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Voters Snub Old Parties; Fusion Crippled SURPLUS OF AUTOS IS SIGNAL FOR NEW LAY-OFFS

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

BUT IT RAINED

Those three words sum up the most recent tragedy of the nation. Gloom has descended upon "New Deal" headquarters and loyal Americans everywhere gaze sadly upon a world which once again seems destined to be cursed with plenty.

For a while it appeared that Mother Nature had become an ally of Franklin D. Roosevelt's program of shortage. A drought was burning up crops. There was no longer any necessity to pay farmers to plow under cotton or refrain from putting seed into the ground. Within a year the people of the nation would be starving as a result of natural causes. Prices would be high, but there would be nothing to sell. Prosperity would be here again! But then, darn it all—then it rained. Trees turned green once more; wheat fields became waving carpets of emerald; truck gardens gave promise of vegetable soup. And the great American people reconciled themselves to the tragedy of abundance.

IF YOU THINK I'm writing silly stuff you're right. But what I've been pounding out of this typewriter of mine is no more astute than what has been going on in this richest of all nations since March, 1933.

I'm writing to you who are the common people of America. And I'm asking you this question: Why should you be insecure, why should there be breadlines, why should the fear of poverty haunt you whenever more is produced than can be used by the men, women and children who inhabit this well-blessed nation? And why should those who occupy the seats of the mighty try to solve this problem of poverty by a destructive program which has no other purpose than to create a condition of scarcity?

Now I'LL ANSWER the questions I've asked.

The reason surpluses bring calamity, and the reason the "savants" of the nation wish for less abundant harvests is because the PURPOSE of production is not the welfare of people. Food is not produced to feed men, women and children, but to bring profit to speculators. Factories are not operated to supply workers with the things they need, but to produce surpluses which owners may sell at a profit.

Don't you see all economic activity is conducted for the benefit of owners and not at all for the welfare of workers? That is why factories are closed and food is permitted to rot and workers are cast aside like old shoes or worn-out screw-drivers when the surpluses of industry are so great that the owners can neither use them nor sell them.

The "New Dealers" are trying to solve the problems of the owners, not of the workers. They want the owners to agree to produce only as much surplus as they CAN sell; that is why they are trying to place industry under codes. But the "New Dealers" will not change

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BERTOLET'S PLANS UPSET AS MANY VOTERS IGNORE CAPITALIST POLITICIANS

Barely 10,000 of More than 26,000 Showed Interest in Big Business Candidates—Mark L. Powers, Independent Democrat, Wins Place on Legislative Ballot and Disrupts Fusion Slate—With Congressman Richardson Weakened by Actions in Washington, Socialists Prepare to Wage Fight in City and County

Fusion hopes were shaken on Tuesday when, despite all efforts to arouse popular enthusiasm, only a few more than 10,000 Reading voters took sufficient interest in the ballyhoo of old party office-seekers to go to the polls and register a preference in the selection of candidates for the Republican and Democratic parties. This indifference to the claims of the professional politicians, combined with resentment against a Fusion movement which has no other purpose than the obvious one of keeping Socialists from gaining representation in the lawmaking bodies of the state and nation, also resulted in a reversal of Fusion plans when Mark L. Powers nosed McCormick G. Moore off the Democratic legislative ticket.

The small number of votes cast by both old parties, despite the fact that more than 26,000 citizens of Reading who cast votes last year were eligible to vote, leaves the followers of Fusion leader Wellington Bertolet in a troubled state of mind. Bertolet now knows that the rank and file voter is not interested in his plan to set up a combination ticket against Darlington Hoopes and Lilith Wilson, the two Socialists who made such a splendid record in two terms at the General Assembly. Combined with the indifference of Bertolet's former followers is the fact that, for the time being at least, the Fusion slate is upset, with three old party candidates instead of the two selected by Bertolet in line to campaign for election to the General Assembly against Hoopes and Wilson.

Low Vote For Assembly
While only 5,333 who were registered as Democrats voted for either Richardson or Moser in the Congressional contest of that party, and while 5,075 Republican

JUNE 10 SET AS DATE OF FIRST SOCIALIST PICNIC

The Socialist picnic committee has planned a big program of entertainment for the first Socialist picnic which will be held at the Socialist Park on Sunday, June 10th.

The committee has succeeded in getting Alice Hanson, of Philadelphia, prominent leader in the Teachers' Union as the principal speaker for the picnic.

The Socialist band will play concert music, while Frank Lynn and his orchestra will play for free dancing in the evening.

The entertainment will be the Steitztown Jug Band, dancing and singing by six beautiful dancing girls and a singing and novelty act by Bushy, Benny and Les.

Basket Outing Memorial Day
Although the first picnic will not be held until June 10th, the picnic committee is making arrangements for those who care to come to the park for a basket picnic on Memorial Day. Frank Lynn and his orchestra has been engaged to play at a dance arranged by the picnic committee in connection with the Memorial Day event. Admission to the dance will be 15 cents.

Slap At Rolph Wins

NEW YORK — The cartoon which was picked as the best in the U. S. during the last year, for the Pulitzer prize, showed Gov. Rolph of California approving lynching. Rolph also approves keeping Tom Mooney in prison.

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TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON PARTY PROBLEMS WILL PRECEDE NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTION

CHICAGO—A two-day conference of party officials and active Socialist local workers will be held in Detroit, May 30-31, immediately preceding the biennial Socialist convention in that city, according to an announcement just sent out by Clarence Senior, executive secretary.

Trade union and unemployed organization problems will be considered at the first day's general session, Wednesday, May 30. On Thursday the sessions will be taken up by discussions of the efficient functioning of the party machinery. In addition to these general conferences, small "round table" conferences, to be held at meal times, are planned on a variety of subjects.

Problems to be Discussed
The first day's sessions will include all delegates and visitors, who will spend the time between 10 a. m. and noon, 2 to 5 p. m., and from 7:30 on, discussing "problems of working with trade unions and unemployed organizations." The second day's sessions will start with a general meeting in the morning, in which the local, state and national machinery will be described and studied. Then the group will divide for the afternoon, one section taking up "work in metropolitan areas" and the

other "work in towns and rural areas."

Round table discussions will be on publicity, financing local activity, youth work, women's work, cultural activities, farm work, racial and nationality group work, anti-war and anti-fascist activities, problems of state secretaries and problems of foreign language federation secretaries.

All sessions will be held at the Hotel Ft. Wayne.

Mail Delegates' Checks
Checks were mailed, May 15, from national headquarters to the state secretaries to help with the financial expenses of delegates who live at points most distant from Detroit. In accordance with the executive committee's recent decision, no transportation expenses were apportioned to delegates by states such as Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, in order that substantial aid could be given to delegates from the more distant states, on the principal of "equality of sacrifice."

Chicago Socialists are arranging for a round-trip bus excursion at reduced rates for delegates who wish to see the world's fair. The western delegates who wish to take advantage of this excursion are asked to buy their longer tickets to Chicago instead of to Detroit.

EDUCATORS SEE DEATH OF OLD INDIVIDUALISM

NEW YORK (FP)—The age of individualism in government and economy is ending and a new age of collectivism is emerging.

This is the conclusion, after five years of study, of a commission of outstanding professors and school superintendents making up a national cross section of educational opinion. The Commission of Social Studies in the Schools was set up by the American Historical Assn. in January, 1929, following plans which had been under discussion three years.

A group of four, led by Edmund E. Day, director of the social science division of the Rockefeller Foundation, oppose the report which is signed by 16, including

CHURCH ASKS CONGRESS TO BAN COMPANY UNIONS

NEW YORK (FP)—The New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, containing the richest churches in the denomination, has gone on record as opposing company unions.

In a ringing resolution asking Congress to make these company-controlled organizations illegal, the conference forcefully declared for "independent unionism" meaning independent of employer control.

