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Darrow Unmasks NRA as Aid to Big Exploiters Fusion Tactics Recalled by Minneapolis Truckers' Riot

'VOLUNTEER' GUARDS, LIKE GILES' SPECIAL POLICE AROUSSED STRIKERS' FURY

Fascist Tactics to Protect Employers and Hamper
Strikers May be Expected Again Unless Work-
ers Organize, Rhodes Warns—Only Socialist
Leadership Averted Riot Here Last Summer

Local unionists who were active in the strike situation in Reading last summer are finding a parallel of those stirring days in the fatal strike riot which occurred in Minneapolis this week. As in the Minneapolis outbreak, the use of special policemen to protect strikebreakers and intimidate pickets caused the most bitter feeling in Reading. The similarity of events is further extended by the use of tear gas to break up mass picketing.

While no fatalities occurred in Reading, Police Commissioner Giles himself was on one occasion in danger of becoming a victim of thousands of outraged strikers and sympathizers whom he attempted to address at the Curtis, Stephens and Embury shoe factory after police assaults had aroused the indignation of the crowd. Only the persuasion of Ralph O. Bigony, Socialist party organizer, and Jesse George, then Socialist member of city council, who addressed the crowd, prevented action which would have inevitably led to bloodshed.

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

WALTER LIPPMANN is a journalist. He probably receives more money for what he writes in a week than I get in six months, so judged by American standards he must be pretty good. Nevertheless, I make bold to say that Mr. Lippmann either isn't as smart as he is rated or he is earning his income by deliberately befuddling the minds of the people who read his stuff.

I base my charges upon Lippmann's comments about the Darrow report. Lippmann professes not to know what Mr. Darrow is trying to say. He says he can't understand how Darrow can be so much concerned about the small business man who is being annihilated by NRA, and at the same time come out for Socialism and collective ownership and a planned economy operated for use instead of for profit.

I AM CONVINCED that Lippmann is not as "dumb" as he appears to be. He, no less than Darrow, knows what Socialists think about a planned economy. He knows that Socialists have always turned away from those who would have abolished the evils of trustified industry by smashing the trusts. He knows that Socialists have always approved of the amalgamation of industries, but that they also demanded that industry should be owned by society as a whole and operated for the benefit of producers rather than for the profit of owners.

Darrow told the president that the Socialist idea would have to be put into practice if the American people are not to be strangled by surplus production. That was his advice to Franklin D. Roosevelt. Darrow also pointed out the effect which the NRA was having on small businesses and the advantage which the NRA gives to the larger and more powerful combines of capitalists. That was his answer to the question which President Roosevelt asked when he appointed the committee which Darrow headed.

WALTER LIPPMANN PLEADS inability to reconcile the two statements. Thereby he loses out with me.

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SOCIALIST Radio Program

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May 27—Raymond S. Hofess.

June 3—Birch Wilson.

June 10—Alice Hanson.

Standard Oil Profits Behind South American War

JOBS AND PAY RISE -- ALSO LIVING COSTS

Report For April Indicates
Workers Get More Cash
But Can't Buy Any More
Necessities

FAR FROM 1926 LEVEL

Government Estimates Differ
From A. F. of L. Report
Of Labor's Failure to
Make Real Gains

WASHINGTON (FP)—

Both employment and pay-rolls advanced in April, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins announced May 17, though they still remain far below the level of 1926. Food costs were up 16% over April last year, and clothing costs up 28%, according to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Based on the 12-month average of 1926 as 100, the index of factory employment rose from 76.4 in March to 77.8 in April, and the index of payrolls rose from 59.4 to 61.9.

The new Department of Labor index (based on 1923-1925—100) rose from 80.8 to 82.3 for factory employment, while the new payroll index rose from 64.8 to 67.3.

Some Gained, Others Lost
The factory gains were most notable in automobiles, steel, foundry and machine shop products and "were confined almost entirely to the durable goods group of industries," according to Miss Perkins. In non-manufacturing industries private building construction and retail trade showed the greatest gains, while anthracite and bituminous coal both showed

Americans Could Have Twice As Much Wealth Under Socialist Plan

The American people might have twice as much wealth as they now possess if the producing plant and labor forces of the country were used to full capacity.

This estimate of possibilities is made by the Brookings Institution, after a two-year study of "America's capacity to produce."

Socialists have been saying the same thing for many years. However, Socialists have pointed to the necessity of producing for the welfare of the American people instead of for the profit of America's labor exploiters.

As an example of how much the American people are paying for their failure to turn the industries into social assets, we have the assurance of Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, director of the Brookings study, that the year 1929 could have seen every family with a minimum income of \$2,000 or that lost production could have increased the incomes of families receiving less than \$3,500 by 42 per cent. However, under Capitalism workers are not permitted to produce until owners can reap a profit from production. The system has failed; that's why millions are becoming paupers in the richest nation on earth.

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Workers Die As Capital's Dupes In Bolivia-Paraguay Slaughter

NEW YORK (FP)—The war between Paraguay and Bolivia, which has cost many thousands of lives in the wilds of the Gran Chaco, is not being fought to make the jungle safe for democracy. Nor is the real reason given in this 2-year-old struggle.

The reasons are: 1. Oil. 2. Tin. 3. Access to the sea to export both these commodities. Behind the combatants are important British and American interests.

Capitalism, not Patriotism
Standard Oil has a concession of 7,000,000 acres of oil land in Bolivia and extending down into the Chaco. Yet it isn't over oil land the war is fought. Bolivia also has tremendous tin deposits. With these rich resources, she is landlocked. So the tin ore is carried over the Andes on mule-back, shipped to England to be refined and shipped back to the United States to be used.

