

Berkshire Heights: Birch Wilson.

Cumru: Jacob Halderman.

A SOCIALIST SUCCESS

By ADAM EBERLY

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LABOR COLLEGE NEWS

By LARRY ROGIN

Plans have been completed for the annual Labor College Banquet which will close this year's work at the school. Originally planned for May 5, the banquet has been postponed for a week and will be held at Maier's Bakery Hall, 640 Park ave., on Saturday, May 12. As a feature of the affair, dancing will follow the dining and speeches. George LaFish and his Blue and Gold Orchestra, who furnished the music for the Labor College dance a month ago, will again play. The meal will begin promptly at 7 p. m., and it is expected that the speeches will be over by 9 o'clock, when the dancing will start. Aside from special speakers, prizes will be awarded in the essay contest which has been held at the Labor College this year. Tickets to the banquet can be secured from the students at the Labor College and at the Federated Trades Council, 705 Walnut street.

The Labor College Dramatic group scored a hit last Sunday with its presentation of the one act play "Second Story Man" at the Socialist Bazaar. It is expected that if there is enough interest the group will continue meeting during the summer. Rehearsals are being held at the Hosiery Workers Hall, 10th and Penn streets, every Thursday night at 7:30.

While the Monday night class at the Labor College will not meet this week because of the Brookwood Chatauga, it is expected that the members will get in early, so as to be able to help in anything that may be needed in order to make the affair a success. This will be the last week of classes for both the Wednesday groups. The Monday class, however, will close on April 30. The last week of classes will be devoted to a discussion of the Labor movement today and the problem that face it. Visitors will be welcome.

Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE

Federated Trades Organizer

ORGANIZATION DRIVE GETS GOING

The outstanding and probably most important event of the week was the crusading Organization Drive Committee meeting at Hosiery Workers Hall on Friday evening of last week. A chairman and secretary were elected along with important committees, which proceeded to function immediately. The plans for a huge celebration and the opening on May First were adopted and the committee authorized to proceed with their plans.

Lauer's Ball Park was secured this week in which the mass meeting will be held. With the baseball season opening two days following, it will be necessary that a force of 100 congenial, happily-dispositioned labor unionists be recruited from the ranks of organized labor to usher and do police duty to prevent the tramping of newly-placed sod on the infield and otherwise prevent property destruction.

FOR TRADE UNION COMMUNITY HOUSING

On Thursday evening of last week a rather small insignificant-appearing group of persons met at the Hosiery Workers Hall to discuss the advisability and possibility of undertaking an appropriate and suitable Labor Temple for Reading. There was serious discussion resulted from a plan advanced to secure PWA funds for such an undertaking. Not only may that meeting result in an appropriate building as a monument to organized labor in the community, but a real socially ideal housing community arise out of it. There are hopeful possibilities and the plan but needs a few more agitators to create a demand for it. George M. Rhodes, Francis Klemmer or the writer will welcome the opportunity to further discuss the program with anyone interested.

EDUCATION ON WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

The writer on three occasions this week lectured before the Labor College classes on the present inadequate Workmen's Compensation Act and needed amendments. The students enthusiastically received the information that is seldom given through other channels and is rarely sought after by workers until misfortune hits them. Lesson sheets were considered of sufficient importance to be sent all unions. Individuals and organizations desiring copies may have same by applying at the

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UNION DISAGREEMENT NEARING SETTLEMENT

Jurisdictional controversy between the Building Trades and the Brewery Workers is about to be straightened out. Representatives from both groups will meet with the officials of the Federated Trades on Friday afternoon in an effort to assign the various jobs by mediation and following an understanding enter into a signed agreement.

UNION CHANGES MEETING PLACE

The Confectionery Workers' Union changed their meeting place from

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By LEN DE CAUX
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

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VICIOUS BRUTALITIES IMPOSED ON AUSTRIAN CLASS PRISONERS BY DOLFUSS FASCIST REGIME

(Special Correspondence from Austrian Press Agency)

The APA has received two arresting reports from Vienna on the treatment of the Social-Democrats imprisoned in the Vienna police prisons. The first of these is from a warder employed in the police prison on the Rossauerlande:

Letter From a Police-Prison Warder
Dear Mr.

Barbarous things are going on here in Austria. Thousands of people are obliged to sleep sitting up on the stone floors. Instead of food they get floggings. Sixteen people are packed into a cell where there is room for two. None of them can turn round, and proper ventilation of the cell is out of the question. Not one of them has been able to wash since his arrest, let alone shave! The prisoners are reduced to mere shadows, and are made to perform the most degrading tasks. For food they are given "Maggi" soup with nothing else—neither bread nor potatoes—and without any spoons, so that they are forced to drink it. If the soup contains any solid food the only way to eat it is to put one's hand in and take hold of it. I myself am a warder and am obliged to look on at all this helplessly.