"Whereas, in recent months there has been a rapid growth of employer-dominated company unions," the conference resolution said, "and these organizations have become a serious menace to the rights of the workers to form

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RECORD PRODUCTION IS FOLLOWED BY WAGE CUTS, DISMISSALS, SPEED-UPS

Workers Again Learn That Efficiency Under Capitalism Means Higher Profits and Fewer Jobs—Unemployment Increase Starts in Nation's Largest Industry

DETROIT (FP)—Wage cuts, layoffs and speedup confront the workers as the seasonal decline in production hits the auto industry. The Hudson plants have laid off 10,000. A third of the men are working at the Hudson body plant. About 25 per cent are not working at the Dodge shops and the rest are working part-time. At Ternstedt's, a Fisher Body subsidiary, 30 per cent have been laid off. Budd Wheel has discontinued the night shift. Hundreds of others have been discharged by Motor Products, Jenks & Muir, a Murray Body subsidiary, Chrysler and Midland Steel plants.

GILES' POLICE ATTACK WOMAN

Near-Riot Follows Offensive
Police Tactics at Reading
Dyeing Plant Picket Line.
Strikers Condemn Officer

Following what threatened to develop into a riot at the plant of the Reading Dyeing Co. yesterday morning, when pickets declare, a policeman, Fred W. Selig, knocked down Mrs. Maud Neiman, the latter and Charles Frantz, one of the strikers who walked out

more than two weeks ago to enforce a demand for wage increases, were placed under arrest. At city police station they were charged with violating section 12 of Bill No. 6 (the infamous "nuisance" ordinance) and released on their own recognizance for a hearing in police court this morning.

The attack on Mrs. Neiman was the culmination of police tactics which are described by the strikers as "provocative," with Officer Selig as the chief offender. The strikers charge that, in addition to heckling pickets, Selig paid frequent visits to the office of the dye company and even advised bystanders to take jobs if they desired to do so because "the strikers are making unreasonable demands."

Crowd Surrounds Officer
When Selig made his attack upon Mrs. Neiman pickets and onlookers crowded around the officer in a hostile mood. One man in the crowd grabbed the policeman's

YOUTH GROUPS UNITE FORCE AGAINST FASCISM

CHICAGO—A Youth Committee Against Fascism has just been formed, composed of representatives of the Young People's Socialist League, the Young Circle League, the Young Poole Zion, Pioneer Youth and the Student League for Industrial Democracy.

Local groups will distribute anti-Fascist literature, arrange mass meetings and demonstrations, picket stores selling goods made in Fascist countries, fight against the breaking out of Fascist movements in this country.

The Youth Committee will be an individual membership body, and dues will be paid at the rate of 15 cents for six months, to support national work. Two pieces of literature have already been prepared by the central organization, a leaflet "Fight Fascism" and a booklet "The Menace of Fascism."

Inquiries should be addressed to the Youth Committee Against Fascism, Moxley Bldg., Clinton street, Chicago.

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF
Berks will take a backward step if the relief warehouse in Reading is closed—unless something else takes its place. The County Commissioners have served notice upon the state authorities that they will no longer pay the bills to maintain the headquarters where unwanted ex-slaves of local industrial masters have been accustomed to find clothing and other necessities.

It is now up to the Taxpayers' Protective League to rally the jobless around a demand that adequate relief be provided.

But it is even more important that all workers unite to end relief of all kinds in the only way it can be ended—the Socialist way of taking over the industries, producing abundantly and permitting all who work to share in the plenty and leisure which is possible.

KNITTERS are again receiving a lesson which should teach them that NRA means "No Real Agreement" to the bosses of this vicinity.

When a federal arbitrator decided that knitters should be furnished with needles at the bosses' expense, the bosses calmly decided that the decision didn't mean anything. Now union officials are declaring that a general stoppage of work may be necessary to make the knitters conform to the arbitrator's decision.

Employers wouldn't be quite so arrogant if the knitters had a 100% union organization. Nor would they dare to disobey the ruling of a government official if the government were in the hands of Socialists.

It is worth remembering that the bosses who conform to NRA when it suits them and reject rulings whenever they please are the same gentlemen whose names appear in the list of contributors to the anti-Socialist fusion campaign.

GEORGE GROSS, a local attorney, made the mistake of telling our judges and district attorney exactly what he thought of them and was held in contempt of court.

Which shows that some lawyers are not as clever as laymen—who are wise enough to conceal the contempt they feel.

SOCIALISTS SPURN NAZI GROUP'S ENDORSEMENT

PITTSBURGH—The Socialist Party of Allegheny county has repudiated endorsements of its legislative candidates by a federation of German-American societies which endorsed Senator David Reed on the grounds that he did not participate in anti-Hitler meetings.

The Socialist statement follows: "We note through the press that the German-American Federation announced the endorsement of Socialist Party candidates for the legislature."

Did Not Seek Approval
"Our candidates received a questionnaire to which no reply was made. Nevertheless, they were informed by letter, signed by John Gloeckner, legislative chairman of the German-American Federation, that we are pleased to inform you that after careful consideration of your questionnaire, and your fitness for the office, we endorse your candidacy." It is rather difficult to understand this deliberate misrepresentation of facts. The Socialist Party candidates did not seek nor desire the endorsement of the German-American Federation.

"The reasons given for the endorsement of a certain senatorial candidate, and for the failure to endorse one of his opponents, stamps the Federation as definitely accepting and approving the destruction of the German Trade Union Movement and its political

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HOSIERY BOARDERS at the Berkshire have been given the choice of accepting a pay reduction or losing their jobs, according to a report which came to us too late to be confirmed.

The story is that the firm has told the boarders that unless they agree to a wage cut machines, which will do the work with half the present force, will be installed. Workers, who are faced with such a proposition are in a tight spot. They don't want to work for less, but neither do they want to lose their jobs.

However, there is a way out. It is—own the machines of industry collectively, as the Socialists propose, and share in the benefits of the machine. That's the answer to the machine and there is no other answer that will benefit workers. It's either Socialism or unemployment. Remember that, workers, next November.

TRADES COUNCIL plans to lay the case of Reading's knitters before local civic groups. On the premise that one sinner who repents is more cause for rejoicing than ninety and nine which need no repentance, this may be a good plan. However, while some individual opinions may be turned in favor of the unionists, we are doubtful whether the knitters or any other organized labor group will ever get much help from Rotarians.

It is true that the welfare of merchants depends upon the ability

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EDUCATORS

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ing Charles A. Beard, retiring president of the American Historical Assn., and Dr. George S. Counts of Columbia University. A score of other educators helped in formulating the report. The new collectivism may "involve the limiting or surplussing of private property by public prop-

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IS AIR DEFENSE POSSIBLE TODAY?

Pictures continue to adorn the rotogravure sections of the press showing army maneuvers in various countries, with anti-aircraft guns trained on the skies and sensitive airplane detectors, linked to powerful new searchlights, as important subsidiary units in what is often described as "impregnable air defense."

Recent developments, however, point clearly to the fact that these so-called defenses are today illusory. It is not necessary to relate sensational stories about the horrors of poison gas warfare of the future. What fate has in store for future generations unless war can be checked is plain in the light of new air raids, sham raids of course, but carried out in realistic attention to detail.

Not long ago over the city of London the Royal Air Force sent at midnight a trial fleet of planes, equipped as wartime bombers would have to be. Against them were mobilized the best defensive weapons known, many of which were the source of great pride to their inventors. Great searchlights flashed against the sky a series of squares, so that a plane seen in one square could be fired at and brought down almost infallibly when it reached a certain other square. The most delicate apparatus was at hand with which to catch the sound of the planes as they winged over the city. Military strategists were given pause, however, when the tests revealed that out of the three hundred or so airplanes which carried through this night "invasion," only about one plane in ten was even picked up by the searchlights, let alone "brought down." The vast majority of the aviators hung over the city, and could have done their will on the population. While the chances are that in an actual war situation the defending air forces might have been more effective, the trial has completely exploded the idea that night maneuvers can be reduced below the point of extreme aerial danger.

