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HOSIERY UNION THREAT IS VOICED BY RIEVE; "VOTE RIGHT", THOMAS URGES MAY DAY CROWD

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

OUR "NEW DEAL" Secretary of State has told Japan a "mouthful." It seems that the militant Japanese have staked a claim to all of China. Having gone through that formality, the Japs notified the rest of the world that foreign investors would not be welcome in China. "We are in need of room to expand. We are likewise in need of the markets which China offers. As we need these things we're going to have them. So keep out, everybody and let us play this game alone." That is what the Japs said to US. In answer to that message Secretary of State Hull, in his most diplomatic language, has told the government of Japan to go jump in the sea.

NOW, I KNOW that the above is not exactly a classical explanation of what may become a matter of grave international significance. But I also know that the explanation as it stands is as much as most Americans care to know about American relations with Japan at the present time. Arthur Brisbane to the contrary, (Arthur says that Americans will "approve" of the Hull reply) Americans neither approve nor disapprove. Arthur was talking about the Americans whom he considers important, the money lenders, the munition makers and other profiteers. So far as the great mass of Americans are concerned, however, compared to the Orient, what the secret remains far and away the most important question.

AMERICAN WORKERS ARE that way—and shouldn't be. They shouldn't be because the seeds of war are sprouting in the Japanese situation.

The reason there is a danger that American workers will be asked to die in defense of American investors and profiteers' rights in China is because the "New Dealers" have not yet abandoned the idea that private profit, not human welfare, is the motive for human activity.

It's time for workers to think about China, Japan, Capitalism and War a little more seriously. They ought to know what all the fuss is about.

Japan says that the rest of the world may trade with China only on terms which are satisfactory to Japan. Well . . . ?

What do the 11 million unemployed workers of America care about that? Does it really matter to us whether China uses our cotton in factories which are financed with American dollars? Are the ragged share-croppers of the cotton states willing to die for the privilege of supplying blouses to the "Heathen Chinese"? Probably not, if the question is put in that way. But that is not the kind of language that is used when profiteers and international racketeers seek to drive workers to the shambles.

THE REASON JAPAN'S manifesto is a source of danger in that we still are living under a system which decrees that wealth shall be produced for the benefit of owners and investors—for profits rather than for use. In short, we have Capitalism and not Socialism.

Under Socialism it wouldn't matter. (Continued on Page Two)

HOSIERY UNION CHIEF HITS BOSS TYRANNY; 8000 VOICE SPIRIT OF WORKER UNITY

Mass Demonstration of International Brotherhood of Labor at Ball Park—"Jim" Maurer Introduces Speakers From All Local Groups—"Will Strike If Necessary," Rieve Declares—Socialism or Fascism Is Choice Facing the World, Thomas Tells Audience. Songs and Banners Enliven Celebration

Responding to a call for a mass celebration of Labor's International Holiday, 8,000 workers assembled in Lauer's ball park last Tuesday evening and applauded the spirit of that common brotherhood which unites the workers of all races, nations and creeds. Incidentally, the May Day gathering heard a strike warning issued by Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, and the Socialist remedy for all labor difficulties propounded by Norman Thomas, national leader of the Socialist party, in his fourth speech of the day, after being transported from Philadelphia in the automobile of A. M. Gassert, a member of Local Berks.

Every organized labor group in Reading shared credit for the success of the May Day celebration, which was announced as the opening of an organized labor educational and organizational drive. On the committee of arrangements were members of the Socialist Party, Federated Trades Council, Taxpayers' Protective League, OWA-PWA Workers' Union and Young People's Socialist League.

Throughout the entire program, which lasted more than three hours, the crowd showed its enthusiasm in cheers, songs and short marches around the field by young Socialists and members of the Taxpayers' Protective League.

James H. Maurer, Reading's veteran Socialist and unionist, was chairman of the evening and appeared to be in his old-time form despite the presence of a cane upon which he leaned. In addition to Rieve and Thomas, Maurer introduced Luther D. Adams, for the Hosiery Workers' Union; Mark Ed. Seltzer, for the T. P. L.; Mark Brown, for the Young People's Socialist League; Stewart L. Grow, for the CWA-PWA Workers; Gertrude Wickel, for workingclass women; Forrest Good, for the Pretzel Workers; Raymond S. Hofes, for the Socialist Party, and Earl White, Geo. M. Rhodes and ex-mayor J. Henry Stump for the Federated Trades Council.

Rieve Warns of Shutdown

Recalling the mass meeting held in the ball park during the great strike wave of last summer, Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, told the crowd that the hosiery workers (Continued on Page Four)

ALLENTOWN PRETZEL WORKERS ON STRIKE

Inspired by the success of Reading pretzel workers, who won union recognition in this city, 40 pretzel workers, representing the total working force of five pretzel bakeries in Allentown, declared a strike this week to back up a demand for higher wages and union recognition.

Walter Riegel, Francis Bowers and William Albrecht, members of the Pretzel Workers Union of Reading, visited the Lehigh county city on Wednesday to assist the Allentown workers in launching their strike after the employees of the Pennsylvania Pretzel Bakery there had already walked off the job on Tuesday. The plants of the Walbern, Schaeffer and Miller pretzel bakeries were closed down Wednesday when their employees followed suit.

The local pretzel unionists state that wages in the Allentown pretzel industry are approximately half of what is being paid in Reading's unionized plants. It is expected that the pretzel strike will prove to be only the beginning of a general walkout in the bakeries of Allentown, with no less than 10 bakeries affected before the end of this week.

RAILMEN HIT BY THE DEPRESSION

Labor Department Report Declares Low Wages, Wiped Out Savings and Reduced Living Standards

WASHINGTON—The terrible conditions imposed on railway employees and their families by long-continued low wages since 1929 was goignantly revealed by the report, representing a joint study by the U. S. Department of Labor and eighteen standard railway unions, of the effect of the depression on families of railway employees.

As a basis for the report a representative group of 1,000 railway employees and their families were visited. Field work was carried on from May to October, and since then the replies to questionnaires have been analyzed.

No Milk for Three Years

The depression deprived many families of their homes, wiped out their savings, compelled them to borrow on life insurance policies, caused cancellation of accident insurance policies, resulted in large debts and lowered living standards.

Some families have had no milk for three or four years, wiped out their savings, compelled them to borrow on life insurance policies, caused cancellation of accident policies, resulted in large debts and lowered living standards.

Deprived of sufficient food compelled to share meager earnings with relatives or friends, the families were further handicapped by curtailment of social services such as free medical clinics, hospitals, libraries, schools and recreational centers.

Limited to Employed Workers

The report was concerned not with the temporary idle, but with a body of employed men and, as it states, "with one that has been by no means (Continued on Page Three)

SHULMAN IN EXECUTIVE POST AT CHELSEA, MASS.

Lester "Red Mike" Shulman, who is well known to Reading Socialists and Unionists for the part he played in the union organization drive last summer, has been named Executive Secretary of the Chelsea Labor Lyceum, in Chelsea, Mass.

"Mike" made many friends among the local shoe workers, rope workers, pretzel workers, newsboys and with the Yipsels by his activity on the picket line and in union gatherings. "Mike" can be reached by writing to the Chelsea Labor Lyceum, 453 Broadway, Bellingham Square, Chelsea, Mass.

LISTEN, SUCKER

After waiting for more than a year for a portion of their own money, which was "frozen" in the Farmers, Penn and Reading National Banks, after going through the throes of a stock-selling campaign in which depositors were "blackjacked" into buying stock in the "Union National" bank, through whose agency a portion of the "frozen" assets were said to be due for a thawing, after a public celebration to mark the "successful" completion of the stock-selling drive, and after every depositor of the three ex-banks had been furnished with a proof of claim by Conservator Wellington Bertolet, Esquire,

NOW—

Some depositors have been notified that, instead of getting a portion of their frozen funds, they are expected to bring back cash which was paid out on checks issued before the banks stopped all payments.

Here's the racket, as explained by Robert H. Bupp, acting for Conservator Bertolet:

"You will remember, on February 28, 1933, the bank restricted withdrawals to 5% of your deposit, or \$50, whichever was the greater."

BUT—

"It has since been determined that the withdrawal of any sum in excess of 5% of your deposit was illegal, and it is the duty of the conservator to recover from you the amount paid you between February 28 and March 3, 1933, in excess of 5% . . ."

SO—

"Instead of compelling the repayment of this amount entirely in cash, it will be deducted from the dividend on the balance in your account at the close of business, February 27, 1933, and the deficiency, if any, must be paid in cash."

Well, sucker, there it is; what do you think of it? You, who voted for Bertolet's Fusion boys to "Save Reading From Ridicule!" You who marched in the NRA parade to celebrate the return of prosperity! You who rejoiced that the new bank would give you at least a part of your hard-earned savings! Now that you have waited so long and so patiently, only to be told that you "must" pay back your own money to the bank. What, oh what Do you think of it?

"Never give a sucker an even break," is the slogan of gangsters and banksters. Once again, you're it!

SOC'L ST VICTIM OF NAZI BRUTES

Fate of Ernst Heilmann Reveals Horrors Suffered by Dissenters Under Hitlerized Germany

SAARBRUCKEN (TIS). — For the first time, detailed information concerning the fate of the well-known German Social-Democratic leader, Ernst Heilmann, are forthcoming.

Heilmann, who was the chairman of the strong Socialist representation in the Prussian Diet, was a special object of Nazi hate and persecutions. Immediately after Hitler's accession to power he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Oranienburg. After weeks of the most brutal maltreatment he was transferred to Camp Boergermoor where he underwent similar treatment at the hands of his new Nazi jailers. Three months ago he was turned over to the hospital authorities at Papenburg, suffering from serious shot wounds and physically completely incapacitated. He is now in solitary confinement in the notorious jail of the state secret police in Berlin.