The prisoners have been fearfully knocked about, and are still being fearfully knocked about.

City Councillors Honay and Speiser, and many others whom I do not know, are made to wash up and to wash floors, and the local office-bearers and municipal councillors are forced to perform the same tasks. Women who occupied leading positions are also treated with bestial brutality.

Deputy Glockel (the creator of the reformed Vienna educational system—APA) now looks as though he was 80 years old (Glockel was 60 a few weeks ago—APA). He is so weak that he can scarcely stand.

When a prisoner is released he is unrecognizable—as pale and thin as though he had been starving in the primeval forest. Entirely innocent people are imprisoned in this way, and are being tormented day and night. Such barbarism has been unheard of since the Middle Ages.

When women come to visit their husbands they are treated with the greatest incivility. All the information they can get is: "We do not know where your husband is." The women then spend their time running around from one place of imprisonment to another, and finally return home weeping without having discovered their husbands, who meanwhile have been being beaten into insensibility in the police prisons.

Dear Comrade, I am a warder, but I can no longer look on at such things. That is why I am writing statistics and arguments—they have money-power that speaks louder for them. Declining employment under the code, the introduction of cheap equipment endangering the workers' lives, and the wage cuts involved in the proposed changes in differentials are explained by the union leaders. The employers don't worry much. "They won't get away with that," one whispers to another.

And so the hearings drag on for days, until suddenly that electric and discomforting word "strike" is uttered. Then things happen. Immediately after the threat of the International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers to call a general strike of 100,000 oil workers, the board disapproved the wage-cutting differentials. This was described, however, by Harvey Fremming, union president, as only a "negative victory." "We haven't yet got anywhere toward assuring better wages," he said. "We are disgusted with government agencies and are not going to try them any more. A strike vote is proceeding."

Profits have turned upward, and official Washington breathes easier. But the strike wave is also swelling; the number of strikes increasing threefold in March over February. Uncounted millions are still jobless, their destitution is growing and a record number of 4,700,000 families, or about 18,000,000 persons, had to be given relief in March. The recent Minneapolis unemployed demonstration is heard here as an ominous rumble, and even more talk of more strikes gives Washington the jitters. The obvious surface self-confidence does not reach too deep, and the NRA is to be reinforced to prevent labor, or even too individualistic employers, from upsetting the still unsteady apple-cart.

True, the show is interrupted at times. There is one word that is not liked in Washington and that is "strike." Delegations of workers are frequent visitors. Harriman hosiery mill strikers, striking shipyard workers from Camden, N. J., and representatives of discontented oil workers are the latest. Their tense talk clashes strangely with the prevailing wise-cracks of self-confidence.

Look in at the hearing before the Petroleum Labor Policy Board. Here we get a glimpse of the troubles and torments of hard-working oil workers in California and Texas. But they are reflected as in a glass darkly and not seen face to face. It takes imagination to translate into terms of human suffering the lengthy statistics, the careful charts and tables presented by the union. The employers, who with their men fill most of the hall, don't bother much about

to you, to let public opinion know what the unfortunate and innocent victims are at present having to suffer. Present-day Austria is a disgrace to the whole of European civilization.

If my letter reaches you I will tell you more next time.

Vienna, March 20, 1934.

Report Supplied by a Man of Letters
The second report received by the APA concerning conditions in the central police prison on the Rossauerlande comes from a man of letters, who was himself imprisoned there for a time, and who has now been expelled from Austria as a foreigner. The account that he supplies from his own observation is as follows:

The people imprisoned in the police prison complain most of all of the terrible overcrowding in the cells, which makes sleep impossible. They also complain of the inadequate food. Prisoners are given twice daily a soup entirely devoid of fat, with a few ounces of bread and some so-called black coffee. They are literally starving, and their physical condition is deteriorating terribly as a result. Almost all of them are suffering from gastric catarrh, and in the terribly overcrowded cells, each with only one bucket, this fact makes life absolutely unbearable. There is no accommodation for washing, but no towels with which to dry oneself. There is no chance whatever of cleaning one's teeth or of shaving. The prisoners are not allowed to take exercise. Moreover, the members are still beaten on every possible occasion with rubber truncheons.