Military observers are pointing out that when Germany in the World War was attacking English cities by air, and used only about forty planes in this destructive work, it required for each German plane ten defending planes at home. At that time London was defended by 414 airplanes, 480 guns, 700 searchlights, 15,000 men, and a large body of land troops. With the tremendous bombing fleets being built up in

"YOU'RE TELLING ME" AT EMBASSY TODAY

W. C. Fields, Paramount's funny comedian, is back as a full-fledged star in "You're Telling Me" which opens today at the Embassy Theatre. It is a fast-moving comedy drama and features Larry "Buster" Crabbe, Joan Marsh and Adrienne Ames. It was directed by Erle Kenton.

Fields, recently seen in Paramount's "Six of a Kind," in which he shared honors with all of the comedians at the Paramount studios, proves he can hold his own in this picture, which depends for its laughs not only upon gags, but upon extremely funny character acting and some laugh-packed situations which started a laugh-riot among yesterday's audiences.

Enacting the role of an eccentric inventor, Fields spends all his spare time on the goofiest inventions of the year, only sets out to sell one and win success when a family crisis forces him to work, something he has been avoiding all his life.

The film abounds with laughs, culminating with Fields' burlesque golf act that is one of the funniest, most laugh-compelling bits of nonsense ever seen in the films.

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WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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ity of workers to spend money and that high wages offer the only hope for business revival under Capitalism. But it is also true that the big employers also control the sources of local credit and are bale to exert strong pressure upon the merchants.

Even though merchants sympathize with the workers and know that Labor's cause is just, few will dare to openly espouse Labor's cause. Not right, but power, is what determines the actions of men under this system of financial dictatorship.

FUSION LEADERS

in Berks will have a difficult time explaining why both Democrats and Republicans are such good fellows here while both sides are saying such vicious things about each other in every other section of the state and nation.

We'll have more to say about that as the campaign warms up. Without a doubt, many old party voters will see and hear enough to become convinced that something is rotten.

CHURCH

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independent unions and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, rights which the Social Creed of the Methodist Episcopal Church declares employees should have, we petition our representatives in Congress to enact legislation, which will make it illegal for any corporation or company to intimidate, coerce or unfairly influence

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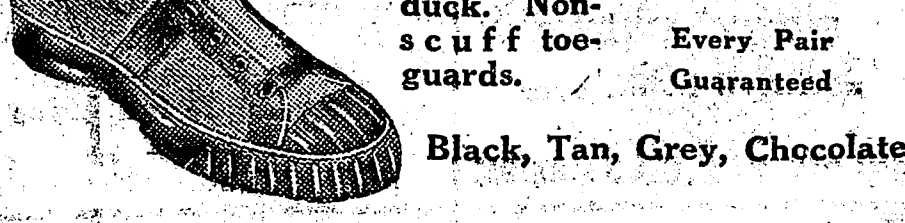
their employees in any way to join "You can't fire on the American men, women and children den an employer initiated, financed or flag." Kansas militiamen teargas-manded that it be used to feed controlled "organization" dealing sed the demonstration. Wichita, them. Farmers in the district relating to conditions of work." The conference also declared for the "rapid extension of social ownership and democratic control of natural resources, distribution, and the means of production, exclusive of agriculture."

It declared that the New Deal is "not sufficient to bring about a Christian social order," opposed fascism, child labor and lynching; demanded extension of federal relief and more adequate treatment of the unemployed; and urged the legislatures of New York and Connecticut to pass laws which would tax land held by tax-exempt corporations (mainly churches) unless the land was built upon within two years.

Teargas For Hungry
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Activities of the Reading Socialists

CARD PARTY TUESDAY AT NEW HEADQUARTERS OF NORTHWEST BRANCH

The women of the Northwest Branch want you to inspect their new headquarters at 143 Greenwich street. So they are going to have a card party next Tuesday night, May 22, with an unusual fine line of prizes.

The Northwest Branch now has the finest headquarters in the city. Take advantage of the coming card party to inspect their new home.

SPECIAL MEETING OF LABOR LYCEUM SUNDAY

All members of Labor Lyceum are asked to attend a special meeting at the headquarters, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

NORTHEAST WOMEN MEET NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

All members of the Northeast Women's group are asked to attend a get-together meeting at their headquarters, 1311 North Ninth street, next Tuesday night. Those who answer this call are asked to bring about 10 cents' worth of "eats" with them. A good time is promised.

WOMEN'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE DISCONTINUES CARD PARTIES

Following their usual custom, the Women's Socialist League has discontinued the holding of card parties for the summer. These activities will be resumed next fall, at which time the organization hopes to greet all its old friends. The league extends its thanks to its many friends and patrons who helped to make former social events successful.

ALL BRANCHES, ATTENTION!

Branches having items for publication in the Advocate of June 1 are hereby notified to have them in the office not later than Tuesday, May 29, at noon. The Memorial Day holiday and the necessity of the Advocate's staff going to the National Convention makes this early date necessary.

NEW BOOKLET EXPOSES ARMAMENT PROFITEERS

"Arms and the Men," a fifty-eight page booklet, is now on sale at Labor Lyceum for 15 cents per copy.

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Y. P. S. L. NOTES

The social at Berkshire Heights has been called off because it would conflict with the "Round-up" to be held at the Socialist Park on Saturday afternoon. The social will be held on May 26. Please don't forget the Berkshire Heights comrades in the meantime. Watch this column for further information.

A truck will leave the Lyceum on Saturday afternoon for the Socialist Park. The cost of the trip will be 10 cents. All Yipsels are invited. There will be dancing in the evening. If you come you will have a good time. The Yipsels always have a good time. Be there!

Street Corner Meeting

Evelyn Shirk will speak at a street corner meeting at Schuylkill avenue and Oley street. The meeting will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. All persons are invited to attend. The Yipsels are especially urged to attend the meeting and give the proper support to their speakers.

The Yipsels are anticipating a trip to Allentown on the 16th of June. The cost of the trip will be 25 cents. All persons who are expecting to accompany us on this trip will turn their money over to a member of the entertainment committee.

All money must be in at least two weeks ahead of time so that the committee may plan as to the number of trucks they will need and notify the Allentown comrades as to the number of Yipsels they may expect to entertain. Please give the committee your full co-operation in this matter. All money will be turned over to William Snow, better known as "Bill" Snow.

The Yipsels will go on a swimming party on the 27th of May. We will probably go up to the Maiden Creek. The cost of the trip will not exceed 10 cents. Be there if you intend to go along. The truck will leave the Lyceum at 1:30 p. m. Be there!

NORTHWEST BRANCH NEW HEADQUARTERS

The Northwest comrades moved into their own headquarters at 143 Greenwich street last week, and the first meeting of the branch will be held Friday, May 18th, at 8 p. m. Every member is urged to attend and help plan for the housewarming in the near future.

With the largest membership of any branch in Local Berks, the desire for a suitable meeting place where activities could be held, and where open-house is every night, has at last been fulfilled. Visit the new headquarters and see how the Northwesters do things. Enough said.

BRANCH MEETINGS

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Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer

ORGANIZE NOW TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

Lagging interest in the crusading organization drive resulted in the writer, who is chairman of the general committee, calling a meeting in the Hosiery Union hall, last Thursday night, and describing the immediate dangers confronting labor at the present time.

Organized labor is in for a vicious, bitter fight this summer. The hosiery manufacturers are disregarding decisions made by their mutually agreed upon arbitrator, Dr. Taylor. That attitude on the part of the manufacturers has been present ever since the agreement was entered into. The most recent trampling under foot of their good faith and word of honor was the decision on the issue of free needles to the knitters.

SEEK TO ORGANIZE ALL DYING PLANTS

While on strike, the Reading Dye Company workers are carrying on a campaign to organize the other dyeing plants in Reading. Security for workers in the dyeing industry cannot be obtained until all are in their union and a uniform wage scale is demanded and made effective.