Heilmann, one of the most brilliant public men and speakers of Germany, is now a complete wreck. His appearance is that of a 70-year-old man; his spirit is broken. This is precisely the reason why the Nazi wasters do not dare to release him. They fear that his appearance will be the most sweeping indictment of the Nazi regime.

The German propaganda ministry is using all means at its command to forestall and inhibit the public sale abroad of the announced second (Continued on Page Four)

LONG HOURS IN MOST ALL CODES

With 10,950,000 Workers Unemployed, Industries Under The NRA Insist on Long Work Week

WASHINGTON.—An official analysis of the number of hours a week prescribed under NRA codes shows that all but 29 of the first 293 codes call for 40 hours or more. Over 400 codes have been approved to date.

These figures demonstrate that although there are over 10,000,000 working men and women without jobs and despite the urgent recommendation of President Roosevelt that hours of labor must be drastically reduced to turn the idle into wage-earners, industrial leaders as a rule persist in maintaining the long work-week and turning the jobless over to public and private charity.

A survey of the official data reveals that the code for cast-iron soil pipe heads the short-hours list with 27. Another code, the metal lath, has 32 hours. Twelve industries operated under a 35-hour-week provision, 18 more at 36 hours and two at 37.5 hours.

40-Hour Week the Rule

Ninety-eight had a flat maximum of 40 hours, 97 more had a 40-hour week, averaged over various periods, while 146 had a 40-hour week, with additional allowances.

One coded industry operated at 42 hours, four at 44, one at 45, 15 at 48, one at 52, two at 54 and 11 at weeks of various lengths, depending upon such factors as store hours, periods of the year and so on.

The 40-hour week was the original goal of the National Recovery Ad- (Continued on Page Three)

BIG BOSSES ASK UPPER HAND IN REPORT TO NRA

Heavy Industries Group, Employing Over 50% of Industrial Workers, Like Company Unions

WANT NRA TO BOSS LABOR

Private Control When Workers Obey, Government Pressure During Strikes Is Exploiters' Big Idea

WASHINGTON (FP). — American heavy industry is telling the world, what the latter long suspected, that it is opposed to higher wages, likes company unions, and wants to run things its own sweet way. That is the substance of the report of the Durable Goods Industries Committee, appointed by Gen. Hugh S. Johnson to report the views of the employers in the steel, lumber and other such industries, on the operation of the National Recovery Act.

The committee is headed by George H. Houston, president of Baldwin Locomotives, and bases its data on reports from some 5,000 companies in 83 different industry groups. More than 50 per cent of industrial workers are employed in these industries, it claims.

Report Shows Low Pay

The report reveals that unskilled workers in the industries covered had average weekly earnings of only \$15.40 in Feb., 1934, according to employers' figures. This is compared with \$22.72 in July, 1929, and \$12.88 in Feb., 1933, in the report. Skilled workers in the same industries averaged \$20.55 in Feb., 1934.

"In the opinion of the committee no attempt should be made to effect blanket increases in wages or reduction in code hours by executive order," says the reporting industrialists. "Any further increase in wages at this time would retard and not encourage recovery," they claim.

The employers' committee urges that "emphasis be placed on and encouragement be given to plans of plant employer-employee contact." It is anxious that disputes should be settled within the plant where they arise; failing that, by some plan set up by the industry's code authority; or at any rate, that they should be (Continued on Page Four)

T.P.L. MAY FETE OFFERS BARGAIN IN PLEASURE

With nightly changes of program, the Taxpayers' Protective League is preparing to entertain record-breaking crowds at their three-night May Fete in the Armory next Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

On Wednesday night music for hoe-downs and city dances will be furnished by the Pennsylvania Corn Huskers. Robert Demario, radio crooner, and Pearl Haines and her dancing dolls will be added attractions.

On Thursday night the Rocky Mountain Hill Billies will furnish the dance music. Catherine Behney's dancing girls will complete the program. Friday night's dancers will be supplied with syncopeation by the Rocky Mountain Hill Billies. The program will be supplemented by Robert Demario, crooner, and Edna and Grace Long, the "Harmonica Twins."

With the admission price at the record-low of 10 cents per person, the league's committee is certain to meet with popular favor.

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

ONE LESSON OF THE SERB SHUT-DOWN

When all SERB work projects were discontinued this week, and approximately 1,600 workers sent home to await the further action of the powers-that-be, Reading was treated to an example of what happens when workers permit somebody else to do something for them.

Even those of us who are permitted to work for the profit of private employers are always cursed with the horror of economic insecurity. "What will the boss do with me?" is a question which need only be asked to demonstrate without doubt that all this talk of American liberty is all the bunk.

So far as most of us are concerned, we are NOT masters of our own fate or the captains of our own souls. What we are is merely the pawns of a master class, to be moved about on the economic chessboard in times of peace and sacrificed in war—all for the convenience of an owning class.

There is no natural reason why anyone should be unsure of a high living standard today. There is enough for all and to spare of all the things which make life comfortable and secure. But workers are exploited or dismissed to suit the convenience of the masters because workers have never united their power to make the world a workers' world.

What workers ought to do is stop expecting anybody to do something for them—which means WITH them—and start doing something for themselves. To do that they must do it together, as Socialists have been urging them to.

Why wait for somebody else to decide whether you may live on doles without work, when you have it within your united power to open the industries and live well?

THE DEMI-REPS INSULT THEIR FOLLOWERS

Are Republicans and Democrats friends or enemies? The answer is that in the state and nation they are enemies. But in Reading they are friends.

Everywhere but in Reading and a few other sections where Socialists have convinced the workers that Capitalism under any political party is bad, the jackass is conducting a vicious offensive against the donkey—and vice versa. The "New Deal" is a mess of inefficiency and scandal—according to Republican leaders. And the G. O. P. is "headed for the last round-up," according to Democratic ladies and gentlemen with the smell of political office in their nostrils.

It is that kind of a battle-cry which was voiced by the Democratic ladies who met in the Berkshire hotel this week. Everybody was in perfect agreement that the Republican party was N. G., and then—Then Billy Witman, jr., Democratic party chairman in Berks, spoiled the party by making a plea for fusion in Reading.

Elsewhere it is highly important to defeat the Republicans. Elsewhere it is equally important to (Continued on Page Three)

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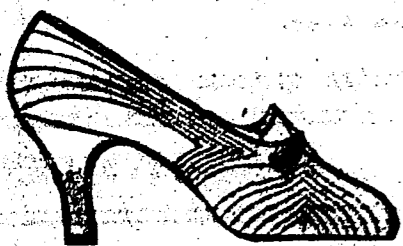
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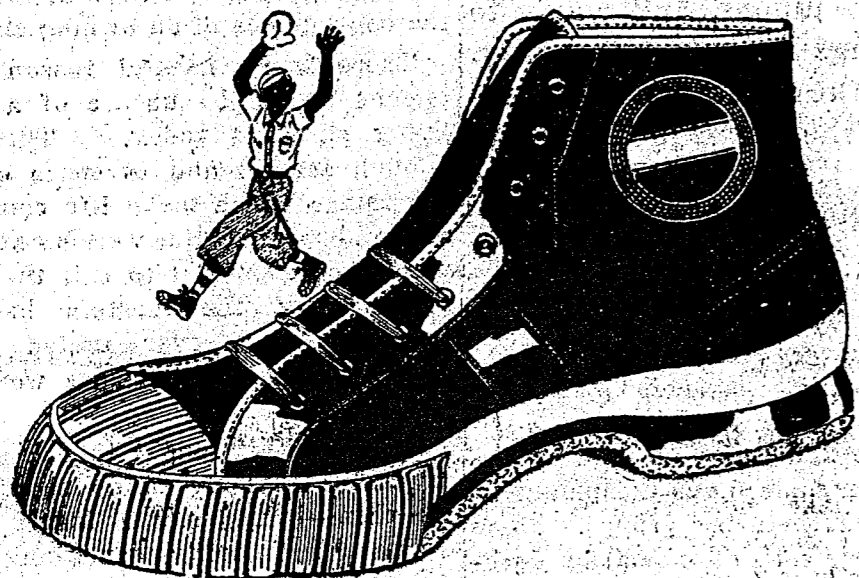


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Consumer and Producer Pay Billions to Jobbers and Processors Who Control Food Markets

(People's Lobby Press Service.) The "Consumers' Guide," published by the Consumers' Counsel of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, in a recent issue reported that from March 15, 1933, to March 13, 1934, in 51 large cities, the retail price of cheese increased 15.3 per cent, of butter 28.6 per cent, of pork chops 29.5 per cent, of flour per pound 60 per cent, of eggs 24.7 per cent, of potatoes per pound 87.5 per cent, and of onions per pound 60.1 per cent.

About 10,000,000 people are still wholly unemployed, and in 1932, the total labor income was \$21,272,000,000 less than in 1929, and is at least \$16,000,000,000 less this year.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue reports that in 1931 (the latest figures available) the capital stock of 5,609 corporations manufacturing food products and beverages, was \$2,053,616,000; their surplus and undivided profits less deficit, \$1,196,358,000; their total compiled receipts, \$5,321,765,000, and their compiled net profit, \$350,395,000.

Small Share to Producers

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that in 1929, of the retail value of meat, grain, and milk products, vegetables, fruits, cider and vinegar, and poultry and eggs products in the U. S., amounting to \$21,199,000,000, farmers in the U. S. received only \$8,792,000,000, or 41 per cent, and that substantially the same ratio holds now. In 1929, producers of meat products received 41 per cent of what consumers paid, of milk products 50 per cent, of grain products 21 per cent, of vegetables 45 per cent, of fruits, cider and vinegar 42 per cent, of poultry and eggs 56 per cent.

The "Consumers' Guide" reports that in March, 1934, 62 cents of the consumer's food dollar goes to processors and distributors.