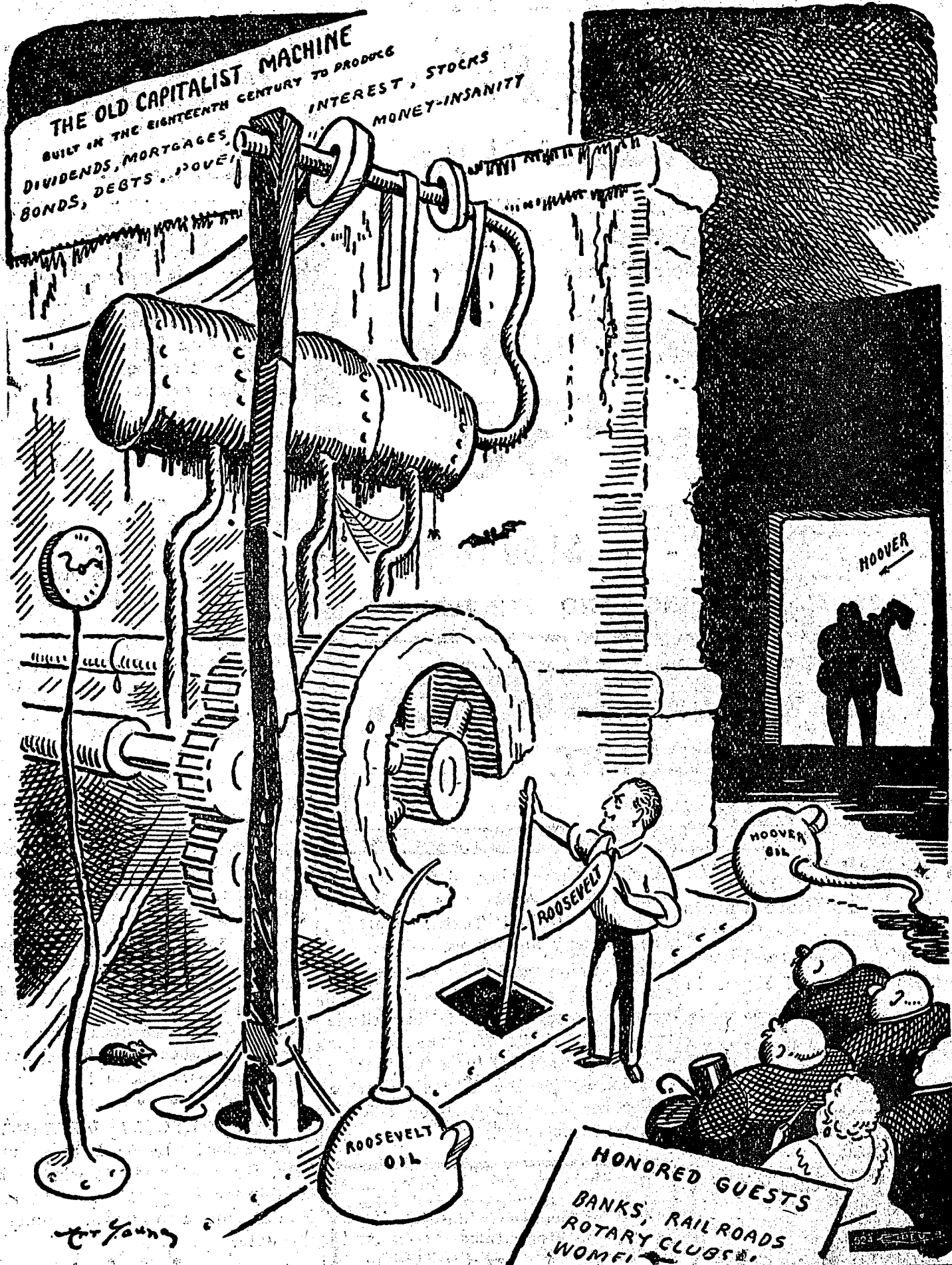
Beaten Into a State of Idiocy

A man named Anton Casta, aged 30, was arrested during the fighting in Ottakring. He had taken no part in the fighting, but he was knocked about on the back of the head so badly that he is still unable to speak properly. The wretched man has already been released once, but has now been re-arrested—the purpose obviously being to prevent the population from knowing that innocent men are being beaten into a state of idiocy in the police prisons.

A New Concentration Camp

The APA has received the following information from Schwchat, near Vienna: A concentration camp has been installed in the Sausage factory at Schwchat, and 70 members of the Schutzbund have been interned there. Their guards are Heimwehr men, who treat them with unusual brutality. Schutzbund men who have been acquitted by the law courts are interned in this camp.

A NEW ENGINEER BUT THE SAME OLD ENGINE



CHURCHMEN TAKE SOCIALIST VIEW

NEW YORK (FP)—New York Methodists are going radical.

The annual conference of preachers and laymen, held in New York City under the chairmanship of the Bishop Francis J. McConnell, disapproved the NRA because it is too weak to accomplish any lasting good, declared war on Christianity, approved "shortening the hours of labor to such as will secure full-time employment to all those who will work."

By a narrow margin it failed to declare for "the nationalization of banking, basic industries, transportation and communication and the socialization of economic processes." The conference had implied its approval of a socialist state, middle-grounds declared, but it was a bit too much to say in so many words. The vote was about 125 for socialism, and 175 for soft-pedaling.