A glance at the map will show you that Bolivia is far from the eastern coast and cut off from the western by high mountains. What is not so obvious, yet is the nub of the whole situation, is that the Paraguay River is so large that ocean-going steamers can navigate it right up into the Gran Chaco. Bolivia is fighting the battle which has so often brought war to the old world—the struggle for an open port.

It is easy to stir "patriotic" fervor among the Bolivians about their right to access to the world. Paraguay, with about as much population as Buffalo, N. Y., pours in tens of thousands of soldiers to

die defending their nation's right to keep all their jungle territory. So for two years the war has gone on.

Commercial Rivalry Seen

Back of little Paraguay is big Argentina and back of Argentina is Great Britain. If the Rockefeller family can develop their huge oil reserves in Bolivia and ship that oil cheaply to the world, they have a new weapon in the fight between Britain's Royal Dutch Shell and Standard Oil.

Besides, the refining of tin and the control of the world tin market is tremendously profitable to Britain. If oil is developed in Bolivia, tin may be refined right on the spot where fuel is now lacking, and shipped direct to the United States, biggest tin consumer of the world.

Britain's magnanimous gesture of stopping the shipment of arms to both countries was based on the fact that Paraguay has munitions factories, Bolivia has none. The embargo "would involve a great injustice toward Bolivia," her minister to the United States says, "for while Paraguay has a munitions factory and enjoys free communication to the outside world through an international river, Bolivia does not produce any war materials and is landlocked by her neighbors. To decree an embargo would be to decree an easy victory for Paraguay."

Which is a diplomat's way of saying that tens of thousands of lives would be saved and the Rockefeller family would have a few less millions in their swollen coffers.

HOSIERY MEET HERE JUNE 4

Union Delegates From Every
Hosiery Center Will Dis-
cuss Problems In Most Im-
portant Convention

Reading will be the scene of what is considered by many unionists as the most significant labor union convention in the history of the city on June 4, when delegates representing organized hosiery workers from all parts of the nation will assemble in the ballroom of the Berkshire Hotel.

According to Earl White, business agent of the Federated Trades Council, the gathering will stay in session at least a week. While in Reading, the hosiery union delegates will be the guests of the council. Their opening sessions will be addressed by ex-mayor J. Henry Stump and former city councilman James H. Maurer, both of whom are veterans in the trade union movement. A feature of the opening of the convention will be a musical program to which the general public will be invited. The music will be furnished by local union musicians by special arrangements made through Frank L. Diefenderfer, president of the Musicians' Union.

Many Important Problems
With national chairman Emil Rieve presiding, the convention will consider action on many matters of extreme importance to their own craft and to the labor movement generally. Among the problems which will be discussed and upon which future action will be planned will be the development of company unionism and the relation of its development to the NRA. Wage minimums and shop conditions will also be a mat-

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RAPS VET. SLUR AT UNEMPLOYED

Grow Flays Veterans' Of-
ficials' Letter to Biddle
As "Bootlicking" For Per-
sonal Advantage

That officers of the Veterans' Association are using the name of that organization as a means of repaying personal favors to local politicians and does not reflect rank and file opinion is the reply of Stewart L. Grow, business manager of the CWA-PWA Workers' Union.

Grow's comment follows a letter addressed to Eric Biddle, director of the State Emergency Relief Board, and signed by Harry J. Day and Thomas I. Holt, who hold the office of commander and adjutant in the Veterans' Association.

The portion of the letter which was made public attacks the efforts of CWA-PWA leaders and the Taxpayers' Protective League to secure more adequate relief for the unemployed of Berks county. Day holds the foreman's job on the relief set-up. It is held by workers under him that he is using the Veterans' organization to make himself solid with those who have the power to hand out the plums.

"Contemptible," Grow Says
The letter, which Grow described as "the most contemptible statement I've ever read," follows:

"Eric Biddle, Harrisburg, Pa.: Dear Sir: Please be assured that the stench of demands and complaints now emanating from Berks county is produced by a comparatively small group.

"Law, order and sanity still abide and rule in Berks; and the

THOMAS SCORES PREACHERS WHO SUPPORT WARS

Three Conferences Denounce
Bloodletting As Capital-
ism's Failure Heads World
Toward New Conflicts

YOUTHS ATTACK FASCISM

Pacifists See Danger of War
Approaching With Conse-
quent Loss of Liberty

CHICAGO (FP)—Three

conferences in the Chicago area took note of the swelling tide of war as evidenced by unrest in Europe and the Far East and by the increasing rush of President Roosevelt's war preparations. The Chicago Conference on the international and economic crisis, meeting three days at the Morrison hotel, heard stirring addresses by Norman Thomas and Kirby Page, Socialist pacifists, but took the attitude that since our government has repudiated war as a national policy it should be supported in that attitude.

Page, editor of the World Tomorrow, conceded that war is entirely likely but not absolutely certain and it should be resisted by every churchman as sin. He denounced the presence of chaplains in the army and navy in uniform. "Ministers may go into saloons to rescue drunkards," he declared, "but they don't put on the barkeeper's apron and take orders from the saloonkeeper. Yet that is what a minister does when he puts on a uniform and submits to military command. In the saloon he may work against drinking and sin, in the army he must work for the far greater and beastlier sin of war."

Thomas Scores Jingo Preachers
Norman Thomas could scarcely find words acid enough to describe the wallowing of the church in the filth of the last war. "The war department always treated me better when I came to plead for the war objectors than did the ministers whom I approached," he related. "The church as a church has never been in the vanguard of social justice. Even after the armistice we received no help from the church for the objectors. And this, in face of the fact that never in its history has the United States fought a genuine war of defense."