CIVIC GROUPS RELUCTANT TO HEAR LABOR SPEAKERS

The Federated Trades Council is not meeting with a great deal of success in getting before the community's civic clubs and organized business groups to tell its story. They seem to find perfectly legitimate excuses for refusing labor the privilege of telling their side of the story. The real reason, however, is that on the boards of directors or the executive officers are our enemy manufacturers. So all labor must be prepared to put up the most determined struggle yet experienced. With the police at the disposal of our enemies, nothing short of terrorism can be expected. Workers must be prepared to be persecuted. If arrested, from the most inconspicuous to the most prominently outstanding union members and leaders, they must determine

to "take the rap." The slogan must be: "We won't be persecuted into submission."

The first of June is rapidly approaching and that means the dead-line of peace and indifference unless employers are ready to accept better than NRA standards and give workers the security desired.

GAS STATION WORKERS TO MEET TODAY

Literature is ready for distribution among the gas and oil service station employees, calling a meeting at Bricklayers' Union hall Tuesday evening, May 22nd.

For some time these workers, who are barely receiving code wages, have been desirous of having a union. The recent successful stoppage in the midst of 8,000 employees of large oil companies has encouraged local station attendants to attempt a similar move.

"We are not desirous of organizing for a general stoppage of work," declared a spokesman for the service men, "but, if we are to be faced with intimidation and discrimination on the part of the management of large oil companies when we attempt to organize, we too will assert our free American right to close the pumps until our demands are recognized."

Monday will be the day of distribution and all gas and oil company workers may look forward to receiving a circular giving them further details. Purchasers of gas and oil should encourage these workers to attend the meeting.

BREWERY UNION FLOUTS A. F. L.

CINCINNATI (EP) — The Brewery Workers Union has rejected the proposal of the American Federation of Labor that it turn over its drivers, engineers, oilers and firemen, to their respective craft unions, by a vote of 24,161 to 170. The referendum vote was announced May 14.

The Brewery Workers' Union was formed in 1884 and admitted to the A. F. of L. in 1887. During all these years it has been an industrial union in the sense that the various crafts employed in and around the brewery and soft drink plants belonged to the same union.

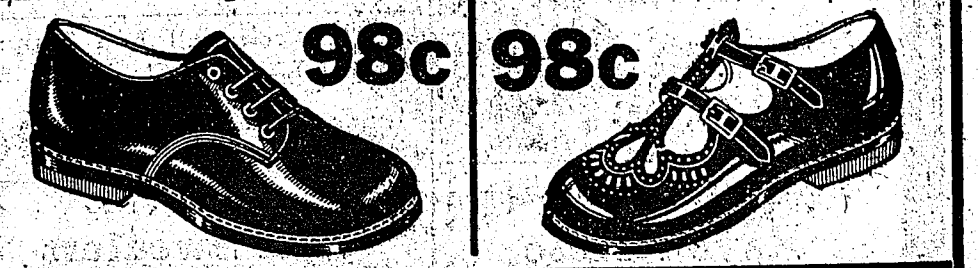
Before prohibition it had a membership of some 45,000 and then for years reported an even 16,000, many of whom were reported as only partially employed. Since repeal its membership has snapped back sensationally. Officials of the union complained strongly that they had won through prohibition by the various crafts sticking together and that when they began to take in thousands of new members they were

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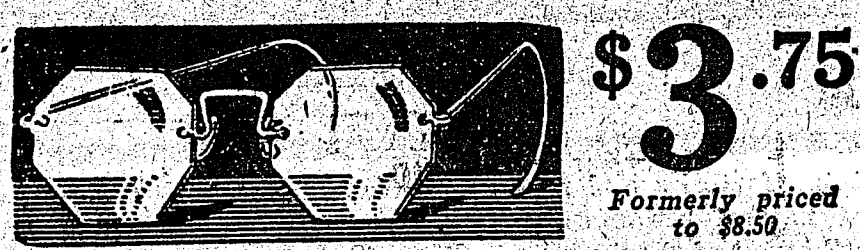
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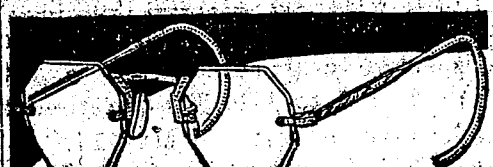
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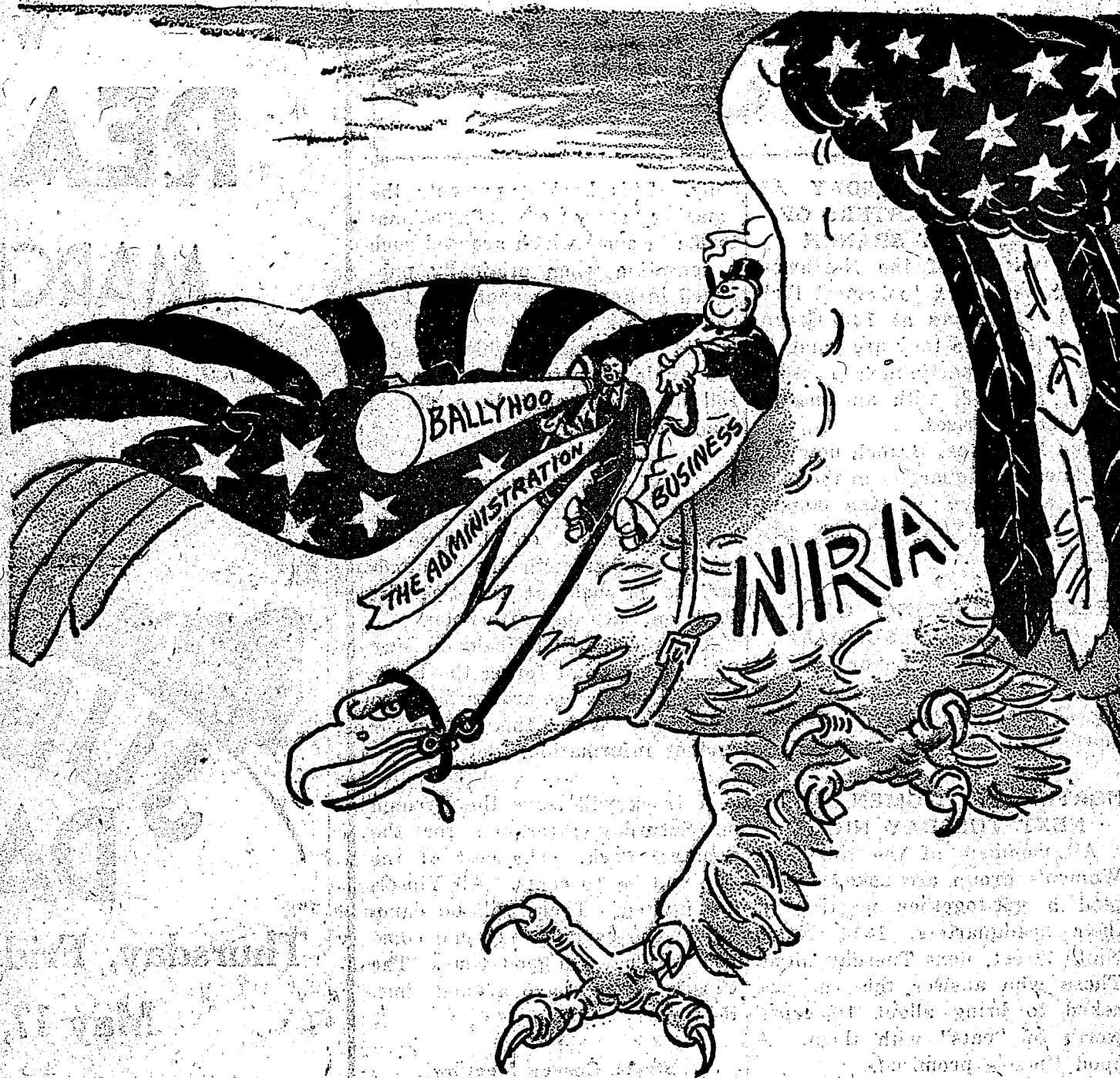
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BERTOLET'S PLANS

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voters divided their votes between Reed and Pinchot after a campaign for nomination for United States Senate which the political spellbinders of both parties vainly tried to make "hot," the small number of votes cast in the legislative contest was even more discouraging to the Fusion forces. On the Republican ticket Herbert Rapp and McCormick G. Moore had no opposition and received 3,538 and 3,453 votes, respectively. On the Democratic ticket, where the Fusion upset occurred, Rapp received 3,446 votes while Moore, with 2,378 votes, was pushed from that party's ticket by Powers, who was given the support of 2,496 registered Democrats.