The conference did "appraise as futile, toward the final elimination of unemployment, those attempts of the Roosevelt administration in an era of surplus economy, to raise prices by subsidizing scarcity, whether in factories or on farms. In an economy of abundance such as ours we believe unemployment will finally be eliminated by production for use rather than profit. Both productive and distributive industries are public services."

Real wages are lower under NRA than before, the preachers added.

SOCIALIST ORGANIZERS' SUMMER SCHOOL PLANNED

CHICAGO—Plans are under way for twelve summer training schools for Socialist party workers, Clarence Senior, executive secretary, has announced.

The success of the four schools held last summer has led many state and local organizations to enter into enthusiastic cooperation with national headquarters in setting up schools.

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All the schools will be about ten days. Fees for board and lodging will be moderate, ranging from \$7.00 to \$10.00 for the ten days. It is hoped that Socialist locals may wish to offer scholarships for their most promising members.

Entrance requirements are simple. Any member of the party or Young People's Socialist League between the ages of 18 and 40, who wishes to take active part in Socialist work, is urged to apply. Whether he has been, or aspires to be, literature

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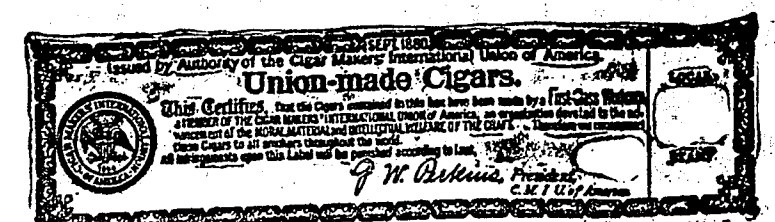
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HISTORIAN SEES AMERICA HEADED FOR WAR ON JAPAN

NEW YORK (FP)—This country is steadily moving toward an aggressive war—and preparing for one—C. Hartley Grattan, historian, declares in an article in Schibners' Magazine for May. All the construction of

American naval ships proposed, he observes, is concentrated on types of ships necessary to an offensive war conducted a long distance from bases. "Everything being done in the navy and army," Grattan writes, "points to the fact that the American experts expect a war far from home. The argument that all this preparation is to scare aggressors into submission does not at all impress students of such matters who point out that the moral and material tensions so created always eventuate war."

The war will be against Japan over "trade and profit" and will be directed against her merchant ships, he indicates. The United States cannot stay out of the next war, Grattan contends, and the issue will again be freedom of the seas. He remarks that the European situation which will emerge when the full effects of the Austrian crisis are apparent, so closely resembles that of 1914 as to be uncanny, and foresees that the same forces which caused us to enter the war in 1917 will carry us into the next one.

Big-Wigs For Child Labor

NEW YORK—Elhu Root, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler and 68 others have formed a committee to fight ratification of the child labor amendment be the New York legislature. Desperate efforts are being made to stop the sweep toward victory for the amendment.

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Cops Attack Soup Workers' Picket Lines



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TERROR IN AUSTRIA

Labor and Socialist International News Letter
Received by Mail from Zurich, Switzerland

The Austrian Social-Democrats' center abroad is constantly receiving information of harrassing brutalities committed by the Austro-Fascists against their disarmed victims. Out of the many stories that have reached us, we propose to indicate only those that have been confirmed from reliable sources.

Atrocities Committed During the Actual Fighting

The Federal army used artillery not merely in Vienna, against the blocks of workers' flats, but also in Bruck, Steyr, and Eggenberg near Graz, where there are none of these blocks, falsely described by the Fascists as fortresses. In these three towns, as well as in Vienna, the artillery fire caused casualties among the women and children.

In many places wounded members of the Schutzbund, who fell into the hands of the armies of "Christian" Austria were refused medical help. They were left to bleed to death. This happened, for instance, in the case of Sepp Lienhart, the leader of the Young Socialists at Bruck, who was taken prisoner when severely wounded and allowed to bleed to death. His father, a member of the Schutzbund's ambulance corps, was fired at when he tried to go to his son's assistance.

In other places prisoners were massacred by the protectors of "law and order." Thus, a member of the Schutzbund from Floridsdorf, named Lutz, who was captured alive, was murdered while he was being carried away. According to a report which is at present unconfirmed, ten members of the Schutzbund were massacred in the same way in the Schlingendorf.

The bodies of dead members of the Schutzbund were left lying in the open street for days, for purposes of "deterrence." This was done at Bruck-on-Mur, in particular. Finally, the bodies were thrust unwashed and still covered with the blood and filth of the battlefield, into rough coffins and unceremoniously buried. In Vienna the bodies of a considerable number of unidentified members of the Schutzbund are lying in the refrigerating room of the Anatomical Institute.