REFLECTIONS

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ter very much whether the Chinese used American products or borrowed American dollars. For under Socialism we would produce the good things of life for our own use. We grow food to eat, not to sell; raise cotton to wear, not to sell; cut down our forests to serve our own purposes, not to make profits for that small section of the population whose interests are the interests of labor exploiters.

But things are different under Capitalism. Capitalist economy is based upon the proposition that, regardless of how much workers CAN produce, workers are not to be permitted to produce and use the things they need unless the American owning class can find some way of getting a rake-off from the operation.

To make that rake-off possible, workers are forced to produce much more than they are permitted to consume. What surpluses remain after labor gets its mite become the Capitalists' PROFITS—if these surpluses can be sold.

IF WAR COMES between Japan and the United States, the masters of both nations should—but won't—say to the workers of those nations something like this:

"We have driven you to produce much more than we have permitted you to have, and now we can't exploit you any more because we don't know what to do with the things we have legally stolen from you. But there are many people in China who can buy something. If we have China as a market, we can continue to work and rob you and sell and invest the loot. Otherwise our skin game flops and we will have to keep you on doles. So get busy, you workingclass dubs, and start shooting each other. Capture the markets of China for us so that we can continue to work and rob you and sell

SILVER SPECULATOR



Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, who praised President Roosevelt to the skies when inflation was boosting the good priest's speculative profits, now proposes a new party to back further price-boosting. The next day it was shown that the hosts at the dinner where Coughlin spoke were heavily interested in silver speculation.—(Federated Pictures)

what we steal from you, the workers."

But the "important" Americans will not tell the story to their workingclass dupes. If they would, the workers might generously offer to use up the wealth they create—and that would not be profitable for the owners. Instead of the truth, what the American workers will hear will be high-sounding phrases about "white supremacy," "the open door to trade," "suffering China" and all the rest of the hifalutin rot which is used by Capitalist patriots.

WORKERS HAVE FAILED to heed the Socialist call to unite and produce wealth for the benefit of producers. That is why they have been poor even in so-called "good" times. That is why there are many millions unemployed today. That is why they were slaughtered back in 1917. And that is why they may soon be called upon to again die to preserve the Capitalist racket.

NURSES FIGHT AGAINST TWELVE-HOUR DAY

WASHINGTON (FP)—Hospitals are offering strenuous resistance to an 8-hour day for nurses, according to reports at the private duty section of the American Nurses' Association convention, meeting at Washington.

Unemployment among nurses reached its peak in the summer of 1933, but it was not until October that the 8-hour day was first introduced in the St. Louis district, according to Mary Lee Mitchell, a graduate nurse. Even then it was only adopted when private duty nurses agreed to lower wages to make the total amount the same. Instead of two nurses receiving \$6 each for 12-hour shifts, plus \$1.50 extra for meals, three nurses now get \$5 each for 8-hour shifts, without any additional allowance for meals.

"Often a doctor says, 'All the nurses of the old school are gone—the ones who stayed with patients night and day, never thinking of themselves.' He is right—they are gone. They were worn out before their time," Miss Mitchell said.

New Deal Brings Profits To "Merchants Of Death"

WILMINGTON, Del. — The New Deal has brought prosperity to the munitions ring.

This is indicated by the report of the Hercules Powder Co., that profits for the first quarter of 1934 were \$872,926 as against \$226,978 a year ago, almost four times as much this spring.

After payment of dividends to common and preferred stock, the surplus stands at \$10,436,270, with assets above 17 millions, the company reports.

GERMAN LABOR TRUSTEE FORCED TO RESIGN

BERLIN (TIS)—The sudden resignation of the influential labor trustee, Johannes Engel, is a clear indication of the increasing labor difficulties in Germany. Engel, who was trustee of labor for Berlin and the province of Brandenburg, has been replaced by a Rhenish industrialist, Dr. Draescher. The reasons for Engel's removal seem to have been his outspoken criticism of contemplated wage cuts, which made him unreliable in the eyes of the industrial powers that be. He has always been regarded as a Nazi leftist while his successor is understood to be entirely safe and untainted with labor sympathies.

Engel has been permitted, however, to retain the leadership of the Nazi shop cell organizations in Berlin.

Other proofs of the restlessness of German labor and the uneasiness with which the Hitler government follows developments in the labor field, are the proposed replacements of other labor trustees as well as a mass labor demonstration which was recently held at Dortmund. The main speakers before those huge labor gatherings were the powerful industrialist, Dr. Vögel, and the managing director of the German steel trust mines, Dr. Brandt. While both speakers expressed their hearty sympathies for national Socialism, the following speech of the Nazi labor leader, Stein, struck an entirely different note.

Throwing discordant shadows on the picture of an otherwise perfect labor harmony, Stein warned the German employers not to stress too much their "master in their own house" standpoint. "If somebody claims to be an economic leader, he must have the characteristics of a real leader," he said under the deafening applause of the workers. Stein advised the employers also against the all too frequent use of the word Marxism, "every time they encounter criticism which they do not like. Whenever we hear of labor troubles in plants, the leaders are at fault; there are no inefficient workers, but there are certainly bad and inefficient economic leaders."

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Singing more songs than he has in any other motion picture, Bing Crosby comes on Friday to the Embassy theatre in his brand new Paramount film, "We're Not Dressing."

From the original by Benjamin Glazer, "We're Not Dressing" is a

breezy, romantic song-fest, played against the background of a deserted South Sea island. In addition to Crosby, the film features Carole Lombard, George Burns and Grace Allen, Ethel Merman and Leon Errol.

Aboard a palatial yacht, Carole Lombard, a wealthy heiress, is touring the South Pacific with her two rich suitors and her goofy uncle, Leon Errol.

Bored with life in general, the young girl gets quite a kick out of watching the antics of one of her sailors, Bing Crosby, to whom she has entrusted the care of her pet bear, Droopy.

In his drunken moments one foggy night, Errol stumbles into the wheelhouse, opens a door through which all the charts are blown, breaks

the compass, and they all wake up, wrecked on a deserted isle.

RAILMEN HIT

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the least favored." Having the advantage of membership in some of the strongest unions in the country, these workers are said to have fared better in the depression than most workers.

The report looked into the lives of every occupational class of railroad workers in the 21 standard unions except locomotive engineers. Deprived of Hospital Care Dealing with the "social income" of the railway employees, the report pointed out that thinned purses had to be stretched to accommodate unemployed friends and relatives. Pressure of more patients at clinics and hospitals in some cases to obtain proper emergency care. One father waited from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. with a child with a broken arm, and finally left without receiving attention. Thirty-eight per cent of the families reported that in 1932 they had contributed cash or groceries to relatives and friends. More than one-fifth reported that they had relatives, and occasionally friends, living with them at the time of the study.

Once prices are raised, all we need is some way to keep poor people from doing without because they haven't the price.

F.R. HELPS KEEP RAIL WAGE DOWN

Only 25% of Reduction Returned Under Agreement Approved by New Deal President

WASHINGTON (FP)—Restoration on July 1 of one-fourth of the present 10% deduction from railroad wages is provided in an agreement signed April 26 by railway management and the 21 standard rail labor organizations. The 10% cut was supposed to terminate automatically on July 1, in the absence of any new agreement, such as has now been reached, but the companies, with the backing of President Roosevelt, has sought to continue it for another six months.

For the period from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1934, 7 1/2% is to be deducted from wages, instead of the 10% deductions in effect since Feb. 1, 1932. Beginning Jan. 1, 1935, the deduction is to be reduced to 5%, and it is to be abolished altogether beginning April 1, 1936, according to the agreement. Provision is made that "no notices of changes in basic rates shall be served by any party upon any other party prior to May 1, 1935."

Discussion Limited In regard to "employees in the lower paid brackets," the agreement specifically provides that the foregoing clauses "shall not be taken to prevent discussion and adjustment between individual carriers and organizations with respect to spreading employment, or of the matter of opportunity for increased earnings of part-time employees, but changes in basic rates shall in no event be involved."

If notices of changes in basic rates are served by unions or companies after May 1, 1935, the agreement states that the Railway Labor Executives Assn. and the Conference Committee of Managers "recommend that in the event that general wage movements are inaugurated, the proceedings under such notices should be conducted nationally and pursuant to the Railway Labor Act."

Definite Cuts Threatened Basic wage rates are still formally those existing before the "voluntary" agreement of Jan. 31, 1932. At that time Brotherhood leaders and companies worked out an understanding for a temporary 10% "deduction." Basic rates were to continue as before, but from such pay check 10% was to be deducted for a period of a year, after which the deduction was to cease. The alternative with which the workers were threatened was the possible application for a more permanent reduction in basic rates, of they opposed wage-cutting through the regular channels of the Railway Labor Act.

The 10% deduction was repeatedly extended, however, until local lodges demanding that companies, particularly now that profits are leaping upward, adhere to the understanding by restoring basic rates; and that wages be further raised to meet the increased cost of living. When President Roosevelt urged a still further extension of the cut until Jan. 1, 1935, the labor chiefs told him frankly that the rank and file of their unions "would not stand for such a proposal."

Railroad labor has been one of the worst sufferers from unemployment and its effects. Employment has

been about cut in half since pre-crisis days, and almost a million have been forced out of jobs. Most of those who have remained on the pay-rolls have had their jobs cut by many times more than the 10% deduction, owing to demotion to lower paid jobs, changes in runs and part-time employment.

Comments by company and labor leaders were meagre. Both sides stated they had compromised in the interests of "national recovery." Both Pres. Roosevelt and Coordinator Eastman expressed pleasure and praised the "wisdom" of the negotiators.

WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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abolish the dictatorship of "Rooseveltism." But here in Reading—the old parties have a love-fest once again.