Powers Protests Primary Ballot
Whether the followers of Wellington Bertolet, G. O. P. county chairman, corporation attorney, conservator of frozen bank funds and Fusion boss, will be able to rebuild the collapsed Fusion structure is now a question.

At the present time it seems doubtful whether Mark L. Powers, who conducted an independent campaign and won a place on the Democratic legislative ticket, will surrender his chances. Powers has already protested to the County Commissioners and the Secretary of the Commonwealth because his name was placed in third position on the primary ballot. He asserts that he won second place on the ballot at drawings held in Harrisburg but that place was given to Moore.

Many of Powers' friends are convinced that the "mistake" was a clever political move inspired by a desire to give every possible advantage to Rapp and Moore, the hand-picked candidates of Fusion. **Socialists Ready For Campaign**

Whether complete Fusion is engineered within the next few days or not, the Socialists of Reading and Berks are prepared to wage a campaign for the election of their city and county candidates to the Legislature and to Congress.

Darlington Hoopes and Lilith Wilson are now able to campaign upon a record in the lower house of the state lawmaking body which has been endorsed by labor organizations as 100 per cent clean. In the congressional fight the Socialists will also bend every effort to elect Raymond S. Hofses. Despite the fact that William E. Richardson has the nomination of both old parties for re-election to Congress, the fact that Hofses carried the city for that office with close to 12,000 votes against Richardson two years ago makes him a formidable opponent even against Fusion.

Richardson has grown weaker instead of stronger in both city and county. The soldiers are cold to him because of his vote against the bonus bill and his description

of the bill as a "get the soldier vote bill." Many Democrats have turned against the Republican Democrat because he later voted to over-ride a Presidential veto. And in rural Berks, many Democrats will vote against Richardson because he has permitted himself to stand as a Republican candidate.

Fusion Welcomed By Socialists
Although a combination of two parties against the Socialist candidates will make it necessary for the workers' party to fight all the harder, the Socialist candidates again welcome Fusion as proof of their contention that there is no fundamental difference between the two old parties of the big business interests.

"Fusion has to be defeated in the long run," declared Darlington Hoopes yesterday. "Always when sufficient workers realize the necessity of combining with the Socialists the Capitalist parties have combined. That is really as it should be, since both are equal against the industrial emancipation of the working class."

Lilith Wilson expressed similar sentiments. "Both old parties helped to get the nation in the mess it is in today. Let them stand together for their final defeat at the hands of a long-suffering working class," was the comment of Reading's woman law-maker.

SOCIALISTS SPURN

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expression, the Social Democratic Party and as approving the planned, brutal treatment of the liberals, Jews and other minority groups and the complete destruction of democratic Germany, made possible through the sacrifice of 13 million men in the last world war.

"Unlike the German-American Federation, the Socialist Party stands definitely in favor of the boycott of German goods, as a weapon with which to hasten the overthrow of Hitlerism."

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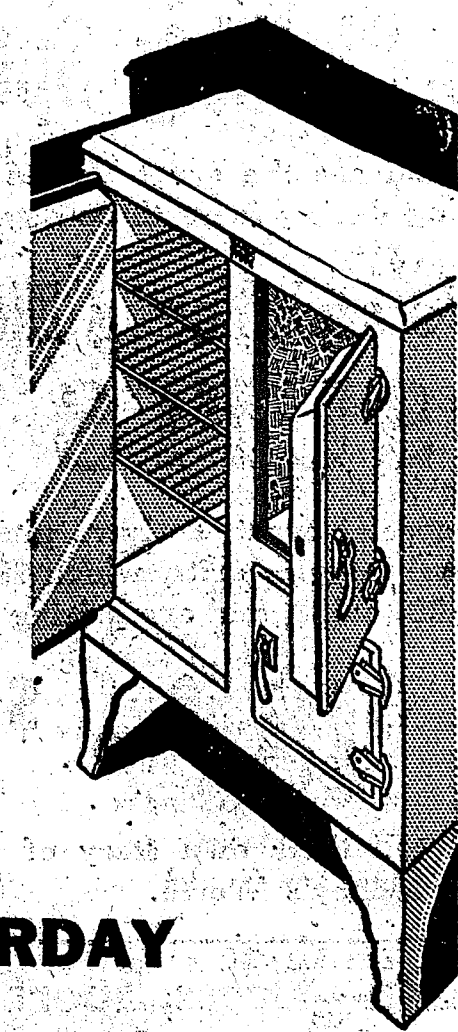
the PURPOSE of industry to make it fit the needs of the great mass of people; that is why they seek to create artificial scarcity and permit millions to slowly starve rather than use the many things which workers could easily produce in abundance.

UNDER THIS CAPITALIST system, workers receive their small share of "prosperity" only when they can be used for the profit of owners. But millions of workers can't be used anymore because machines have taken their places as producers of wealth.

However, machines are only producers; they are not consumers. So the surpluses accumulate and the old game of selling surpluses is lagging and millions are reduced to pauperism and the "wise men" are destroying the necessities of life and praying for a drouth while workers' children go hungry to bed.

BUT THAT'S NOT the whole story. Still more silly than anything else is the fact that the great majority of the people of this nation still vote their approval to such a policy. Their Republican and Democratic party ballots mean that they are content to suffer poverty until such time as the few who own America can find use for them. Those ballots mean that they don't ask for shorter hours of labor. Those ballots mean that they don't want the factories to operate for the welfare of the people who inhabit America. Those ballots mean that the American people are still willing to work when the owners want them and to accept destitution doles when the owners cannot profitably use them.

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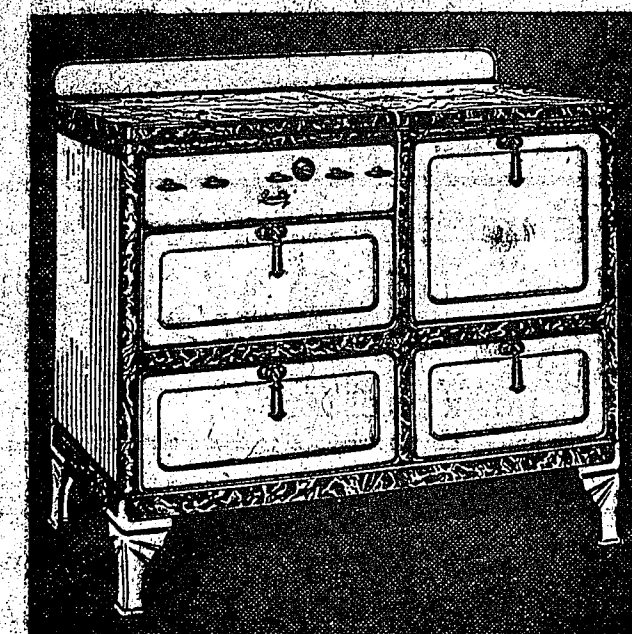
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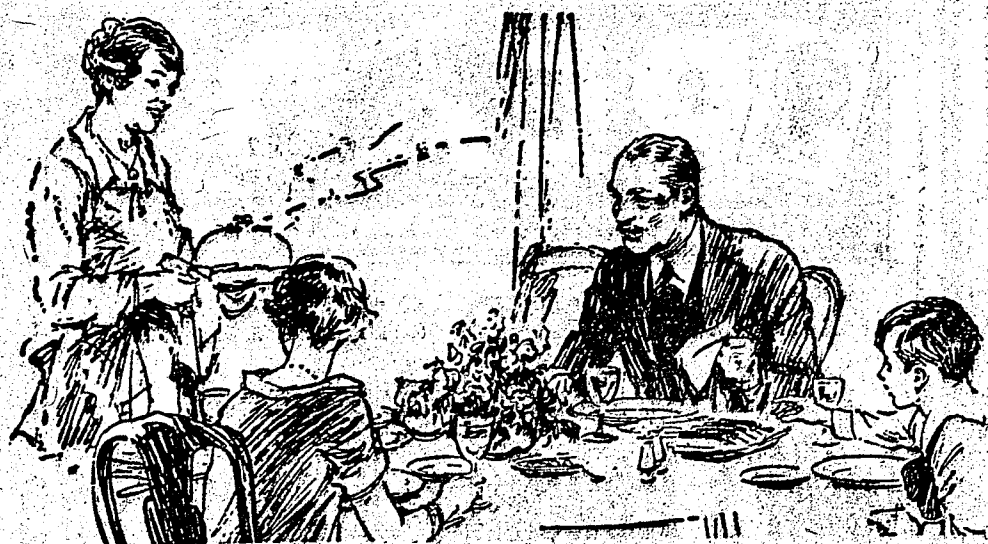
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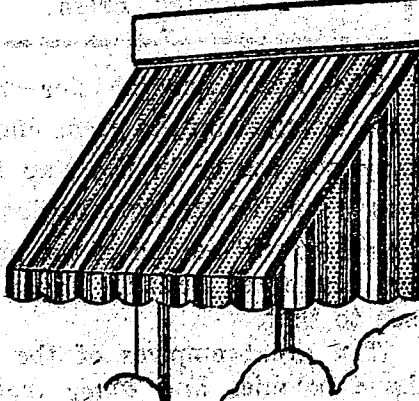
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WASHINGTON
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By LEN DE CAUX
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