Pick the section of this country (Continued on Page Five)

RADIO BROADCASTS OF INTEREST TO WORKERS

May 25, 5:15 p. m. eastern day-
light time, Norman Thomas will
speak over NBC "Blue" network
on "The Next Thirty Years."

May 31, 8:30 p. m. eastern day-
light time, Norman Thomas and
Mayor Daniel W. Hoan will speak
from Detroit over CBS network,
Thomas on "The Starvation Path
to Prosperity" and Hoan on
"When Will the Depression End?"

June 2, 10:30 p. m. eastern day-
light time, there will be a broad-
cast over the NBC chain from the
party's national convention. De-
tails will be announced later.

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SOCIALIST PLAN IS ONLY HOPE FOR MASSES, REPORT ON CODE RESULTS SHOWS

Flood of Abuse From Johnson Fails to Hide "New
Deal" Drift Toward Absolute Power For Big
Exploiters—Republicans and "Liberals" Join
Administration "Yes Men" In Attacks Upon
Committee's Findings

Socialist criticism of the purposes of the National Recovery Administration received confirmation on Monday when the report of the National Recovery Review Board, with Clarence Darrow as its chairman, was made public after having been in the hands of the national administration for 17 days. Summed up, the Darrow report was a repetition of the claims of many Socialists that the result, if not the purpose, of the NRA was to drive small businesses from the field and leave the great mass of producers and consumers at the mercy of the nation's most powerful aggregations of labor exploiters and profiteers.

The committee was assigned to its task by President Roosevelt. Probably most of the administration's "yes men" interpreted the president's action as an invitation to the members of the Board to place their approval upon the workings of NRA. When Darrow and his colleagues declined to act according to their ideas, the Washington officials who are determined to preserve and stabilize the tottering and racketeering Capitalist system, headed by administrator Hugh S. Johnson, kept the report from the public. When they finally did release the news, they accompanied it with a storm of abuse in which rage and fear was plainly revealed.

Like Socialist Analysis
That the Darrow report failed to place its "O. K." upon codes which have no other purpose than to make it possible for an owning class to continue to ride upon the backs of workers is gratifying to Socialists who saw from the start the real objectives of the "New Deal."

Even more to the point, however, was a supplementary report which was signed by Darrow and W. O. Thompson, a member of the (Continued on Page Three)

SLUMP IN JOBS DRAWING NEAR

Autos, Hosiery, Steel and
Silk Industries Face Lay-
offs — Americans Eating
Less Than Under Hoover

NEW YORK (FP)—Official re-
port of slight employment upturns
is just whistling in the dark. A
startling collapse of employment
is near.

The auto industry is producing
about 1,500,000 cars in the first
five months of the year and Presi-
dent Sloan of General Motors pre-
dicts fewer than 2,500,000 for the
year. Figure it out: It means a
50% cut in jobs for the next
seven months, on an average. Fir-
ing has started.

The hosiery industry will close
for two weeks in July because
sales lag, a prominent employer
says. Employers recently went on
record as favoring this over short-
er hours.

Layoffs Due Soon
The steel industry has reached a
high point of 61% of capacity due
to munitions sales, heavy auto pro-
duction and expectation of higher
prices. A cut in production and
jobs of as much as a half within
a few weeks is being predicted for
the industry.

The silk industry is already say-
ing that the closing down for the
week of May 14 to 21 was not
enough. Sales are still below pro-
duction and further wholesale lay-
offs loom.

Food sales are off at retail and
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What Reading Folks Are Talking About

THE FUSION SLATE suffered a
serious setback last week when
death removed McCormick G.
Moore as a Republican candidate
for the state legislature. There
now remains Herbert Rapp, who
was picked for Fusion, and Martin
Powers, who ran independently and
succeeded in losing Moore off the
Democratic ballot.

However, the Republicans will
not want to accept both Rapp and
Powers, as that would give too
much to the Democrats. So they're
looking around for somebody who
may be good enough as a vote
getter to help defeat the Socialists.

Verily, strange things happen in
politics. But strangest of all is
the fact that there are still a few
thousand old party voters who can
be pulled around by the nose by
the hand of Wellington Bertollet.

THE NUMBER RACKET must
go, according to statements is-
sued by both District Attorney
Wanner and Police Commissioner
J. Stanley Giles.

Despite the fact that the words
of those officials sound positive,
people are doubtfully asking a few
questions.

Why did the Fusion outfit in
city hall wait more than three
years before clamping on the lid—
after campaigning against the So-
cialists on a lily-white platform?

Why not open the frozen na-
tional banks and let the smaller
racketeers operate?

And who will buy thousands of
Reading Fair tickets when the big
racketeers are deprived of their
graft?

MORTGAGING THE PUBLIC is
the game which both city and
county officials are playing. Both
public bodies borrowed hundreds
of thousands of dollars during the
past week and that means that a
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BASKET PICNIC AT SOCIALIST PARK ON

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NEW YORK—Ten thousand men and women participated in a gigantic peace parade and demonstration, as part of the Good-Will Week exercises. The participating organizations included the War Resisters' League, the Committee

on International Justice and Good Will of the Greater New York Federation of Churches, the Free Synagogue, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Peaceways, Socialist Party, League for Industrial Democracy, New History Society, Fellowship of Reconciliation, and many similar organizations.

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Activities On The Local Union FrontBy EARL WHITE
Federated Trades Organizer**GAS STATION WORKERS HEAD TOWARD UNITY**

That the Democratic party's "New Deal" is daily turning out to be the rankest kind of a "shake" for workers was apparent on Tuesday evening at the organization meeting of the Gas and Oil Service Station Employees, held in Bricklayers Hall, 836 Elm street.