Queer, isn't it? And it will be even more queer if the voters of Reading can be deceived forever by such political horse play.

BY THEIR FLAGS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

It's remarkable how many pay-tri-otic Democratic politicians have established headquarters in Reading. Really, one is amazed at the number of politicians who are willing to duck out of the depression by accepting a public salary.

These would-be country-savers have not changed. They still have faith that the workers will be forever duped by the national emblem and blinded to the fact that the sad condition into which the nation and the world has fallen is the consequence of old party mismanagement.

In most localities the workers may be duped by a display of bunting. But here in Reading that game doesn't work. But then, those flags are only up until after the primaries are over. They are intended only for the benefit of voters who still like to be fooled, ruled and robbed by industrial and financial masters.

WE HOPE THE PREACHERS MEAN WHAT THEY SAY

In a questionnaire which was answered by 20,870 ministers some startling and gratifying answers were given.

13,000 say they will refuse to sanction or participate in any war.

14,000 think churches should go on record as refusing to support war.

10,700 favor drastic reforms of Capitalism.

5,900 favor Socialism as opposed to Capitalism.

We don't like to appear cynical. We are happy—very happy—to know that so many ministers, who certainly mould public opinion, should even express such sentiments. But we can't help reflecting that the last war showed that there are many peace advocates who are pacifists only as long as there is no war to oppose.

On the other hand, times have changed. It is not surprising that thousands of "preachers" are now ready to admit that "Capitalism" has outlived its usefulness.

THE "FLOOD" OF TAX MONEY

Payments of city taxes have temporarily relieved our city government of financial embarrassment. But, we venture to predict, only temporarily. Before the end of the year the same old difficulties will be pressing down upon the city fathers.

Those who could pay, paid. That

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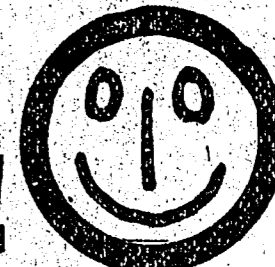
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The Sale that
Marks an Epoch!



LONG HOURS

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merely shows that some people have money. Those who can't pay, won't. That will show that many are dead broke after more than a year of the "New Deal."

No, there's nothing to cheer about.

SIGN THE PETITION TO REPEAL NUISANCE LAW

Headed by every real workingclass organization in Reading, a drive is being made to secure the repeal of the infamous "Nuisance Ordinance" which our Fusion administration is always ready to use against workers who protest too loudly against the evils of Capitalism.

Every worker should sign the petitions which are now being circulated.

It really makes no difference how the ordinance happened to be adopted. The plain fact of the matter is that such legislation is unsafe as long as the matter of law enforcement is in the hands of political servants of labor exploiters.

After all, a law is beneficial or dangerous according to the manner in which it is interpreted. The present gang in City Hall can always be depended upon to interpret the Nuisance Ordinance in the interest of the people whose names appeared in the list of Fusion campaign contributors.

Socialism, the hope of the world!

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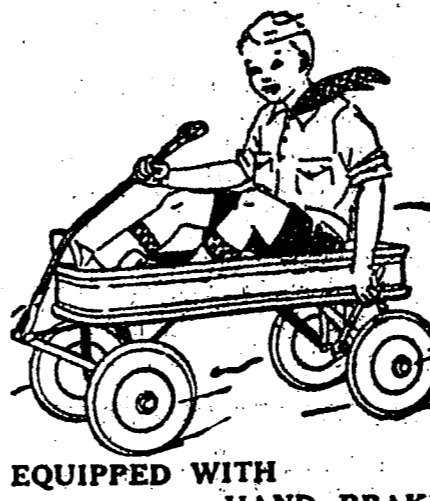
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SOCIALIST VICTIM

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brown book, "Dimitroff Contra Goering." Book stores abroad are flooded with letters threatening boycott.

and other "violent measures, if necessary." The Vatican is preparing a "White Book," dealing exhaustively with the strained relations between Nazi Germany and the Catholic church. Forty-five German universities are

at present offering studies in military science. Germany possesses the most powerful radio stations in Europe. The energies of most German transmitters have been doubled and tripled during the last year, and a number of new ones have been established. Two powerful transmitters are now being erected in Coblenz and Koenigsberg. Palestine reports a total of 1,568 registered doctors and 483 dentists. Most of them are German immigrants.

If only the law, in making woman equal to man, had designated the kind of man it had in mind.

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HOSIERY UNION CHIEF

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of this section are again facing a struggle against the autocracy of local hosiery employers.

"We do not want to strike and it is my hope that differences which now exist in the hosiery industry here may be settled without resorting to a walkout," Rieve said. "However," he continued, "we are not spineless, and will fight for the right if we must."

To Cancel Contract

Rieve's talk was listened to with keen attention because of the action of the hosiery union, this week, in serving notice upon local employers of the union's wish to terminate the contract under which organized workers are now employed. Unless satisfactory arrangements are made by June 1, every mill in this locality except the Colonial Knitting Mills in Mohnton, which has signed a separate agreement, will face a strike.

"The result of last year's strike has been to gain a little shortening of hours and a little more pay," Rieve declared. "However, money is not everything. We organize for benefits which cannot be placed in an envelope. In the final analysis, what Labor must have is a right to a say as to the conditions under which the industry shall be operated."

Last year the strike was ended upon the national administration's pledge that we would enjoy the benefits of collective bargaining. However, the union has not yet succeeded in educating the Berks county employers to understand that collective bargaining means something more than receiving a union committee and saying "no." The employers apparently feel that the National Labor Board rulings have somehow weakened and that it is now right to force the union to take something less than it had originally."

Raps Company Unions

Referring ironically to the claim of hosiery employers that they have no share in the management of company union "employees' organizations," Rieve described it as "merely a strange coincidence" that the employers' organizations, the company union and the Cummings Detective Agency had headquarters in the same office and the same telephone number.

"It is not surprising that there should be company unions," Rieve declared. "Even Jesus had a Judas in his band of apostles. But we are determined that workers' unions shall have at least as much security and advantage as workers who have placed themselves in a boss-controlled organization."

Vote Right, Thomas Advises

Norman Thomas began his speech by referring to a banner carried by the Young Socialist group, which read "Fusion Means Fascism."

"There is a lot of truth in that banner," the Socialist leader declared. "Moreover, the best reason for voting as workers with the Socialist party is the fact that the exploiters of the workers always fuse when Socialists become strong enough to capture political office. What better proof do you workers need?"

Becoming tensely serious and speaking directly to members of trade unions in the audience, Thomas continued:

"I can endorse every word which President Rieve said. With all my heart I say to you 'organize and organize solidly.' But I also want to warn you that no matter how solidly you organize, it won't solve your problems if your head remains so solid that you vote for Fusion on election day."

Thomas made eloquent reference to the destruction of Socialism and Democracy in dictator-controlled Germany, Austria and Italy. "I want to say to you that the issue today is between Socialism and Democracy on one side and Fascism and tyranny on the other," he warned. "Don't think that America is immune from the deadly virus of dictatorship which has laid other nations prostrate. Within very few years, unless the workers organize and establish a real industrial democracy we will have some form of dictatorship in this country."

Refers to Long, Coughlin

Referring to Huey Long and his plan to give every worker at least \$5,000 and at most \$1,000,000, and to Father Charles E. Coughlin and his plan for currency control, the Socialist leader declared that Hitler and Dollfuss used the same sort of language to lead the workers of Germany and Austria into Fascism.

"I am not saying that Long and Coughlin are Fascists, but I do say that they are using the same language which was used by Fascists in other countries. To save yourselves from the menace YOU must organize and make the resources of this nation the instruments of welfare to

all workers. There is no other way to do it," Thomas warned.

Raps Blue Eagle

Declaring that the "New Deal" had failed to get results and pointing to the fact that there are still more than 10,000,000 jobless workers in this country, which, he said, was more unemployed than in all of Europe. Thomas told the audience to forget about getting anything through the blue eagle. "The blue eagle will only give you the blues; like all other eagles, it is a bird of prey."

Charging that President Roosevelt is moving toward "the right" and not toward the workers, Thomas again urged the unionists in his audience to use their political power for themselves by helping to build the Socialist party.

"I want to say to you that you cannot have better conditions by yourselves. Your fate is bound up with the fate of the share-croppers of the mid-west and south who raise cotton but can't get underclothing for their children. How can the hosiery industry be prosperous when not in a hundred years can those forgotten men and women buy the stockings you make?"

The Socialist leader raked the Roosevelt administration with shafts of irony when he discussed the program of subsidizing plenty by paying farmers to destroy and refrain from producing. "We can not have prosperity by creating artificial scarcity while there are millions of underfed and underclothed and under-educated workers in this country," the speaker declared.

Thomas closed, as he began, with a denunciation of Fusion and a call for militant action under the Socialist banner as the only escape from an American brand of Fascism.

White Thanks Cooperators

Speaking for the Federated Trades Council, Earl White, one of the committee which arranged the demonstration, expressed the thanks of organized labor to all who had cooperated in the demonstration—to Ed Hill, business manager of the Reading Red Sox, for the use of Lauer's Park; to Councilman Yocom and Police Commissioner Giles for the speaker's stand and chairs, the property of the city; to the Reading Times for publishing in full the May Day manifesto; to Alexander A. Harwick, director of school athletics, for stakes and ropes with which the baseball diamond, newly made ready for the new season, was roped off.

Music for the meeting was furnished by the Socialist band and the Socialist male, female and Yipsel

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all workers. There is no other way to do it," Thomas warned.

The choruses led mass singing of labor songs and sang a special number for Thomas when he started to speak. The demonstration closed with the singing of the "Internationale," labor song of all nations.

BIG BOSSES

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kept "within the jurisdiction of the NRA."