The search for a pretty and popular name for "subsistence homesteads" continues through the Department of the Interior announces that its mail has been "swelled" with suggestions. The expression carries "too uninspiring a connotation," it explains, "for a 'subsistence' homestead to the uninitiated often means a home where life is lived on a subsistence—bare existence—level."

"Elysian Homesteads," "Sylvan Homesteads," and even "Freedom Farms," have been some of the suggestions that have been made to the department by volunteer press agents.

Seeking to destroy "a false impression" that "a low standard of living" is somewhat connected with the subsistence homesteads, the department's memorandum to the press explains: "Actually, the homesteads are not, as a rule, intended to supply more than a few hundred dollars' worth of food to a family; but a few hundred dollars' worth of food is a lot to a family whose total income only amounts to five or six hundred dollars per year."

Sunshine statistics are being rapidly produced in the Department of Labor while—and where—the sun shines. One of the latest hand-outs tells of "gains all along the business front" in Detroit, with big percentages mentioned. Those figures coincide with the seasonal peak of the highly seasonal automobile industry, and reports of big lay-offs are already reaching Washington.

Name-seekers and cheer-bringers may be discouraged to note that no pretty name for "unemployment" has yet been found and made to stick, though it is true that much more cheerful statistics have been produced than the 13,101,000 jobless estimated for the month of March by the conservative Alexander Hamilton Institute.

The Chicago Tribune tried for awhile to popularize the word "idlers," but that was intended to be said with a sneer, not with a smile. And some people spoke about "the new leisure class." But gaunt misery cannot forever be hypnotized by smiles any more than it can be exorcized by sneers. So "unemployment insurance" is now the good word in Washington, though labor would still be well advised to look beyond the name and demand to know "what kind?"

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce has been wrongly credited with endorsing "unemployment insurance." As a matter of fact, it was honest enough to use the term: "unemployment reserves." It definitely opposed "the enactment of legislation for compulsory unemployment benefits. The 'voluntary plans' which it advocates differ little from the company pension plans—plans, company-inspired, company-controlled, used and abused for company purposes, cut down when funds are low and breaking down completely when the workers' needs are greatest.

But getting back to the "bad word" subsistence and its mistaken (?) connotations, let us look

FASCIST TENDENCIES
SEEN IN BRITAIN

Newest among the semi-Fascist measures in prospect of early passage, and arousing thousands of persons in Great Britain to protest, is the British government's new bill to deal with what is officially termed "incitement to disaffection."

Ostensibly, the bill is aimed to suppress agitation among the troops in the army, navy, and air force on behalf of revolution, mutiny, or peace; in practical effect, however, many distinguished Britons have been pointing out that the bill would invade recklessly the liberties of the people, afford ceaseless opportunities for unenlightened minor tyrants to harass persons against whom they had a grudge, and pave the way for something approximating a Fascist exercise of unrestrained autocracy on the part of the authorities.

Even though the proposal, so its opponents freely charge, was launched quietly, as a minor bill, so it might be slipped through before the public became fully aware of its significance, it has raised a storm which threatens political repercussions.

"An emergency measure without an emergency." Thus the bill has been characterized by religious organs and parliamentary spokesmen of the Liberal and Labor parties.—Nofrontier News Service.

U. S. Pay Gain Makes

Canadian Railmen Restless

WINNIPEG, Man. — Gradual restoration of the 10% pay deduction won by the unions of the United States rail line is stimulating Canadian rail workers to discontent. They are still suffering from a 15% pay cut put upon them and are looking to strong action by their unions to force the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific to follow the example of the lines south of the Dominion border.

Negro College Girls
Seab As Side Line

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Students from Howard and Birmingham Southern Colleges, Negro schools, became bus girls, dishwashers, waiters, and cooks at three Birmingham cafeterias when 110 Negro employees went on strike.

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at some of the recent codelets. For each whole of a code held up to public view, scores of little fish pass unnoticed through the NRA net. In the last few days, for instance, codes have been advanced or approved among others for the blue crab industry, for pine wood distillation, for the soft lime rock industry, for well manufacturing, for plastic novelties, for edible gelatin, and for the potato chip industry. The fly swatter industry did make the news columns when it suggested a wise-crack to some reporter, but the others—even the potato chips—inspired no comment.

Edible gelatin, potato chips and wells (closely related to staves, we are sedately informed) are among the aristocrats, with wage minima of 35 cents an hour. But soft lime workers in the south may be paid 25 cents an hour for a maximum of 40 hours; "females engaged in light work" on plastic novelties may be paid 30 cents an hour in any part of the country; while in pine wood distillation code wages are proposed of "24 cents an hour to handicapped workers and females employed in packing charcoal in paper bags, and 30 cents an hour to other workers." The crab code, which has been approved, sets wages for those engaged in picking crab meat from the shells at 18 cents an hour or 6 cents a pound of crab meat, "whichever will return the higher amount to the worker."

Are these "subsistence" wages? Our dictionary gives "subsistence" as "means of support; livelihood; as a meagre subsistence." "Starvation" wages would be plainer if less pretty English. But plain English is poor politics, according to Washington wisecracks.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM

By JOHN PAINE

For the six months ending Feb. 28, the total bank robberies in the country fell from 340 to 217.

We think it was right cute of the American Bankers Assn. to point out in connection that "there were 8,000 or 4,000 less banks to raid."

Says Sen. Huey Long: "The sorriest job I ever had has been in the U. S. Senate." Why don't you get out, Kingfish, and give a good guy a chance?

"The U. S., where they always do things on a much bigger scale, have a deficit of about \$6,000,000,000, but the U. S. have such large reserves that deficits do not trouble them," said Chancellor of the Exchequer Chamberlain to the British Parliament.

We're waiting for that fairy tale to come true, Chancellor; the U. S. government is on its ear right now trying to spend billions to save the system and at the same time reduce the deficit.

Signs of the Times
Peaceful (?) Belgium is extending across her territory a wall of steel and concrete pillboxes to guard against "invasion."

Neutral Spain has voted \$11,000,000 for her small navy.

Little Switzerland is preparing to reorganize her entire army of 494 men.

Number of marriage licenses issued in New Orleans increased from 144 in April, 1933, to 216 in April, 1934.

It's not a matter of two being able to live as cheaply as one—the point is that you've got to be married to get on the dole.