Fearful that their workers might unionize at the outset of the NRA, these large oil corporation bosses convinced their workers that a union was not necessary. Instead of time being the healer of all hurts, in their instance as soon as these monstrously trusting employers became confident that the NRA and its bally-hoo artist administrator Johnson did not mean what he said and Roosevelt was not cracking down upon him nor the bosses, they proceeded to take advantage in wages, hours and various other conditions.

Promises meant nothing and the service men had one additional lesson in the bosses' conscientiousness about his word of honor. In suit upon injury continued, until finally the service attendants are beginning to rebel under the strain of tightening up the belt another notch and hissing on standardized hours in the petroleum code.

Even under the constant threat and fear of losing their jobs, this class of workers turned out for a meeting and decided that tank truck drivers should be included. Meetings were arranged for next Monday and Tuesday evenings at the same place to give workers alternating on shifts an opportunity to attend. At that time application will be made for a charter and officers elected. Demands will be formulated later.

WINDOW CLEANERS HOLD CARD PARTY

At the Spanish War Veterans' Association hall on Franklin street, Wednesday evening, the

Window Cleaners Union held their first card party and dance. Popular among Reading's business men, the Window Cleaners had numerous valuable articles of merchandise donated to them, contributing toward the success of the affair. The shindig went off in such great style that there is considerable agitation for another and the officers are contemplating a summer affair at an early date.

Determined to suppress any uprising on the part of the workers by strike this summer or in the future, West Reading borough council has passed a "nuisance ordinance" similar to the one on the statute books of this city. Wyomissing "borough fathers," feeling equally enthusiastic about the protection of its "good patriotic" property owners, followed in the same footsteps by passing at first reading, a few weeks ago, an act identical with that of Reading and West Reading. Second reading will be held at borough council meeting on Thursday, May 31, and the third reading sometime subsequent to that.

Workers and their sympathizers in Wyomissing should protest at both of these meetings of council. The twin boroughs reciprocating police arresting powers in not merely a device to catch crooks, but is significant to what happened last summer and what appears to be in preparation for future strike situations.

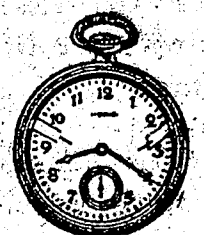
Workers are doing too little to protest such legislation. This is an opportunity and should be utilized to its fullest extent. Such ordinances put dangerous weapons into the hands of the workers' enemies and produce results such as are now taking place in Minneapolis.

READY TO GREET HOSIERY DELEGATES

The committee appointed by the Federated Trades Council to act as the reception and entertainment hosts to the Hosiery Workers convention, opening at the Berkshire Hotel, June 4, announces that its plans are complete. One high light feature of the week will be a tour of Reading and surrounding mountains on Wednesday immediately after adjournment. At the conclusion of the sight-seeing jaunt the delegates will be treated to a real Berks county feast at Haag's Washington House at Shartlesville. Entertainment and dancing will follow in the hall afterwards. Reading Company busses will be used to make the tour. Those desiring to participate may secure tickets from the writer, Harry Boyer, or Frank (Hap) Ward.

TONITE'S THE NITE FOR HARDWARE UNION

The Hardware and Allied Trade Workers Union meets tonight in St. Casimir's hall. All members are urged to attend. A barrel of beer will be on tap and fan dancing girls will be on hand to entertain. Who will want to miss that?

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in
"JUST AN ECHO"

"TUNE IN AND SING"
with LANNY ROSS

"CHANGE OF HEART"
AT EMBASSY TODAY

Eighteen months ago, the world-famous team of Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell dissolved on the completion of "Tess of the Storm Country."

Today, after an interlude marked by a flood of protests against the separation from screen fans and film exhibitors throughout the civilized world, these two favorites are appearing in their twelfth co-starring vehicle, "Change of Heart" at the Embassy Theatre Friday.

With them appears a brilliant supporting cast, headed by James Dunn and Ginger Rogers. Beryl Mercer, Gustav Von Seyffertitz, Fiske O'Hara, Irene Franklin, Shirley Temple, Jane Darwell and Nella Walker also have important roles.

Winfield Sheehan, vice-president and general manager of production at Fox Film, is the man responsible for Janet and Charlie's professional reunion. In the new offering which brings them back to the screen, however, he has introduced two significant changes: "Change of Heart" is the first picture definitely to present Janet in a grown-up role, and it is the first to reveal the two stars in a realistic setting.

The Embassy program also includes Bing Crosby in "Just An Echo" and Lanny Ross in "Tune In and Sing."

Electric Union Gains 10%

WASHINGTON — An agreement providing for a 10% wage increase was reached May 16 between the Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co., Evansville, Ind., and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, according to the National Labor Board.

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NEW BATTLE BEGINS TO FREE MOONEY

SAN FRANCISCO — A new fight to release Tom Mooney, based on the fact that he is being held in violation of the "due process of law" clause in the Federal Constitution, is being opened by Mooney's attorneys.

The petition points out that Mooney was acquitted May 24, 1933, on an indictment which covered the identical material on which he was convicted February 8, 1917, and that the earlier conviction was the direct result of a premeditated and deliberate frameup conspiracy.

The expense of this legal work places the tremendous burden on the Mooney Molders' Defense Committee of raising \$5,000 for briefing the great wealth of material in this 18-year-old case, stenographic, typing and other clerical help, office rent, supplies, printing and binding of briefs, postage, telegrams, telephone and transportation and traveling expenses for at least one of the attorneys, all of whom are donating their services.