Bosses Want All Power Employer-controlled code administrations, in other words, are the bodies which the big industrialists would like to see handling labor disputes. This they see as preferable to "such machinery for handling disputes as the present National Labor Board or the proposed board of the pending Wagner labor disputes act."

Such machinery, they claim, "prevents the proper handling of employee and employer relationships by driving a wedge between codified industry and NRA with respect to a problem that we believe can best be solved under the jurisdiction of NRA with industry cooperation."

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BANQUET WILL MARK CLOSE OF LABOR COLLEGE SEASON

The Reading Labor College will close its most successful year in the six years of its existence with a banquet that will be held in Maier's Hall, 640 Park avenue, on Saturday evening, May 12, at 7 o'clock. While classes closed last week, the banquet will mark the official closing of the school year and will be the occasion for the awarding of the prizes in the annual prize essay contest. Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, will be the feature speaker at the banquet. Mr. Rieve has been one of the trade unionists most interested in

labor education and he will direct his remarks to that phase of the union movement. It is expected also that some attention will be paid to the expanded program for the Labor College that the trade unions have planned for next year. Considerable interest has been shown by this year's students in the next year's courses, and it is expected that the registration will be several times what it was this year. Reservations for the banquet can be made at the Federated Trades Council, 705 Walnut street. All reservations must be made before next Tuesday.

If you can finish a novel in which an English author portrays an American, you needn't worry about your blood pressure.

Activities of the Reading Socialists

"MRS. SULLIVAN IN POLITICS" POSTPONED

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the play that was to be given by the Southern Women in their headquarters tonight, has been postponed. Notice of its presentation will be given in these columns at a later date. However, branch meetings will be held as usual, and a pleasant evening is promised to all.

SOUTHERN BRANCH CARD PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT

Did you attend the last Southern Branch card party? If you did, you certainly had an enjoyable evening. Tomorrow night will also be a special occasion. In addition to fine prizes that will lure the most exacting, a treat will be on the menu. Real Italian spaghetti will be served at a low cost—made as only a good Italian cook can make it. We'll be looking for you.

CARD PARTY THURSDAY AT BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS

Again the Berkshire Heights Branch is offering another of its bargain-price card parties. The date is next Thursday, May 10, and the fee will be 10 cents per player. Fine prizes and free refreshments will be there. You are invited.

WASHLINE SOCIAL AT LABOR LYCEUM THURSDAY

The Women's Socialist League invites you to a washline social in Labor Lyceum next Thursday, May 10, at 8 p. m. A good time is assured to all who respond to this call. Members of the league are each requested to bring along a package valued at not more than 10 cents.

MOHNTON BRANCH MEETS TWICE MONTHLY

During the summer months the business meetings of Mohnton Branch will be held on the second and fourth Mondays instead of weekly. All members will please note this change and arrange to be at each branch meeting.

YIPSEL NOTES
Social at Berkshire Heights
A social will be held on May 19th at Berkshire Heights. Now is the

time to get acquainted with the comrades over in that "Neck of the Woods."

There will be dancing and a "doggie roast" all for 10 cents. The Berkshire comrades are particularly desirous that the Reading Yipsels come over because as yet they have not become acquainted with us and they want this to be along the order of a "get-acquainted party."

All Yipsels are invited and they are assured of a good time by our Berkshire comrades. The social will be held in the "Red Barn" along the "Tully." Be there!

Street Corner Meetings
May 4—Austin Adams at Moss and Perry.
May 7—Forrest Jones at Kenhorst.

Northeast Branch

Comrade Harry Wickel has an address that he would like to deliver especially to the Yipsels on Monday, May 7th. All Yipsels who are not going to the street corner meeting at Kenhorst are expected to attend. You are assured of an interesting evening. Be at the branch headquarters, 1311 North Ninth street.

SPEAKERS AT BRANCHES

Friday, May 4th:
Shillington: Jacob Hiestand.
Monday, May 7th:
Northeast: Harry Wickel.
Central: Wm. Schweren.
Womelsdorf: Current events.
Mohnton: Speaker.
Temple: James Wesner.
Tuesday, May 8th:
Northwest Women: Darlington Hoopes.
Cumru-Mohnton Women: Mark Brown.
18th Ward: Birch Wilson.
Kenhorst: Wm. Schweren.
West Reading: Leon Minker.
Laureldale: Current events.
Muhlenberg: Stewart Tomlinson.
Jacksonwald: Speaker.
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Rainey Denounced In Protest For Negro Rights

WASHINGTON.—Speaker Rainey was denounced as an "ally of southern lynchers" by a delegation from the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and other bodies which protested his refusal to lift the House restaurant ban against serving Negroes. Rainey told the group he did not believe there would ever be equality between the white and Negro races. Extra Capitol guards were posted at entrances and formed a loose cordon around the plaza, when the delegation arrived. A House committee is investigating the election of Negroes from the restaurant.

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Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer

LABOR UNIONS WILL STAND BY KNITTERS

With the current reports that the company unions in the hosiery mills signed an agreement with their employers, and the manufacturers steadfastly refusing to renew and improve the pact expiring June 1st with the Hosiery Workers' Union, it seems probable that Reading's bitterest industrial struggle can be expected to take place this summer.

The officials of the Federated Trades Council met with officers of the Hosiery Workers' Union in their offices Wednesday, May 2, and analyzed the entire situation and the possibilities.

Without a doubt, they are all convinced that company unions in Reading are dominated and directed by H. C. Cummings, who has been known for years as a private detective and strike-breaking labor provocateur throughout eastern Pennsylvania.

With such vicious direction on the opposing side the community may well be alarmed before hand, and look forward to almost anything happening.

The entire strength of the organized labor movement will unhesitatingly be cast with the Hosiery Workers' Union, and in its efforts will attempt to eradicate that minority which the government recently stated is not entitled to representation.

WINDOW CLEANERS REPORT ACTIVITIES

Local Union No. 1, Office, House and Window Cleaners' Union, elected the following officers at a regular meeting last Monday: Vice president, John Hildebrandt; secretary, Frank Thompson; business agent, Frank Boyer. The term of Herbert Griffith, president of the organization, will not expire until August.

The union voted a contribution of \$10 to the Federated Trades Council for use in the council's organization drive.

The next meeting will be held on May 14 at 204 Penn street, at which time the presence of every member is urged.

A card party and dance will be held on May 23 at 422 Franklin street.

HARDWARE AND ALLIED TRADES UNION

At the meeting of the Hardware and Allied Trades Union on Friday evening in St. Casimir's Hall, Charles Fair was elected to attend the lock and builders' hardware code hearing in Washington today. Upon investigation it was learned that, since the code is a supplement to the metal fabricated products code, the labor and wage conditions will be governed by the original code. The local hardware manufacturers are joining labor in their dissatisfaction of the present proposal. Both are uniting their efforts to defeat its passage and have sought the assistance of the American Federation of Labor.

PLUMBERS' SUPPLY UNION STILL ACTIVE

For the first time since last December the Plumbers' Supply and Allied Trades Union held a meeting in St. Casimir's Hall, Thursday evening.

In spite of contrary beliefs, this union is still very much alive and functioning.

UNION WILL HOLD MAY DANCE TONIGHT

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"Jim Crow" Fight In Jersey

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ments, and that Negroes in the South were "glad to get the crumbs." The fight for the parents is being led by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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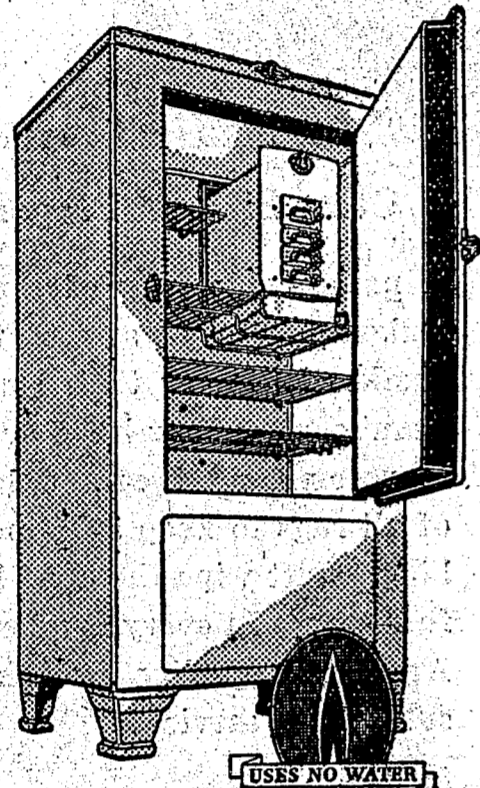
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Today we too often have the bootlicker of which George H. Earle, 3rd, is a type. Pennsylvania Socialists should note that this politician may be the Democratic candidate for Governor. He recently parted with Chancellor Dollfuss, who is guilty of the killing of men, women and children of the workers in the Austrian civil conflict and is now Fascist master of that unhappy country.

Resigning as Minister to Austria, Earle on arriving in this country repeated the slander that Otto Bauer fled the country as soon as the fighting began and paid homage to the Little Assassin by saying that he is a "devout Christian." It is too bad that diplomatic courtesies did not permit Earle to participate in the Fascist shelling of the homes of the workers and thus share in the "devout Christian" butchery by Dollfuss.—The New Leader.

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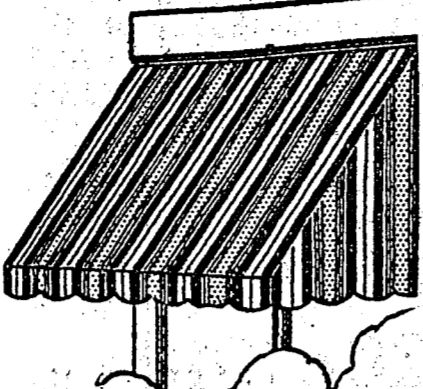
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Educator Declares Large Incomes to Few Explain Why Masses Cannot Use Industry's Products

WASHINGTON (FP)—The NRA codes have been "distinctly bearish" in their effects on purchasing power, according to Dr. Paul F. Brissenden, of Columbia University, speaking at a luncheon under the auspices of the Joint Committee on Unemployment.