After 11 years of hearings, the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the Illinois Commerce Commission's rate cut decree and the utility monopoly in Illinois will have to

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Since the Ku Klux Klan was formed in 1866, Fascism has given a new twist to the radical clothing business, changing from sheets to shirts.

It is estimated that in the U. S. alone there are kiki shirts, white shirts, black shirts, silver shirts, brown shirts and blue shirts.

Not to mention the ragged shirts of the southern cotton farmers.

Hotchkiss & Co., French machinegun manufacturers whose founder and managing director are U. S. citizens, reports a profit of \$1,005,785 for 1933.

In New Jersey a group of clothing workers from New York City's slums are to be planted on homesteads and their work brought to them by truck, says a report.

Glorified sweatshop on government funds?

The League of Nations is in a tight spot again.

It's afraid to expell naughty Liberia for failing to maintain fair and human labor conditions because it "would set too far-reaching a precedent."

Undersecretary of the Treasury Thomas Jefferson Coolidge has this to qualify him for his new job: In 1914 he ran 98 yards for dear old Harvard after having recovered a Yale fumble in a football game.

Rich Get Soaked; It's Terrible
Amid screaming headlines, Pres. Roosevelt signed the "soak-the-rich" tax bill.

It raised the income tax on a million dollars, say \$60,000 a year at 6%, just \$339 a year. But the real millionaire—the guy who gets a million dollars' net income a year—be gets soaked \$294 more than under the old tax.

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ter," says William S. Knudsen, executive vice-president of General Motors.

"Thousands of children haven't enough to eat. Thousands of them haven't enough clothing to go to school and when they do go in rags and tatters they are scorned by their fellows. This is not conjecture, it is the tragic truth," says the Employment Recovery Council of Wayne county, Mich.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

GILES' POLICE

(Continued from First Page)

that from his head and threw it into the street. Leaders of the pickets counselled moderation at this point and further attacks on the offending officer were averted.

It is reported that, in addition to his attacks upon Mrs. Neiman, Selig prodded a girl striker in the ribs with his club.

Strikers Standing Solid
While seven strikebreakers have been hired since the strike began, none of those who originally walked out to enforce a demand for wage increases have deserted the ranks.

The men are asking for wage increases from 32 1/2 c-50c per hour to 45c-62 1/2 c per hour. They base their claim upon a promise that general increases would be made. This promise, they declare was given them last September.

Picket lines are busy at the plant daily, and meetings are held each day at the headquarters of the Riverside Beneficial Association.

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THE HOOVER IDEA IN ACTION

President Roosevelt and his "New Dealers" have thought up a new scheme which, they hope, will enable them to avoid doing the one right for the relief of the unemployed. This latest stunt is commonly known as the "Housing and Renovation Program." It aims to make loans available for the building of new homes or the renovation and improvement of old ones. In this manner, we are told, many building tradesmen will be transferred from the army of the unemployed to jobs.

It sounds good. In fact, it sounds a whole lot better than President Hoover's tactless declaration that the Federal Government would not supply unemployment relief funds until after every local resource was exhausted. But while it sounds different, the "Housing and Renovation Program" means just that very thing. It is, in fact, merely acting upon Hoover's suggestion.

If we were explaining the scheme to the big bankers, who are supposed to furnish the cash, we would put it in this manner:

"The Federal Government must find money to supply doles to the jobless. The best way to do this is to put people to work. But, no matter how we keep idle workers from starving, it will require money. And since you big bankers are the only persons who have the money, we will have to get it from you.

"Now then—

"We can get this money by taxing your incomes, in which case you will have nothing but tax receipts to show for it. Or we can solve the entire problem by taking over the industries and operating them for the welfare of the American people. However, that would be Socialism and we know you would not like to end poverty in that manner.

"So —

"Lend money to home owners and take mortgages and judgments on their properties in exchange for the cash. By doing this you find an outlet for your surplus funds; you will care for a portion of the unemployed; and you will eventually folks now think they own.

"The advantage of this scheme is that you will give that much less for nothing, since local householders will be giving their homes to put people to work. In other words, this is a scheme to tap local resources."

We don't know how willing the big banking interests will be to co-operate in this latest scheme for the preservation of their system. Moreover, we have our doubts as to the willingness of householders to assume added burdens of debt in order to provide jobs for the castoffs of private industry.

But while we don't know whether the "Housing and Renovation Program" will work, we do know that its purpose is to persuade the small fellow to bear a burden which must otherwise be shouldered by the exploiters of the nation. And, what is more, we also know that this suggestion, coming as it does after 15 months of the Roosevelt administration, shows that the "New Deal" and its brain trusters have made no real progress in solving the problems of this crazy Capitalism.

"RELIEF MUST CONTINUE"—WHY?

In requesting Congress to provide \$1,322,000,000 to cope with the effects of Capitalism's broken-down economic policies, President Roosevelt refers to his budget message of January 3, 1934.

"It was pointed out," he reminds Congress, "that there could be no abrupt termination of emergency expenditures for recovery purposes, that the necessity for relief would continue."

Perhaps Mr. Roosevelt considers himself "some pumpkins" as a prophet. Perhaps he thrills with that inner glow which comes to those who are conscious of their own virtue when he asks again and again for public funds with which to keep Capitalism and Capitalism's victims alive. But what we would like to question is—

Why is it necessary that relief should continue?

Is it that the nation is poor? No, the administration has been going to long ends to reduce the amount of consumption wealth which is produced within our boundaries. Is it that the American people are lazy and unwilling to support themselves? No, the American people will quickly respond to a call to jobs even though those jobs offer wages and living conditions which are a disgrace to so wealthy a nation.

There is one reason, and only one, why relief must continue. It is because Capitalism is also continuing.

If the resources of the nation were socialized and if production were regulated according to the needs of workers instead of to the profits of owners, then there would be no need for relief. Then every able adult could assist

in the task of producing all that the nation needs to provide high and secure living standards for all.

The only reason why people must be "relieved" is that they are not permitted to produce for themselves.

President Roosevelt, in common with his fellow profit-takers, is telling the workers to be content with relief until—until when? Until the private owners of the nation find some way to profitably use the workers. President Roosevelt is determined to preserve the master and slave relationship which exists between owners and workers even though he must make paupers of increasing millions of people for many generations to come.

The first "New Dealer" talks as though relief is a virtue. It's not; it's a disgrace in a nation which has the natural and human resources of America.

It is possible to end the need for relief quickly by producing wealth for use instead of for profit. But that would end the parasitism which the NRA aims to preserve. It is the job of the beneficiaries of Capitalism to give sufficient relief to keep the unwanted from rebelling. But it is no less the task of the workers to end the relief system by taking over the means of life and exploiting them for the common good.

Capitalism, and the relief measures which are necessary under Capitalism, are robbing a generation of the good life and of their own self-respect. Socialism, by giving every person an opportunity to assist in the nation's work, would make all workers self-supporting and end the need for either private or public charity.

FASCISM AND RELIGION

Intelligent workers who observe the rise of fascism in Europe know that it has a religious content. In Germany a large section of the Protestant faith is fascist while in Italy and Austria the ruling fascism is of the Catholic type. In the latter two countries fascism has restored the union of Church and State. Not a week passes that press dispatches do not carry some reference to the religious or church aspects of fascism in one or more nations abroad.

This phase of fascism has the possibility of dividing workers in a way that would play into the hands of fascism in general. Whether a ruling class annexes a Protestant or Catholic church, a scientific or atheist cult, for its own purposes should not divert the attention of the working masses into a futile debate over the faith or cult that is so annexed. No matter what religious or other phase fascism takes, it is the ally of the ruling class and the enemy of the working class. Protestant fascism is not the special enemy of the Catholic worker and Catholic fascism is not the special enemy of the Protestant worker. Fascism of whatever type is the enemy of the whole working class and to single out the religious aspect of a given type of fascism and to argue against it on that basis is for workers to play into the hands of the enemy.