Mooney is therefore asking that his friends immediately contribute as much as they can to the Defense Committee, mailing checks to P. O. Box 1475, San Francisco, Calif.

One way to torture your husband is to listen to his bit of gossip and then say: "Yes, I knew that."

Suspended Sentences Given Wichita "Rioters"

WICHITA, Kans. — Criminal syndicalism charges were dismissed and sentences for "rioting" were suspended against Socialists arrested in connection with a demonstration of the unemployed against the closing of the local relief station. The relief station has re-opened.

Ala. Unions Against Code Wage Differences

MOBILE, Ala. — A resolution calling for elimination of the 80% differential in the wage scale in the South as compared to that in the North has been adopted by the

Alabama Federation of Labor. The federation also went on record as favoring the same wages for women now doing work formerly done by men.

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WASH-LINE SOCIAL AT SOUTHERN

Wash-line parties are contagious, and the Southern Branch has caught the fever. After the business meeting on Friday evening, the party will be in full swing; so come prepared for a good time. Plans for taking care of the kitchen in the Park, on the first picnic day, June 10, will also be discussed, as the Southern Branch women have volunteered their services for that time. Every member is urged to be present.

TWO CARD PARTIES SATURDAY NIGHT

If you like to play cards you can safely choose one of the following Saturday night offerings: Labor Lyceum—This party will be under the auspices of the Central Branch Women. Prizes made by members of the branch will be awarded to winners. Lunch will be served throughout the evening, beginning at 5 o'clock. Playing will start at 8.

1311 North 9th Street—The women of the Northeast Branch will be the hostesses at this card party. Fine prizes and good eats will be there. Playing will start at 8:30.

WORKERS WANTED SUNDAY AT SOCIALIST PARK

Are you willing to give a day's work to put your Park in ship-shape for the summer's activities? If so, be at Labor Lyceum Sunday at 8:30 a. m. Trucks to take you to the Park will be furnished by John S. Clouser, Clarence Prutzman, George Pawling and Al Kleckner.

SOCIALIST CHORUSES WILL BROADCAST OVER WEEU SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Members of both Chorus are asked to be at Labor Lyceum at 2 p. m. Saturday for a rehearsal in preparation for the broadcast over Station WEEU on Sunday.

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TEMPLE BRANCH

Future meetings of Temple Branch will begin at 8:30, daylight time, until the return of standard time. Temple Socialists are urged to note this change and attend their branch meetings every Monday night in St. Marcko's hall.

ALL BRANCHES, ATTENTION!

Cards, advertising the first picnic of the season, will soon be at all branch headquarters. Members are asked to see that they are placed on display where they will do the most good.

Y. P. S. L. NOTES

Yipsels, remember the delayed doggie roast and dancing social that will be held by the Berkshire Heights comrades in the red barn along the "Tully." The cost of the social will be 10 cents. The Yipsels will meet at the Labor Lyceum at 7 p. m. Yipsels are urged to attend and become acquainted with the Berkshire Heights comrades. All welcome!

The Yipsels will hold a swimming party on Sunday at Comrade Nordby's summer resort. The cost of the trip will be 10 cents. We will leave the Lyceum at 1 o'clock. Be there promptly.

All Yipsels who desire to accompany us on our trip to Allentown on Saturday, June 16, will give their money to either Comrades Shirk or Snow. The cost of the trip will be 25 cents. The truck will leave the Lyceum at 1:30 p. m. You are requested to get your money in at least two weeks ahead of time if it is at all possible. We want as large a crowd as possible.

Circle 9 will not hold their meeting on the regular night because of Memorial Day. The meeting has been postponed until the following Friday, June 1st. The meeting will be held at the Southern Branch at 8 o'clock; a half hour later than the usual meeting time.

Circle 7 will hold a hike on Tuesday, May 29th. The destination is unknown. This makes it more interesting. All Yipsels are invited. There is no cost, attached to the hike. Be there!

All members of Circle 6 are requested to be present at the next meeting for the election of the officers that will serve you for the next year. This is very important as the officers are the backbone of any Yipset circle.

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SOCIALIST PLAN

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Board and Darrow's former law partner, in which the "New Deal" codes were described as "regimented organization for exploitation." This report concludes:

Social Ownership Necessary

"The choice is between monopoly sustained by government, which is clearly the trend in the National Recovery Administration; and a planned economy, which demands socialized ownership and control, since only by collective ownership can the inevitable conflict of separately owned units for the market be eliminated in favor of planned production."

"There is no hope for the small business or for complete recovery in America in enforced restriction upon production for the purpose of maintaining higher prices."

Urges Socialization

"The hope for the American people, including the small business man, not to be overwhelmed by their own abundance, lies in the planned use of American resources, following socialization."

"To give the sanction on Government to sustain profits is not a planned economy, but a regimented organization. The N. R. A. is at present in the stage of conflict of interest; but, in proportion as the authority of Government sanctions regulation by industrial combinations, the inevitable tendency is toward monopoly, with elimination of the small business."

"While under the codes the cost of living increases," the five Board members stated, "wages have not risen accordingly. The prices charged for some articles the poor should have, as much as the rich, have been in some instances prohibitory. According to the bulletins of the Department of Labor, taking the average cost of all foods in 1913 as 100, their cost in April, 1933, was 90 and in April, 1934, it was 107. Fifty-one cities showed in this year an advance in food prices of from 10 to 27 per cent. Rent, fuel, light, house furnishings and other items showed at the end of the year, after the codes had begun to operate, a marked upward tendency."