"From September to December 1933," he said, "total payrolls in all manufacturing industries fell 6.6% and per capita earnings 1.6%. In 18 industries under the NRA (by October 1, 1933) total payrolls fell 7.2% and per capita earnings 3.3%, while from September to December 1933 total payrolls fell only 2.2% and per capita earnings only 1.5%."

"These figures," Brissenden commented, "seem to warrant the conclusion that the effect of code operations, while perhaps beneficial in so far as re-employment is concerned, has been distinctly bearish in its effect upon both mass and per capita purchasing power."

Prof. John Dewey pointed out how mass purchasing power is paralyzed by profit-takers. "Only about 1% of the total population," he said, "has a taxable income of \$5,000 or over. The National Bureau of Economic Research reports that for 1932 the total national income from every source was a little less than 50 billions, and one-third of this whole sum was income on property, namely dividends, interests, rent and withdrawals of accumulated surplus. The 1% already referred to got three-fifths of the total amount paid out in dividends."

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SLOAN OPPOSES JOBS FOR IDLE

President of General Motors Says 30-Hour Week Is a "Fallacy" — Stands by Dole System

BOSTON, Mass.—Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of the General Motors Corporation, belligerently opposed the mandatory 30-hour week as a job provider in an address here before the Chamber of Commerce.

Although millions of working men and women are living on various forms of charity while large corporations operating under NRA codes impose the 40-hour week on their employees, Mr. Sloan said that he was "entirely out of harmony with the thinking so prevalent that the hours of labor should be reduced to absorb our unemployed."

Inasmuch as practically all clear thinking and progressive citizens know that wholesale reduction in the hours of labor is the only certain method to put the idle to work with wages to support themselves and their families, Mr. Sloan evidently believes that the only right the unemployed have is to live on the pauper rations furnished by charity and thank the Stars and Stripes that they are not thrown into the streets to starve.

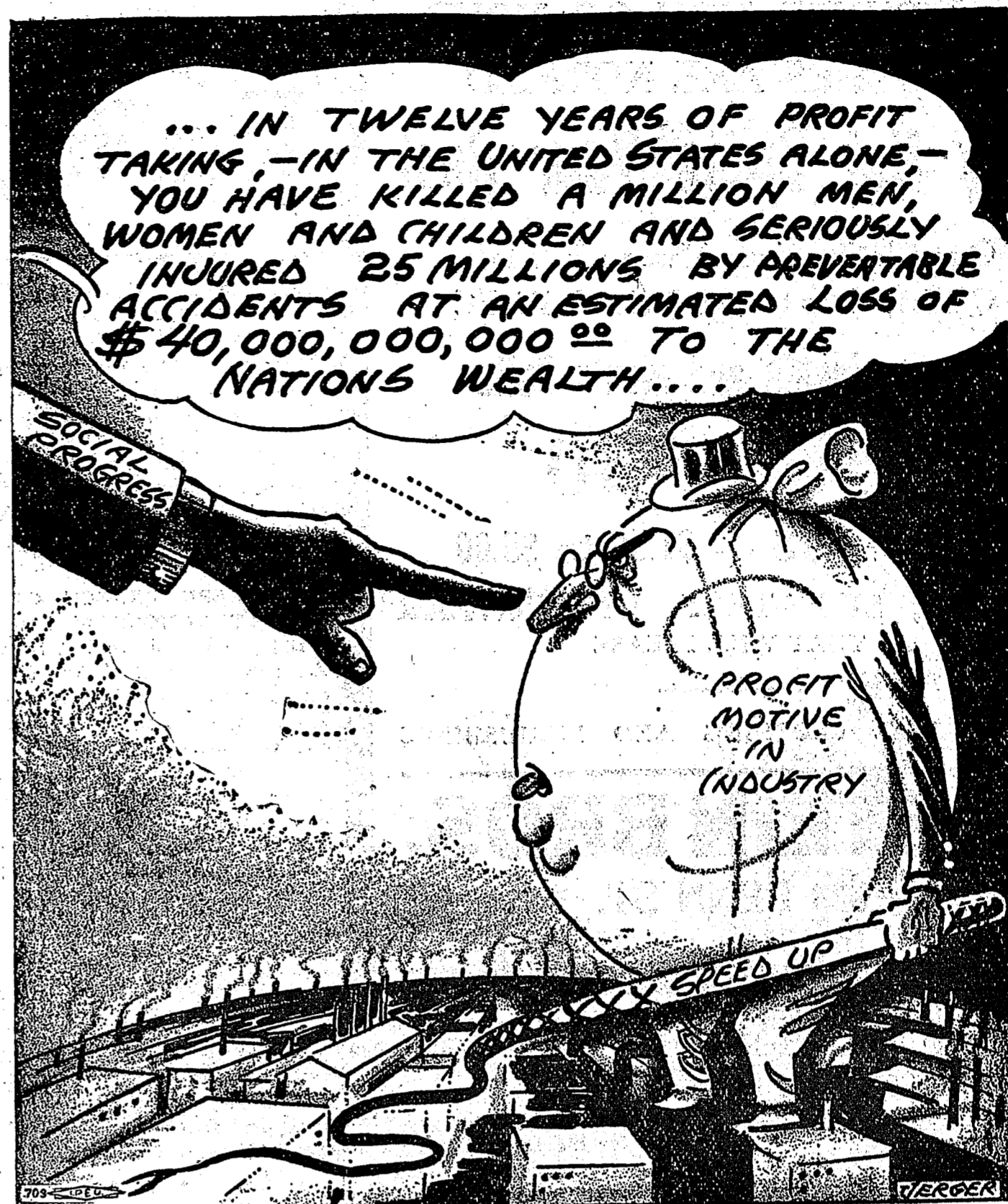
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BOSSSES' COPS IN ACTION



It took a whole squad of Philadelphia cops to drag Kate Stone, a striking knitter, from the picket line in front of North Philadelphia mills, as this picture shows. Philadelphia cops have a record for breaking up picket lines that is only equalled by the spunk of Philadelphia workers in scrapping it out with the strikebreakers.—(Federated Pictures).

INDICTED



Note: Statistics are taken from an address made recently before the National Conference of Social Work by Lewis H. Corey.

GERMAN PEASANTS RIOT AGAINST NAZI MILK RULE

COLOGNE (TIS). — Serious disturbances have occurred at Kueren, Rhineland, where thousands of peasants publicly protested against new governmental orders forbidding the direct sale of milk from the producer to the consumer. Formerly, the peasant received 22 pfennig per litre by selling his milk directly to the consumer. Now he receives 12 pfennig. The difference goes to Nazi intermediaries.

Speeches of Nazi agents were interrupted by angry shouts: "You have lied to us; we are fooled by you." Police tried to quell repeated outbreaks of violence, but were driven from the hall. Strong detachments of S. A. and S. S. storm troopers were similarly treated. Only after hours of disorder were the armed forces able to disperse the demonstrators. Many arrests were made.

3 1/2 Billions Tied Up In Banks

WASHINGTON.—Failure of 1,783 banks in 1933 tied up deposits of \$2,264,978,000, and an additional 1905 banks, with \$1,202,420,000 in deposits, were still unlicensed to resume business on Dec. 31, the Federal Reserve Board reports.

This represents a total loss of nearly \$3,500,000,000 to bank depositors during the year.

Double Pay For Printers

WASHINGTON. — Government printers will receive double pay for working on legal holidays, under the new 40-hour law, Controller-General McCarl has ruled. Previously they received time-and-a-half. Straight pay will prevail for Sunday work if part of the usual 40 hours, otherwise time-and-a-half.

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The "Deutsche Tageszeitung," the old conservative daily and leading organ of German agriculture, will suspend publication on June 1st. Notice has already been given to the editorial staff and the employees of the paper. It is also reported that the well-known boulevard paper "12 Uhr Blatt" will soon be merged with the late evening paper "8 Uhr Abendblatt."

Germany Furnishes Spanish Fascists With Arms

AMSTERDAM (TIS). — The International Federation of Seamen makes the following report from Cadiz, Spain, public: "Spanish trade union officials discovered aboard the Spanish steamer Larache great quantities of smuggled machine guns, revolvers, automatic pistols, as well as ammunition. The

arms proceeded from Germany and were destined for a leading Spanish fascist."

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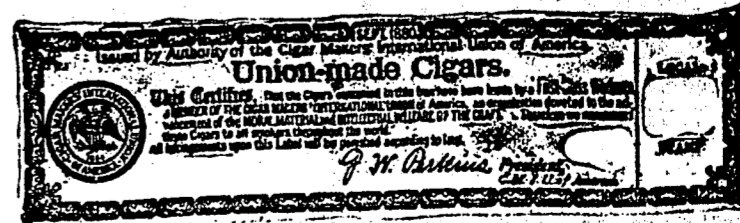
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By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK

Voltaire, in the 18th century, destroyed the ancient regime, blew up the old French monarchy, with cutting criticism and ridicule, the dynamite of ferocious ridicule. Remember that; also recall this:

You remember—don't you?—early, very early in the World War the proud and wonderful German armies, flushed with victories already splendidly, swiftly won, sure of a far, far more vital victory just at hand, swept gaily and grandly on—straight for Paris, the heart and pride of France, and came quickly near, dangerously near to the very gates of this proudest capital in Europe, Paris, soul of France! Paris was dumb with fear. France was frantic. The allies were pale with terror. The world in awe of impending disaster to France.