In this country we have seen Jewish bankers singled out for condemnation, as though we would be satisfied if all bankers were Americans. There are big corporations in this country whose directors include Catholics, Protestants and Jews and they act as a unit in framing labor policies. They permit no religious differences to interfere with these policies. They act in accord with the interests of their class. The Catholic capitalist will sanction the breaking of a strike even though he may know that he is reducing the standard of living of workers of his own religious faith. The same is true of the Protestant exploiter and it is notorious that in the needle trades many of the worst exploiters of Jewish workers are Jewish owners of needle trades shops and factories.

The experience of the working masses in all countries shows that however much piety the exploiters of labor may profess they do not permit their religion to be the main concern in dealing with the workers. Working people should display the same intelligence. No matter what type of fascism rules, it places the workers of all faiths under the boots of the class that lives by the exploitation of labor. For this reason the Protestant worker should be the first to denounce German fascism and the Catholic worker should be the first to denounce Austrian or Italian fascism. For each to denounce the other type would be an exercise in hypocrisy and a desertion of the class ideal that should unite all workers in a common solidarity.

It is important to stress this matter as we have occasionally received material that is tolerant of Protestant fascism and opposed to the other and tolerant of the other and opposed to Protestant fascism. Whatever mask it wears, fascism means chains for all workers. All workers must oppose it no matter what church it annexes and oppose it with the economic arguments that apply to all its forms.—The New Leader.

PASS THE 30-HOUR BILL

Last year, General Hugh Johnson, head of the national recovery administration, thought that about 6,000,000 workers could be placed back in industrial jobs before Labor day.

But Labor day came and went, "Thanksgiving" day came and went, Christmas came and went, April Fool's day came and went, and still there are upwards of 10,000,000 unemployed.

The recovery administration might have made good on returning workers to their jobs if it had carried out what seemed to be its original intention: namely to shorten the hours of labor enough to take up the slack.

The hours were shortened a little, but no effort at all was made to shorten them enough to provide employment for the masses of unemployed. It could have been done. It could still be done. It ought to be done. But it won't be done—not voluntarily by the recovery administration. Mr. Roosevelt can tap the Chamber of Commerce on the wrist all he likes, but it will bring no results, and Hugh Johnson will not insist on short enough hours.

Therefore, the 30-hour bill should be passed by congress.

It alone could bring a general shortening. It probably would not take up all of the slack, but it might afford jobs for several million now jobless workers.—Milwaukee Leader.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By J. I. S.

The Housing Bill

Roosevelt's program for governmental credit aid for the construction and repair of homes is like the overwhelming number of his measures—good so far as they go, but ineffective because nothing fundamental is attempted. No one objects, of course, if the government enables a man to fix up his home by helping him borrow money at a somewhat lower rate of interest than he would otherwise have to pay. But the housing program that is urgently required in this country calls for the tearing down of the city slums and other housing unfit for human beings, and the erection of several millions of model, low-cost dwellings and apartments.

In this, as in everything else, Roosevelt is merely toying with the real problem. His sole desire is to effect petty reforms and improvements within the framework of the Capitalist system, and to save industry for the industrialists, as a year ago he rescued the banks for the benefit of the bankers. The important and urgent job, that of transferring economic power from the favored few to the masses of the people, he will never tackle, because his economic sympathies are with private industry.

The eleven months of ballyhoo since the NRA was passed find the industrial worker in almost precisely the same position he occupied last summer. Monetary wages have increased somewhat, to be sure, but the cost of living has mounted to just about the same extent. The farmer is a little worse off than he was last July, for the NRA has raised his costs faster than the AAA has raised his income. Now, to add to all his other troubles, the farmer in the northwest is having his crop ruined by a drought. He can't be much worse off, however, than when he raised a bumper crop.

Socialist Converts

The adoption of a frankly Socialist platform by the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota is one of the most significant events in American radical history. Here, therefore it has been difficult to bridge the gulf between the radical farmer and the radical city worker, the former thinking in individualistic terms while the latter fought for socialization. The farmer has always feared Socialism, not understanding that the result would be to greatly increase his standard of living; instead he has sought refuge in petty tinkering with the economic system, particularly with currency.

Now, however, the Farmer-Laborites advocate the socialization of banks, transportation, and the basic manufacturing industries. The platform is one that any Socialist could enthusiastically endorse. At the same time the progressive Republicans of Wisconsin are finally breaking away to form a separate party, a move that the state federation of labor has advocated. The head of the railway brotherhoods advocates independent political action by labor, and one of his planks calls for socialization of the railroads.

The way is thus being cleared for an amalgamation of farmers, labor unions, and Socialists into a mass party that shall seek the socialization of American industry. The Socialist Party at its coming convention should adopt a sympathetic attitude towards this developing movement, which may crystallize into a national party in time for the 1936 campaign.

If that happens, the Socialist Party will best advance the cause of Socialism by affiliating with the movement, but maintaining its identity and carrying on a vigorous campaign within its councils for the adoption of a vigorous program.

Meanwhile Roosevelt is furnishing an excellent object lesson to the A. F. of L. that labor will get fair treatment only when it is sufficiently strong to demand such treatment. His support of the company union, his failure to press the unemployment insurance measure or the thirty-hour bill and the fact that industry has gotten the lion's share of benefits under the codes should be abundant evidence that labor's battles will never be won by a liberal Democrat who believes in the Capitalist system. Labor need political as well as economic organization, and it need political organization on a Socialist platform.

You can't tell. They may smoke pipes because they are outdoor men or they may be outdoor men because they smoke pipes.

JAPAN CLOSES DOOR

By SCOTT NEARING
Federated Press

The next struggle for world power staged by the great empires may not center in the Far East, but when the struggle begins, the Far East will be one of the principal scenes of action. Japan will see to that.

The great empires of the west have colonies and other troubles in plenty. Japan, a late-comer, is looking for a place in the imperial sun. Her ruling class sees that place on the continent of Asia, and they propose to occupy it with the least possible delay.

This was the meaning of the 1927 Tanaka Memorandum on the conquest of Asia. It was the meaning of Japan's 1931 decision to go it alone in Manchuria, despite the decisions of the League of Nations. It is the meaning of the present announcement regarding the role of Japan as the god-mother of China.

Through 40 years Japan has made steady advances toward the control of China. The first concrete move was the Japan-China war of 1894-95, with its heavy indemnity paid by China, the annexation of Formosa, and subsequently Korea by Japan, and the attempt of Japan to gain control of Manchuria. Japan helped suppress the Boxer Uprising in 1899 and received further indemnities and privileges. In 1904-05 she fought and won a war against Russia for the control of Manchuria and Korea.

Balked by the powers in her attempt to hold Manchuria, Japan bided her time until 1914, when she drove the Germans out of Shantung and presented the 21 demands which gave her virtual control of Manchuria and North China. Again, in 1921-22 she was balked by the Washington Conference and forced to sign the Washington treaties, guaranteeing the Open Door in China. By 1931, Japan was ready to make her fourth attempt to Jap-ize Manchuria as she had previously Jap-ized Formosa and Korea. Despite protests from the League of Nations, the American Empire and the Soviet Union, Japan occupied Manchuria, invaded North China and laid the basis for the control of Inner Mongolia and the attack on Eastern Siberia.

There can be no question regarding the attitude or the intentions of the Japanese ruling class. Their diplomatic denials are as meaningless as those of any other robber-empire. Japanese capitalists have made huge investments in Manchuria and China, where they find the iron, timber, petroleum and food supplies which they lack in Japan. The Japanese navy has been built into one of the most formidable fighting machines in the imperial world. In the 1931 Japanese budget military expenditures accounted for 27% of the whole; in 1932 to 33%; in 1933, to 37%; in 1934, to 44%.

Japan is closing the door to the Far East to the empires of the west and is prepared to take the consequences. Japan is deploying her forces to seize a portion of eastern Siberia and is making the needed military arrangements. The Japanese ruling class is out to gain profit and power through exploitation, conquest and plunder, and thus to imitate their great imperial predecessors in London, New York and Paris. It is the old imperial drama, on a new stage, but with the outworn trappings of empire.

How long will it be before the masses in Japan and the other empires cut short the imperial farce and ring down the curtain on it for good and all?

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