Johnson Calls Names

Unable to defend either the accomplishments or the aims of the administration set-up, the Washington ballyhoo crew, with Johnson, as their leader, resorted to the calling of names. The report was denounced by Johnson as "a political sound board" and the charge was made that the report had been inspired by Charles Edward Russell, who was described as a Socialist.

However, even newspapers which are under the dictation of the nation's exploiters could not hide the fact that the sentiment of the report was shared by many independent thinkers who base their judgments upon economic facts and not upon political expediency.

Dr. Karl W. Scholz, professor of economics at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, declared that "Darrow's report, pointing out a general trend under N. R. A. toward monopoly, merely confirms an opinion long since held by many economists of which I am one."

The socialization of our industries, whether we like it or not, is indicated by the trend of the times and logic of events. We must face this and realize that with the integration of industry will come social control and if social control fails we must then go forward to socialization of industry."

Dr. F. Cyril James, of the same school, declared that the Darrow report did not go far enough and said that criticism might have been made of other codes in addition to attacking the steel and motion picture industry codes.

Republicans In Ticklish Spot

While the immediate effect of the Darrow report was to bring joy to standpat Republican ranks, Darrow's declaration that only socialization of industry would suffice to solve the nation's economic problems had a sobering effect. Likewise self-styled "liberals" who were supporting President Roosevelt and occasionally goading him to further action, found the Darrow recommendations far from their liking.

The Philadelphia Record is among the latter group. In a leading editorial under the caption,

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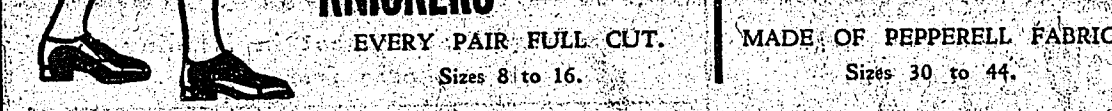


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N. R. A. Can Succeed," the "liberal" Record is moved by the report and Darrow's recommendations to weakly plead that "the way to make N. R. A. succeed is to re-shape N. R. A."

In an official comment released with the report, Administrator Johnson charged that Darrow's supplementary report, "stripped of shadowy verbiage," meant that "the choice of the American people is between Fascism and Communism." As his stated alternative to these, Gen. Johnson declared for "our democratic institutions of self-government." However, Johnson's words are the utterances of Fascists-the-world-over and do not alter the fact brought out by the Darrow document that "self-government" under the "New Deal" means government of, for and by the nation's small but mighty owning class.

HARTFORD, Conn. — Despite active picketing by members of the Independent Union of Aircraft Workers, the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co. and the Hamilton Standard Propeller Co. plants in East Hartford have been opened with strikebreakers. They had been closed for more than a month by the strike of 1,400 employees.

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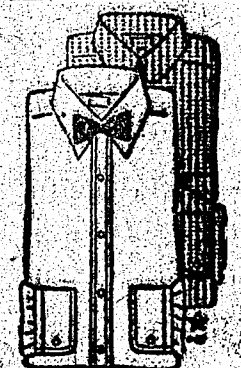
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WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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larger portion of the dwindling tax receipts will have to go to the money lenders.

Why our officials act like this is a matter which every voter ought to understand. It is not that they are either "good" men or "bad" men. The reason they mortgage the future is because they are not getting the money they ought to get.

And, of course, the reason the money is not coming in by the tax route is because there are so many people who are unable to pay taxes.

Isn't it funny that such poverty should exist in this wealthy nation? No, dear reader, it's not funny, but natural, since wealth is produced for private profits and not for the common welfare. If the nation were to take over the mills and mines and railroads and banks, and operate them for the public's good there would be no need to economize. But that would be Socialism, you know, and there's still too many boneheaded workers who would rather starve than deprive useless parasites of their profits.

NORMAN THOMAS was arrested in Taylorville, Ill., last Monday for daring to exercise his constitutional right for free speech and assemblage. Because Thomas is a nationally known and widely respected character, that arrest was news. But what happened to Thomas is happening to workers all over this land of the free and home of the brave.

Workers who think they are "free and independent Americans" ought to wake up. The arrest of Thomas in Taylorville is no less an attack at civil rights than the arrest of a leader of an unemployed group in Reading.

Once again, workers, you better organize economically and politically. As Capitalism continues to get weaker, those who oppose Socialism will take more desperate means to keep workers submissive. your liberties and even your lives are not too high a price for the owners and their political lackeys to pay in the struggle to perpetuate the profit system.

SERB WORKERS' PAY will be the largest since April 1. So the daily press proudly stated this week. And then—\$30,000 will be paid to 3,150 employees, the news writers tell us.

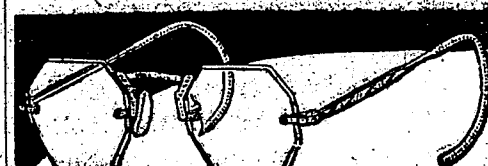
How proud we should be that in this rich American nation so many families are living on less than \$10 per day! Perhaps it was such figures as that which induced local officers of a veterans' organization—who, by the way, receive much more than that—to tell Eric Biddle that some of the unemployed are asking for too much.

We can't understand veterans who approve of \$10 pays for family heads. If our memory serves us correctly, they fought to make the world a decent place to live in. Can it be that the doughboys meant \$10 wages when they spoke of "decency"?

CLOSING THE PLAYGROUNDS is another quaint way of demonstrating that we are now on the high road to recovery. We have more idle factories than ever before, more hungry children, and now more empty playgrounds.