The German army was confident—naturally. "Ha! Tomorrow the slashing, smashing victory, the capture of Paris! France, her morale destroyed again, just as in 1871—on her knees again tomorrow—just as in 1871—pleading for peace and mercy tomorrow, just as in 1871. The Allies would be ready to bargain for peace, after the glorious tomorrow. Ha! our place in the sun—after tomorrow. Hurrah, hurrah for

tomorrow! . . . Thus also it seemed to nearly the entire world.

Well? Well, just then something happened, something awful for the Germans. For a few hours, only a few hours, the main German army, bearing down upon Paris, exposed one flank.

Instantly, instantly the French commander ordered: "Attack! Attack! Attack! Attack that open flank! Attack now!" A miracle was wrought. The Germans were repulsed, driven back stalled. Paris was saved. The fading French morale leaped high again and France came back with a bang. The alarmed and pale allies reddened and stiffened for victories—and won the war.

Thus the whole course of the World War changed, changed suddenly—when, in that sacred hour of rare opportunity, the French lunged at the exposed, open flank of the German army, attacked savagely, attacked ferociously the exposed flank of their powerful enemy and poured fire and steel from thousands of cannons deep into the astonished enemy's exposed flank.

Well, why bring that up? What of it?

Attack Capitalism Now

Well, comrades, friendly slaves and ruined citizens, here is my point, my only purpose—and it means a world to (and for) you and me: Our enemy's flank is exposed, now. Capitalism, our sullen and soulless enemy, stands today exposed, right flank, left flank, front and rear, exposed as never before—for our deadliest fire. Therefore:

Attack! Attack our confused, bewildered and exposed enemy—attack ferociously, attack ferociously—and attack intelligently, attack with destructive and constructive criticism, and attack with ridicule.

Today science, patient, sacred science, increasingly banishes ignorance and offers salvation to the shabby and seedy, to the hungry and ill-sheltered, to the abused and discouraged, to the mortgaged and fear-cursed multitude—the salvation of plenty of the best for everybody.

Science Offers Plenty for All But, best of all, science—science in industry—stands ready to banish poverty, banish insecurity, banish want and the fear of want. Science

stands ready to provide for and protect happy childhood, aspiring, ripening youth, the joys and dignities of human life in its prime, and the smiling serenities of safe and glad old age. Science offers labor a joyful, brimful life of plenty, never before possible, but now made possible only by twentieth century science.

On plenty, and plenty of the best for everybody, science votes yes. But, but (infinite meanness!) Capitalism votes no.

To the multitude science urges: "Onward!"

Capitalism commands: "Halt!" Science now urges labor to stand up and claim its due, its life, that is, all of life—and fight for it right now.

Today, guided by science, American farmers and stock-raisers, orchardists, foresters and lumbermen are actually embarrassed with the piled up mountains total they are able to produce for food, clothing, shelter, comforts and luxuries: Plenty of the best for everybody. In one American city a few hundred men are actually able to grind 180,000 barrels of flour in 24 hours. (Plenty for everybody.)

A few score thousands of spinners, weavers, and shoemakers, with modern scientific machinery, can produce millions of yards of lovely cottons, cozy, handsome woollens, and beautiful silks—and 3,000,000 pairs of shoes—all in 24 hours. (Plenty for everybody.)

Two hundred and fifty men can produce 10,000 automobile frames in 24 hours; that is, one frame per man every 36 minutes. (Plenty for everybody.)

Homes for Everybody

Think of it: A few hundred men can cut, saw and plane many millions of feet of lumber in a single day. A still smaller number of men can turn out millions and millions of bricks and tile in one brief day. Isn't it wonderful? Really, we could house the whole multitude in elegant, un-mortgaged homes of their own. And thus all down the line. (Plenty of the best of everything for everybody.)

Yet scores of millions are homeless, or "live" in shacks, hovels, huts, tenements, and mortgaged two-room, three-room, four-room boxes called "homes." Scores of millions are tattered and touselled in ancient hats, shabby suits and battered shoes that shame them. Many millions of children are pale and puny, stunted and rickety for lack of plenty of grade A milk, and millions of grown-up citizens haven't had a liberal slab of high-grade ham or a big and juicy porterhouse steak for ten years. Fifty million citizens hike or stay at home or rattle along the highway in shabby and dangerously run-down aged "cans." At least 50 million Americans are meanly nourished or eagerly hungry and sleep under mortgaged roofs.

Crazy Antics of the New Deal

While science peals out to the world: "Plenty! Plenty! Plenty of the best for everybody"—still even a "Liberal," "Progressive," "New Deal" capitalist government (serving first the capitalist class) is actually bribing—paying hundreds of millions of dollars in bonuses—to millions of farmers to plow under ten million acres of cotton, plant millions of acres less wheat, and corn, raise millions fewer sheep, kill a million cows, destroy five million pigs and a million farrowing sows—and thus keep off the market (that is, keep out of reach hundred of millions of yards of cotton and woolen cloth, 1,800 million pounds of pork, hundreds of millions of pounds of beef and cheese—and hundreds of millions of quarts of milk sorely needed by the children of the nation. And this same grinning, blundering, blustering capitalist government now actually urges city governments and manufacturers to use less machinery and use all possible "hand" work (that is, use less science!) and it also sets millions of men at unproductive work in order to prevent the production of plenty of the best for everybody.

Haul out the cannon of criticism and rush out the machine-guns of withering ridicule. Remember: Ridicule exploded the old French monarchy. Get it straight: Capitalists, Liberals, Progressives. Reformers and even the touted Capitalist "New Dealers" with the NIRA—all of these fail, cunningly fail even to whisper, even whisper of plenty of the best for everybody.

Attack, comrades, Attack. The weak new squeal must give way to a real new deal. The people's hearts

NEW DEAL



Living out of garbage cans is better this year, this ex-middleclasser says, because of the New Deal. There has been a distinct increase in the food thrown away in the better districts of New York. (Federated Pictures.)

ache for a message of emancipation from capitalism.

Socialists Have Big Opportunity Listen, comrades: Big things can be done now. Take a good long look at Arizona—where last summer and fall brave "Heck" Sinclair and his gallant pals, working on financial "shoestring" when necessary living on an oatmeal, skim-milk ration, working fiercely, pouring hot shot of pitiless criticism and biting ridicule into the exposed flanks of capitalism—backed the Republican party into third place, far, far to the rear, way behind the Socialists and gave the Democratic donkey three fits a week for several months preceding the election—and brought the state movement back with a bang, ready now for a fight worthwhile for goals worthwhile in the coming congressional campaign. Tireless "Heck" and his bold, proud pals have furnished inspiration for our entire national movement.

On a recent 30-day tour up in Oregon and Washington it seemed like the good old times; the fire and the courage of the comrades, the eagerness of the heart-true people, the splendid audiences everywhere. It can be done—now. Attack! Rise, comrades, rise to this opportunity—to attack our now completely exposed enemy.

Now Is the Time

Look at the time of day, comrades! The clock of industrial evolution now strikes 12 noon—and peals forth: Plenty, plenty is now-ready for everybody. Science spells salvation. The future has arrived, the future born of science. Science says: "here is plenty, actually plenty of the best of everything for everybody. Come and get it."

But capitalism stands in the way sneering at the idea of plenty for everybody. Science says labor should be free and happy, robust giant. But capitalism declares that labor shall continue to be what it has been—an anemic, whimpering, ill-fed, ill-taught dwarf, a despised social runt, grateful, stupidly grateful for "charity," handouts, mortgaged loans, "made work" and other shifty, ridiculous, "reforms," excuses and side-stepping dodges.

Now let the moaners and groaners, the timid and tired and whimpering whisperers (if there are any such) let these now go far to the rear and lazily lie down, while beautifully brave men and women stand up and fight to strike the shackles from the wrists of labor and labor's children and set up a socialized society, the greatest goal and the noblest honor to be won in the 20th century.

This is our slogan; this is our glad, rough war cry: Attack! This we stamp on our dear red banner: Attack! Here is our call to all who are too fine to whine, too brave to quit, too proud to sleep while the battle for their own freedom rages. Enlist! Enlist for the one world war worthwhile.

This is our battle hour! Attack. Attack—with the deadly dynamite of ridicule.

When Boss Keeps Hands Off, Union Wins

WASHINGTON—When company interference was reduced, a company union majority turned into a majority for the International Association of Machinists at the Hughes Tool Co., Houston, Texas, according to the National Labor Board. The union got 787 votes and the company union 515. The previous election showing a company union majority was voided on grounds of illegal interference by the company, which issued a circular to the workers on the eve of the poll.

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THE THREAT OF PERPETUAL POVERTY

There is something ominous in the fear expressed by the Durable Goods Industries Committee that "any further general increase in wages at this time would retard and not encourage recovery."

At first glance such an opinion would appear without any foundation whatever. "How," one asks, "can it be possible that greater purchasing power in the hands of the workers of heavy industries will retard industrial recovery?"

But in a society composed of economic groups with conflicting interests, viewpoint and personal advantage means so much that, from the point of view of the big industrialists themselves, it might be bad to give many people more money to spend.

How come? Well—

The heavy industries, manufacturers of such things as automobiles and similar "luxury" products, are seeking to dispose of their products within a certain definite economic group. They know that the lowest paid worker today cannot buy their wares. They know that he could not buy them even though he were to get several 10-per-cent wage increases. So they leave the low-paid workers out of consideration and center their sales efforts upon that class of workers and business men whose incomes are still above the bread and butter standard.

But—if wages were increased very much, and if this increase in production costs were added to the cost of the product, a portion of the present market will be destroyed. The less well paid of the potential customer group will be forced to restrict their purchases while those who are more fortunate may delay their buying in the face of a price rise.

In other words, the industrial worker may be definitely out of the picture as a customer—in the opinion of heavy industry's spokesmen.