Ill-Treatment of Prisoners

The captured Schutzbund men were ill-treated in the most inhuman way, not merely during the actual fighting but even since the fighting ceased. Karl Pokorny, a member of the Schutzbund from Bruggenau, was so badly beaten by the police that when he was confronted with his wife she failed to recognize him. His upper jaw shattered by cudgel-blows. He went out of his mind, and was transferred to the Steinhof Asylum. Members of the Schutzbund were also beaten with cudgels in other places—particularly those who fell into the hands of the Heimwehr. The Secretary of the Free-Workers' Union at Kapfenberg, who is half blind, was so knocked about that he had to be taken to a hospital. Dollfuss has no need to fear comparison with Hitler! Defenseless prisoners are beaten and ill-treated in the Heimwehr barracks in exactly the same way as in Hitler's S. A. barracks and concentration camps.

Torture

In the course of the search for arms after the fighting many individuals who were suspected of knowing the whereabouts of concealed weapons were inhumanly flogged until they betrayed the hiding places. Thus, a young Socialist at Mauer, near Vienna, was beaten until he lost consciousness. When he came to his senses again the beating was resumed, until he divulged the place where arms were hidden. Members of the Schutzbund were threatened with the police station at Wahrung that these parcels is made the occasion

they would be shot unless they revealed where arms were stored; and they were left for hours expecting to be murdered at any moment.

The Treatment of the Arrested Leaders

The arrested party and trade union leaders, are also being subjected to the meanest and most petty forms of ill-treatment in the police prison in Vienna. They are not allowed books or a change of linen; shortsighted people are not even allowed their spectacles, or sick people the diet prescribed by the doctor. When the wife of one of the party leaders visited her husband the police officer would not allow him to answer the following questions that his wife addressed to him: "How are you? Are you alone in your cell? Are you allowed to have your own food? Did you receive the food that we sent you?" The wife was obliged to leave the visitors' room without her husband having been allowed to reply to a single question about his conditions.

Looting and Stealing by the Heimwehr

The Schutzbund men held out for four days, most of them were poor and out of work, and their food supplies were inadequate. Nevertheless, not a single case of shop-looting occurred. The simple food supplies required by the Schutzbund men during the fighting were in all cases paid for. The Austro-Fascists behaved otherwise. Not content with seizing the property of the party, the trade unions, the athletic, and educational associations of the workers, they made for their own private benefit as well. In Graz, Eggenberg and Halbesbrunn the Heimwehr troops looted shops belonging to the Retail Co-operative Society and to the Textile Department of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, and they are now going about quite openly in the stolen suits, overcoats and boots. In the course of searches conducted in private dwellings members of the Heimwehr stole, under the eyes of the police, everything that was not a permanent fixture. When members of the party brought money to the Goethehof for the relief of the wives of the men who had been killed or taken prisoners, the Heimwehr sentries took the money away from them and kept it for themselves.

The Deliberate Ruin of Tens of Thousands of Lives

All the employees of the party, the party press, the trade unions and the other workers' organizations are without a livelihood. They have lost their employment without even being given notice of dismissal, which the law entitles them. Thousands of workers, who were known to be prominent members of the Social-Democratic Party or of the Schutzbund, have been discharged from their employment both in public undertakings and in many private firms as well. The dismissals are still continuing. Some of the victims have committed suicide with their wives and children. The responsibility for the murder of these children will not weigh heavily on Herr Dollfuss's conscience.

The arrested members of the Schutzbund have been deprived of their unemployment benefit. Their wives and children are not receiving a halfpenny—they may starve, for the Government cares. Some municipalities are even refusing to pay poor relief—in some cases even child maintenance relief—to the arrested men and their wives.

It is true that the official relief organization is supplying parcels of food to the wives and children of the men who have been killed or taken of the Schutzbund were threatened with the police station at Wahrung that these parcels is made the occasion

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for carrying on political propaganda in favor of the "Patriotic Front." Consequently, the wives are in many cases refusing to accept the charity that is offered to them in this form. Thus, the widow of Weisel, the engineer who was sentenced to death by court martial, and whose bearing before the court and in face of the gallows wrung the exclamation "He is a hero" even from the president of the court, shut her door in the face of Frau Dollfuss's emissary; and the widow of Lutz, the Schutzbund man who was murdered by the troops of "law and order," called out to the Sister of Charity who came to visit her: "You have taken my husband from me—you are not going to buy me over with a loaf of bread!"

Forced Conversions

The wage-earning and salaried employees of the public undertakings are being obliged, under the threat of immediate dismissal, to join the "Patriotic Front" and the Christian trade unions. Those of them who belong to no religion are forced to rejoin the Church before they can be received into the Christian trade unions. The Church is delighted at the return—under pressure—of these wandering sheep!

Calumniation of Captured and Murdered Rebels

The Fascists are continuing their campaign of lies against the leaders of the Social-Democrats. Many of their lies are so stupid that they refute themselves. For instance, it was announced on one day that Glockel had been arrested whilst trying to escape to Czechoslovakia, and that he had had in his possession 200,000 schillings. The next day it was given out that the man in question was not Glockel, who had already been arrested on February 13th, but Jenschik. And the day after that it was stated that Jenschik had had on him, not 200,000 schillings, but a quite insignificant amount. Austrian workers should not believe a word of the lies that they are told about the men whom they have trusted to lead them.