Why do we act like that? Oh, just because we'd rather continue the Capitalist racket than give our kids the things they ought to have. Queer people, these anti-Socialist workers.

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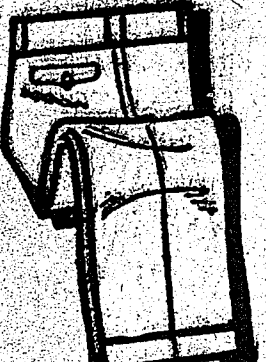
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HOSIERY MEET

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ter of immediate interest to the hosiery representatives.

From many sections of the nation, where company unions have been organized in shops which also have branches of the hosiery workers' organization, there have come reports of discrimination in favor of the company unionists and against workers who belong to the A. F. of L. union. How to combat such tactics on the part of anti-union employers will be a topic which is certain to interest every delegate.

Local Workers Affected
Upon the decisions of the convention will depend the action of local hosiery unionists with regard to tactics which will be pursued to win a satisfactory agreement with local hosiery bosses.

While the contract under which local union members are working and the hosiery bosses will expire with the end of May, it is considered probable that there will not be a walkout at that time. On the other hand, a strike is considered as a certainty later in the season unless an agreement is reached which will satisfy union demands.

At the present time a bitter feeling exists in the local hosiery industry as a result of the refusal of the employers to comply with the ruling of Dr. George W. Taylor, who had been mutually selected as a mediator, with regard to the needles should be furnished at the expense of the employers. The refusal of the latter to abide by that decision has opened the eyes of many company union members to the need for an organization which shall be entirely free from the influence of employers.

Following the action of the hosiery bosses, Dr. Taylor resigned as mediator and has since issued a statement in which he deplored the bad faith of the employers. President Rieve can be depended upon to use the defiance of the bosses as an object lesson for all workers when he addresses the convention. Rieve stated at the

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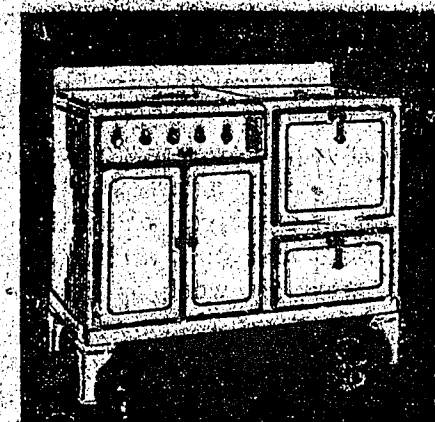
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SUBS DEMONSTRATE FOR REGULAR POSTAL JOBS

WASHINGTON—Several hundred postal substitutes from most of the big eastern cities marched through Washington with banners on May 18, visiting Congress and the White House and demanding passage of the Celler bill (H. R. 6560) to give them regular jobs by filling existing postal vacancies.

The demonstration was organized by the National Association of Substituted Post Office Employees, not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. This organization whose headquarters are in Philadelphia and whose president is Albert Gottlieb, reports 85 locals throughout the country and 5,000 members, many of whom also belong to the A. F. of L. postal unions.

The delegates put up a fight for equal rights for Negroes on the evening of their arrival. About

80 of them checked out of a hotel after midnight, when accommodations were refused for five Negro delegates. White and Negro postal substitutes walked the streets till 3 in the morning before accommodations were found to satisfy their objections to race discrimination.

Some 15,000 vacancies have occurred and not been filled, in the last four years, according to the association, yet many of its members have subsided as long as 11 years. Average wages of postal substitutes in 1933 were \$7 a week, it says.

Painters Strike in Phila.

PHILADELPHIA—About 3,000 painters, paperhangers and dec-

orators struck in Philadelphia for a wage of \$1 an hour in the painters' code which is being drawn up. Many employers acceded to the demand immediately and several hundred returned to work on the second day of the strike.

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PROTESTS WIN CASH FOR N. Y. FAMILIES ON RELIEF

NEW YORK—A significant change in the method of giving family relief has been made in New York City.

Instead of food vouchers, the 160,000 families on home relief will be given city checks and allowed to purchase necessities in their own fashion. Eventually this will be extended to other

forms of relief such as rent, gas and electric, and clothing. If, however, "the recipient proves unable to manage his or her funds," the right will be withdrawn.

The change is said to be the result of agitation on the part of social workers and groups interested in the position of the unemployed, who have attempted to humanize the relief and eliminate the taint of charity. Checks will be delivered to the homes of the families every two weeks.

"Present relief funds are not at

all adequate," Welfare Commissioner Hodson was told by a group of relief workers who called to protest the small rent allowances. They said that families, put out of houses condemned in the city's drive for slum clearance, received rent money from the city to put them back in the same sort of fire-traps and disease-spreading quarters they had vacated.

Dr. John Slawson, executive director of the Jewish Board of Guardians, and Harry Louie, director of the Board of Social Research, were members of the group.

Promiss Action On Sharecropper Charges

WASHINGTON—Eight, extension agents of the Department of Agriculture have been assigned to "investigate and adjust" complaints of discrimination against southern sharecroppers, raised by Norman Thomas following a recent trip through Arkansas and Tennessee. The Thomas report, together with all other complaints, will be "referred" to this committee. A committee of southerners recently investigated and confirmed Thomas' charges.

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that they have nothing to hope for from their public officials."

Predicts Fusion Opposition
Rhodes predicted that future strikes in Reading will see the Fusion administration of this city playing a more vicious role than they did a year ago. "The workers of this city have been given sufficient evidence of our local officials' intentions. By the purchase of machine guns and the establishment of working relations with borough police forces our Fusionists are placing themselves in a better position to hamper strikers. The enforcement of the infamous 'nuisance ordinance' is likely to mean nothing more than a way of compelling workers to accept whatever terms the industrial backers of Fusion wish to impose. Only by efficient organization can the workers of this city hope to escape the same kind of tactics which are being used in Minneapolis, Toledo and elsewhere."