Of course this viewpoint conflicts with the ancient American idea that every boy has a chance to become president of the United States or a millionaire, if he prefers, regardless of the economic status into which he happens to be borne. The viewpoint now becomes: "He who belongs in the underprivileged group must be kept there; make it possible for more of the upper strata to buy what industry has to sell."

That, at least, is the only line of reasoning which we can assume which will justify the declaration that higher wages will retard recovery. Moreover, it is significant that such reasoning is in line with the actual course of events right now. Sons and daughters of workers who are living on doles are likely to become dole takers, too—unless there is a radical change in economic purposes and practices.

However, we have entertained the viewpoint of the labor-exploiting group long enough. We now submit our own, which is that increased purchasing power will hurt heavy industries only because the increase is not strong enough. The workers in all industries should get higher rewards—much higher. So great, in fact, should be the advance in living standards that every worker would find it possible to have the automobile, electric washer and similar devices which organized industry can make.

We Socialists are out to get the fruits of industry for those who produce them. We know that in order to do so we will have to deprive non-producers of their right to reap profits from the labor of producers, but for that we have neither regret nor apology. In short, we are not interested in a prosperity which means saving industry. Our idea of prosperity is to use industry to save the people from poverty and to give them a heaped-up measure of the good things of life. In order to do that we are urging the people of this rich nation to unite with us for the capture of the political power which will enable us to make the change from industry for profit to production for use.

SOCIETY MUST OWN INDUSTRY

In the clash of interests between unionists and employers both sides are now loudly declaring that their demands are based upon a desire for self-government in industry.

Well and good, industry must be governed—by somebody. Just how it will be governed will depend almost entirely upon who does the governing. If workers govern all industry it will be governed for the benefit of the producers within that industry. We all know who benefits when owners do the governing.

But here's something for all workers to take into account: If we are to govern industry under any plan whatever the word "industry" must mean ALL INDUSTRY—not only certain industries.

President Roosevelt has attempted to establish a system

of operating ALL INDUSTRY for the benefit of owners. His codes and his alphabetical sub-administrations have no other purpose than that. Workers who strive to organize their fellows into craft unions wish to organize SOME INDUSTRIES for the benefit of workers.

Up to the present time both sides have pretty generally failed. Industry, which should have for its purpose the securing of plenty and security for people has failed to perform that purpose.

There is a reason for that failure. It is not that the resources are not here in abundance, but that the resources which are here are not owned by the people whom they should benefit.

We are not interested in perfecting a system of labor exploitation for the benefit of a private owning class. Such a system, if it succeeded in keeping workers employed and contented, would still retain all the elements of wage slavery which we have always resented. However, we are interested in establishing an industrial system which will give to workers the full benefits which science and labor now make possible.

To secure the benefits of industry planned for the welfare of workers, workers must organize to own and manage industry. They should organize not merely as knitters, nor as moulders, nor as building tradesmen, but as workers. They should not aim to control this industry or that industry but ALL INDUSTRY.

The point that Socialists make is that industry must be owned by society and operated for the social good. To do that—and do it with a minimum of trouble—the workers need the political power which they can have when they organize to take the lawmaking powers of the land into their own united hands.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By J. I. S.

Organization and Wages

That American industrialists will resist all attempts to raise wages or shorten hours was in effect proclaimed by the durable goods industries committee in a report to the NRA. It is precisely these industries in which unemployment is at its peak, and in which the need for shortening hours is therefore greatest.

Once again we see the futility of regulation of industry by business men. Though everyone admits that the fundamental cause of depression is the lack of adequate purchasing power on the part of the masses, employers with few exceptions can always be expected to stubbornly oppose any concession to labor. Nor is this attitude limited to the durable goods industries. When Roosevelt asked industry a few weeks ago to reduce hours ten per cent without reducing weekly wages, his request was granted only by several very small industries.

The railroad workers, in contrast, have just won a return to their basic rate of pay by installments between now and next spring. In the automobile industry, similarly, a wage increase was recently granted. It is no mere coincidence that railroad labor is strongly organized, and that a series of strikes is sweeping over the automobile industry.

The moral is obvious. No Democratic administration, not even one headed by the liberal Roosevelt, is likely to force industry to make concessions to unorganized workers. The workers must learn that the pressure of their own economic and political strength is the only power upon which they can safely rely.

If the President was really sincere in his proclaimed desire to put people back to work, he would at least support the Connery bill, making thirty hours the standard working week throughout industry. Even that bill, however, will only solve a small part of the problem, for at the beginning of this year employees in manufacturing industry were only working an average of 32 hours a week. Roosevelt's refusal to say a word in support of this measure, while General Johnson and Secretary Perkins testified in opposition to it, shows how pitifully inadequate is the brand of liberalism that the President represents.

We should have to reduce working hours to 20 per week before we could make a real dent in the number of unemployed. And even that would be of no permanent help, because the productivity of labor, thanks to the continued invention of labor-saving machinery, is increasing each year.

The truth of the matter is that most of the men now jobless will never again have employment under capitalism. The nation's industrialists can produce all the goods that they can sell at a profit without the aid of millions of our working people. Under capitalism their only chance of life is to beg from the relief agency, or steal, or starve.

The only hope of these millions of unemployed, and of the millions of employed as well, is the socialization of the industries of the country, and the production of goods and services

in order to satisfy human wants, instead of to make a profit.

The Fruits of Fascism

From Austria and from Germany come reports of what a Fascist regime means to the common people. In Austria the rump Parliament, from which all the Socialists had been excluded, approved a constitution making the butcher Dollfuss the ruler of the land. His title remains that of Chancellor, it is true, but his power is absolute. No civil liberties exist and the people have no voice in the conduct of affairs. A corporate state is to be set up, which means simply that industry is to combine for the sake of greater profit, with the workers getting none of the benefits.

In Germany the new labor code is officially in effect. Trade unions are, of course, all destroyed, and the "leadership" principle is in effect. The employer is the leader, and must be obeyed without question by the employees. This is, of course, a system of feudalism applied to industry, that stops just a step or two short of economic slavery. Germany in a little over a year has destroyed the progress of centuries, and ushered in a New Dark Age that perhaps only a foreign war and a rise of the German workers can smash.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

By JOHN PAINE
Federated Press

"It is not as if General Motors were typical of the old capitalism in which employers stood surlily upon their legal and their property rights," said Edward A. Filene, wealthy Bostonian, appealing for peace in the auto industry.

Well, how would you describe the corporation?

Sir Herbert A. Lawrence, chairman of the board of Vickers, British arms manufacturers, explains that the tank advertisements in Berlin papers were really intended for South America, where those papers have large circulation.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

At a U. S. immigration court inquiry when Martin Insull came into the U. S. from Canada, the board debated for fifteen minutes as to whether Insull was likely to become a public charge and could be admitted to the U. S.

Oh, where, oh, where, have those millions fled, Marty?

This might be one explanation of the numerous revolutions in South America.

Peru, according to Juan Leguia, member of the outlawed ruling family, existed for the benefit of the Leguias and its people were dogs, to be ruled kindly but forcibly as a gentleman would govern his kennel.

The poor, poor stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad!

One stockholder suggested that officers go without their salaries for two years, so that she could get her 6 per cent.

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Day after E. L. Cord, aviation bigwig, announced he had bought New York Shipbuilding Corp. for \$2,000,000, that company got \$38,000,000 contracts for U. S. warships.

So he proceeded to try to get back the two million by sweating his workers.

Hungary's hangman has been deposed for three years because the Budapest police found he had been exploiting tenants and had once served a month in jail for theft and fraud.

Headmen in Hungary must have spotless souls or get the ax.

"I am a speculator," said Arthur W. Cutten, No. 1 grain gambler, in an article several years ago.

His office door bears the name: Chicago Perforating Co.

HANDS OFF!

Mussolini surely wants a free hand in Africa, it seems.

He dislikes the prospect of Japanese penetration in Abyssinia through the marriage of a Japanese girl to an Ethiopian prince.

Said Arthur Henderson, president

of the Disarmament Conference: "Those contemptuous of the whole idea of disarmament say we had better cut our losers and go home."

Well, why not go home, Uncle Arthur? Accomplishments of the conference in more than a decade—O.

997 COPS ARMED FOR DILLINGER

A thousand police have been ordered to shoot Dillinger on sight. —News item.

Dillinger gangsters have disarmed three cops. —News item.

Add war possibilities: Maybe we'll be compelled to go to war with Greece to make her take Insull back.

The League of Nations is waking up and doing things!

Its committee on child welfare is preparing to draw up an international treaty which would allow Mickey Mouse films to enter free into any league country.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

Labor Regains Fifth

Seat in Commons

LONDON.—Labor has regained its fifth seat since the 1931 general election. F. R. West, Laborite, defeated Capt. Percy Davis, Conservative, in a by-election for North Hammer-smith with a plurality of 3,500 votes.

TENNESSEE "OVER TOP" IN PARTY UNITED DRIVE

Tennessee is the fourth state to win a place on the "Red Special" in the 1934 United Socialist Drive. Thus all the states that have succeeded in oversubscribing their quotas in the Drive are in the south—Tennessee having been preceded by Georgia, Kentucky and Arkansas. Furthermore, there is every indication that Arizona will be the fifth state on the "Red Special"—scoring another point for the southern comrades.

According to this week's report on Drive contributions sent in thus far to the national headquarters the total raised is now near the \$6,000 mark. Wisconsin continues to be far in the lead with Massachusetts once more in second place, Illinois, Pennsylvania, California, New Jersey and Ohio hold the next five places respectively in the latest state by state report on the Drive.

I. W. W. To Route Speakers

CHICAGO.—Speakers and organizers will travel an I. W. W. circuit of towns from Milwaukee on the north, through Chicago, to Gary on the east, according to plans endorsed by a recent conference in Chicago.