The most infamous feature of this campaign of calumny, however, is that even those who have been murdered are not spared. It is, for instance, falsely asserted that Stanek, the secretary of the Graz Chamber of Labor, who was executed by court martial sentence, returned to the Catholic faith before his death. There is not a word of truth in this statement. Stanek died like a hero, just as did Koloman Wallisch, Weigl and Munichreiter. In front of the gallows he called out to the representatives of the State authority: "As you are hanging me today, so will you be hanged! I die for the sake of liberty!" "Liberty" was his last word.

And That Is Their Christianity! The atrocities committed by the

Austro-Fascists are in no way outshone by those committed by the Hitler-Fascists in Germany. There is only one difference between the black-and-yellow and the brown terrorists: the Hitler-Fascists at least admit cynically that they behave with cruelty and violence. The Austro-Fascists, on the contrary, accompany all their bestial acts of scoundrelism with canting talk about reconciliation, willingness to make peace, and Christianity!

British Youth Declare War On "Next War"

LONDON—More than five hundred young people of an age likely to be drafted in the dreaded "next war," have pointedly signed an appeal to other youth to unite with them in unbending opposition to war service. Active in fostering the movement are Vera Brittain, whose book, "Testament of Youth," is widely read in the United States; Rev. Donald O. Soper, M. A., Ph. D.; and Rev. Albert D. Belden. The statement issued by the group asserts: "We, being of military age (18 to 45 regardless of sex) pledge ourselves to refuse combatant service and do everything in

our power to oppose the making of war, and we call upon our fellow-men everywhere to adopt the same policy."

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Estate of Clement Hughes, also known as Clement Hues, late of the Township of Gaernarvon, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same, without delay, to Berks County Trust Company, 35 North Sixth Street, Reading, Pa.

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PAST SAVINGS AND FUTURE EARNINGS

The man who wants plenty of fresh eggs at all times ought to own some hens. Likewise, the individual or group who wants mankind to have the benefit of modern civilization and science ought to be interested in having the industries and other wealth-producing resources of the nation owned by the people of the nation.

We wrote the above paragraph as a preliminary to a few remarks about the McLeod bill. For those who do not know, we'll state that the general purpose of the McLeod bill is to have the Federal Government pay to the American people the money which is now tied up in closed banks.

We wish to offer a criticism of those who are pushing for the bill. What we think is that, while there is no doubt that the release of bank deposits which now seem to be lost will be a great boon to many people, it will not correct the fundamental evils which must be corrected if the great majority of Americans are to enjoy economic security. Discounting the probability of currency and price inflation, which would make all of us pay for what some of us received, the McLeod bill merely refunds to the depositors a portion of their PAST EARNINGS.

But what about FUTURE EARNINGS? While depositors may view it as desirable to receive their frozen dollars, the fact is that all the money which is now locked up in bank vaults is as nothing compared to the sum total of unearned profits which parasites have been able to take from workers—and which they will continue to take as long as the private profit system is permitted to exist.

We would also recommend this line of reasoning to the veterans of the nation. They, too, are pressing for payment of what they consider past earnings. But all that they are asking for is negligible in comparison to what they earn but do not get in the day-by-day course of Capitalist activity.

We are quite willing to see the banks opened. We are equally willing to see the "adjusted compensation" claims of the veterans satisfied. But we are "hell bent" upon protecting the future earnings of the workers of the nation.

What is of utmost importance is not the wealth which workers might have used in the past—but didn't. We could all afford to sacrifice every penny of that if we could secure all the wealth which it is possible for us to produce right now and in the future.

In other words, we must stop the legal racketeering which is part of the profit system. And the way to stop that is to make the industries the property of all the people, just as we Socialists are urging. When that is done workers can produce abundantly and enjoy abundantly. Until it is done, relief measures will merely be—relief measures. The same old economic ills will recur again and again. We must produce for use instead of for profit, and we can do so whenever the American people decide that it shall be done. Folks who are concerned about workers' past earnings, but who want to extend Capitalism into the future, are merely pleading that the savings of slaves be safeguarded. They do not wish to abolish wage slavery.

DOG WASHER, PH. D.

In an article stressing the effects of Capitalism's collapse upon college graduates, published recently in the New York Times, the writer comments upon the resourcefulness of some of the educated unemployed in the matter of making jobs for themselves. Instances are mentioned where one holder of an academic degree secured contracts to clean windows, another sets out wash lines and still another has been able to keep the wolf from the door by washing dogs.

While all of the above-named occupations are somewhat "better than nothing," it is certain that those "resourceful" university men had to sacrifice many dreams of glory to be able to accept the social and economic status of dog-washer.

The important point to remember in this situation is that such conditions have more than a personal significance. They affect all of society and, in the end, are certain to result in basic changes in social outlook and practice.

It was the loss of hope in Germany which prepared intellectuals for Fascism. Seeing no promise in the world about them, and lacking a fundamental understanding of economics, they were lured by the all-embracing promises of Hitler to assist in the destruction of democracy and parliamentary forms.

The same choice confronts American youth, of all degrees of education, today. A fundamental economic change must be made to fulfill the dreams of young and ambitious men and women. It is up to educated dog-washers and others to decide whether they want to gain places in the sun by becoming

part of a new dictatorship in which their less resourceful fellows will be oppressed slaves, or by building a co-operative commonwealth in which plenty and the opportunity to follow interesting vocations will be assured under a program of industrial democracy.

For Ph. D.'s, as well as for common laborers, the choice is Socialism or Fascism. Capitalism has definitely failed; those who do not plainly see that fact are not really educated, even though they did gain sufficient training in higher institutions of learning to qualify as menials.

FOLLOW LONDON'S EXAMPLE

The Labor Party of England, which, as you know, is a Socialist party, has carried the city of London, the largest city in the world.

It captured 69 out of a total of 124 seats in the London County Council, as compared with 35 seats which it formerly had.

The party cannot introduce complete Socialism, for, there as here, a city cannot do that but must wait until the party carries the nation.

It can do a great deal, however, to make the city a better place to live in, just as the Socialists have made Milwaukee a better place to live in.

It intends to give special attention to slum clearance, housing, health, and education.

It plans to demolish 266,851 slum "homes" and provide decent, comfortable and healthy homes for 1,240,182 people, and more if possible. A government subsidy will be available, under the law, for purposes of financing. The plans will be pushed along just as rapidly as possible.

When the Labor Party carries the country—as it in all probability will whenever the Tory mixture of a government headed by Ramsay MacDonald gives up the ghost—its control of London will be a great help in the general work of socialization.

The Socialists have scored many gains and successes in other European countries, and in the by-elections and municipal elections in England. Recently the Socialists carried the city of Buenos Aires, in Argentina, South America. In Italy, Germany and Austria the Socialists are suppressed, but we have not the slightest doubt that they are increasing in numbers constantly even in those countries.

All this indicates that the people everywhere are swinging toward Socialism as the only solution for their grievous problems.

Follow the example of London.—Milwaukee Leader.

CRAZY RELIEF

Socialists of the Fifth Congressional District have nominated Paul O. Grossenbacher of New-Milford as their candidate for Congress. Mr. Grossenbacher is a real "dirt farmer." In accepting the nomination Mr. Grossenbacher remarked that farming was not the kind of occupation he would recommend to anyone who wanted to make money.

But the easiest money I ever made at farming was the \$150 I got this year from Washington for not raising tobacco.

We don't know Mr. Grossenbacher's views on this method of paying farmers for not working. We suspect from the way he told the story that even though he benefitted to the extent of \$150 he is impressed with the absurdity of the system.

Alice in Wonderland is a fantastic story but it is very funny and quite charming. The economic theories of the AAA are as fantastic as anything in Alice in Wonderland, but without either humor or charm. They are very serious burdens upon all the consumers in the United States.

The \$150 which was paid to Mr. Grossenbacher for not raising tobacco must come out of the pockets of those who smoke whatever tobacco was raised. If the increased price results in lower demand for tobacco, then a still higher tax must be imposed to pay still more farmers still more money for raising still less tobacco.

They call this agricultural relief in Washington, but outside of Washington, anywhere in the world, they would call it sheer insanity.—Bridgeport Post.

HIGHER WAGES ARE POSSIBLE

Could United States Steel have afforded to pay higher wages? Let us make certain calculations. If the half of the total wage bill of \$163,000,000 going to the workers receiving the lowest wages had been increased by 20 per cent, and if the half of the remaining half going to semi-skilled workers had been increased by 10 per cent, the total additional cost to the corporation would have been approximately \$20,000,000. Would this have proved to be an excessive drain upon the corporation's treasury? The answer is found in a comment made editorially by The Financial Chronicle on March 17:

"After allowing for the past year's deficiencies the company still had on December 31, 1933, an 'earned undivided surplus' of \$287,330,507. This undivided surplus of \$287,330,507, it should be understood, is entirely apart from the \$270,000,000 of earned surplus actually appropriated and invested in capital expenditures. The two items together, it will be seen, make the total of the earned surplus, appropriated as well as undivided, no less than \$557,330,507."

An earned surplus of \$557,330,000! Over against the suggested wage increase of \$20,000,000!

DESTITUTION INCREASES
DESPITE BOOM BALLYHOO

WASHINGTON—Despite all the ballyhoo of recovery in the business press, the number of relief cases increased 13% and expenditures went up 20% between February and March, reported Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, April 13. The number of families on relief now totals 4,700,000, and will be the same for April, according to Hopkins. He explained the mounting destitution and reports of increased employment by saying that the percentage

of those unemployed whose situation is desperate is increasing, as their resources give out. About 18,000,000 persons are on relief, Hopkins added.

\$1 An Hour For Painters

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—One dollar an hour and a 40-hour week for painters in Memphis and the surrounding territory has been agreed upon between the employers of the area and the officers of the Painters' Local Union No. 49. The agreement was reached under the construction industry code. News of it has caused large gains by the union.

THE WORLD
IN REVIEW

By J. I. S.

The Legislative Program

The set of measures that President Roosevelt wants Congress to pass before adjournment shows clearly his growing conservatism, and his utter lack of desire to press the passage of legislation that will benefit the working masses.

He insists upon the passage of the revenue bill, of course. This measure, despite the boosting of income and inheritance taxes in the Senate and the plugging-up of several notorious loopholes in the income tax structure, fails to levy the taxes that are urgently needed to reduce the mounting public debt. Every offer of Treasury notes on bonds has been several times over-subscribed; if these funds are available to be lent to the government, they are also available for taxation, and they should be taxed in order to provide funds for unemployment relief and other constructive purposes.

Two of the measures whose enactment the President desires represent retreats from his own position of last year. The more important of these is the modification of the Securities Act, designed to prevent some of the sharp practices of stock brokers. The act has been under fire from Wall Street since it was enacted, and now Roosevelt is relaxing its provisions. He has listened to the voice of Wall Street, also in the postponing the effective date of the permanent bank deposit guarantee law passed last year, and the temporary features of the act will be retained for another year.

Roosevelt desires also the enactment of the flexible tariff law, giving him authority virtually to manipulate the tariff rates at his pleasure. The chances are that what use he makes of this power will be good rather than bad; and will result in some lowering of the present prohibitive rates that have all but strangled foreign trade. But there has not been the slightest indication that Roosevelt believes in the drastic lowering of the rates that is necessary to revive foreign trade and lower the cost of living.

The only measures that Roosevelt insists upon are the emergency appropriation of relief and rehabilitation, and the regulation of the stock market. The former bill, which calls only for \$1,500,000,000, is woefully inadequate, and the other measure indicates a belief that industry can be reformed by regulation by a government agency. While some of the worst practices of business may be eliminated by that method, too, frequently business controls the regulating body; in any event, the sickness of society requires much more drastic treatment.

Here's the entire program. No really vital legislation is pending before Congress, but there are some bills that would materially assist labor, and these are not on Roosevelt's preferred list. The most important of these is Senator Wagner's bill setting up a permanent National Labor Board, and outlawing all interference by employers in organizations of their employees; Roosevelt has not only failed to say a single word in support of this bill, but by his settlement of the threatened automobile strike he gave company unions the greatest encouragement they have received since the NIRA was passed. That settlement, by the way, will virtually outlaw the closed shop if its principles are extended, as they likely will be.

Another measure that is doomed by Roosevelt's indifference is the unemployment insurance bill. That bill did not propose a federal system of unemployment insurance, which is the most desirable form, but which might be declared unconstitutional. Instead, by a judicious use of the taxing power, it offered the states incentives to establish state systems, and outlined minimum standards below which no state might go. The bill had its weakness, to be sure, but it was nevertheless one of the most forward-looking pieces of legislation introduced at this session. The President likewise could find no merit in the bill reducing the working week to 30 hours, and he permitted or encouraged General Johnson to oppose it. His own proposal to industry to voluntarily reduce hours was merely laughed at, and he made no further efforts.

It would be difficult to find a sadder record from the standpoint of labor. Even Herbert Hoover was no worse than this.

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Informed of the accomplishment of the Arkansas Socialists in the Drive, Norman Thomas, national chairman, expressed great admiration. "This accomplishment," he said, "represents an heroic struggle and an important victory on the part of our comrades in the 'share crop' state. Having recently returned from a visit to this state and in the light of this week's news about its

fine participation in the Drive, two facts stand out clearly in my mind. First, the poverty and insecurity of the workers. Farmers and miners, workers of every description, unemployed with the most miserably inadequate relief—all present a picture of desperate need which is unequalled in any part of America.

"But that is only one part of the picture. Along with that indication of desperate need, is the thrilling picture of indomitable courage and tremendous determination which is shown by their response to the cause of Socialism. Out of their great need they have raised more than their quota in the United Socialist Drive. And in spite of every threat of discrimination in matter of jobs, work and relief, they are going ahead to build a real party organization. If the rest of us can catch their spirit and follow their example, Socialism will move ahead in America with matchless growth."

Old party administrations soon learn to recognize the voice of "the people." It is the one saying "Give light of this week's news about its to them that hath."