Store Clerks Organize

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News Item—Munitions stocks soar on the announcement of war scares in the Far East and Europe and on U. S. naval building program.

RAPS

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real taxpayers realize that the full duty of the Berks County Relief Board is to make the available money spread to do the most good to the most people. "This committee, representing an organization of over 1,300 Berks county former service men, takes this occasion to commend the members of the Berks County Relief Board and the supervisors for the whole-hearted efforts and splendid spirit of cheerful service they have given to alleviate discomforts and cheer the lot of our families who have had to apply for help.

"We have personally found that the local board, especially directors Witman, Rothrauff and Kintzer, have always been willing to investigate and instantly remedy any just complaint. Very truly yours,
"Employment and Relief Committee,"
"Veterans' Association,"
Called Bootlicking.

"Such statements in the name of an organization of veterans is an example of bootlicking which every rank and file veteran will resent," Grow declared. "There are thousands of families in this community which are existing far below the decency level. Commander Day should be thankful that he does not have to exist on the income which the unemployed are forced to make meet their

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needs. But he should not pay for his favored position by belittling the needs of the jobless. It is not hard to imagine that rank and file veterans, who are among the worst sufferers and the most shamefully neglected victims of Capitalism's collapse, will be surprised to know that a few officers of their organization are presuming to speak for them in that manner.

Vets. Should Rebuke Leaders
"Both the Taxpayers' Protective League and the CWA-PWA Union have been and will continue to press for relief standards in keeping with the productive ability of our highly developed industrial system. We are not so much concerned about whether individuals are doing the best they can under the circumstances, but we are out to make those circumstances as favorable as possible to the cast-off worker. If the veterans wish to help their comrades in the ranks of the unemployed, they should use their organization to co-operate with us and rebuke officials who place the approval of their organization upon the quality of relief which all unemployed has been receiving."

MOVIES AND RADIO CONVENTION FEATURES

CHICAGO—A motion picture of Eugene V. Debs in action will be shown at the mass meeting which is to be held Thursday evening, May 31, in connection with the Socialist national convention in Detroit which meets June 1 to 3.

The convention banquet, to be held Saturday night, will feature another motion picture, in this case a sound film of the party's convention held in 1932 at Milwaukee. This is one of the last pictures ever taken of Morris Hillquit, another pioneer of American Socialism. Reservations for the banquet must be sent in by delegates and visitors at once, addressed to Local Detroit, Socialist Party, 225 E. Forest ave., Detroit, Mich. The charge is \$1.25 a plate.

Two Radio Broadcasts
Both the NBC and CBS radio chains will carry programs from the convention. The CBS broadcast will be Thursday evening, May 31, for one-half hour starting at 8:30, eastern daylight saving time. The NBC program will be Saturday evening, beginning at 10:30.

A souvenir journal is being published in connection with the convention. Contributions include many of the leaders of world Socialism, including Leo Krzycki, Norman Thomas, Fred Henderson, Harold Laski, Harry W. Laidler, Arthur Henderson, John Work and Theodore Debs. The journal will be sold for 25 cents a copy to delegates and visitors, and the proceeds over expenses will be used to help pay some of the incidental costs of the convention.

JOB AND PAY

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a decline, affecting about 39,000 workers.

The total number of workers directly employed on public works was 370,000 in April, Miss Perkins reported, their month's pay amounting to \$18,000,000. Fifteen thousand were employed on projects financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and \$12,000,000 in the Civilian Conservation Corps. The monthly payroll for workers on RFC projects was \$1,500,000 while that for the CCC was \$12,000,000.

Gov't Lacks Accurate Figures
In regard to living costs, Isador Lubin, commissioner of labor statistics, said that while the bureau did not have accurate figures on the cost of living in general, its figures did show that food costs had risen 16% since last April and clothing 28%, but that service costs (such as streetcar) had not gone up and rents had gone down. Weekly per capita earnings of workers, he said, had gone up 27.7 per cent.

These estimates are widely at variance with those of the American Federation of Labor, which estimated that the individual worker's average weekly wage increased 9.7% between March, 1933, and March, 1934, while cost of living increased 9.3%.

Injunction Against Party In Toledo Labor Fight

TOLEDO—Common pleas judge Roy Stuart granted a temporary injunction restraining picketing of the Bingham Stamping and Auto-Lite plants by the Lucas County Unemployed League and the Socialist Party. A mass demonstration for relief was staged by a committee of the two organizations, in which the Central Labor Union joined. Employed trade-unionists and the unemployed gathered together to demand decent measures for the protection of the jobless.

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THOMAS SCORES

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where people go to church most regularly and you have the section where lynching is most prevalent and most stoutly defended, Thomas added, saying that clergymen in the South had spoken to him in extenuation of lynchings there. Nevertheless ministers should stay in the church and work against war and for social justice there, he advised.

Methodists Against War
In Evanston a three-day meeting devoted to world peace heard praise of Soviet Russia's peace policy, denunciation of the profit system and impassioned declarations against war. The meeting was under Methodist auspices and held at Garrett Biblical Institute. A Negro led the singing, introduced by the Rev. E. F. Little of the leading church in Evanston.

Ralph Sockman, a New York pastor, told of a woman parishioner who hoped her stocks would pay dividends again so she could go to Europe once more before the next war. "If you are waiting for dividends to resume before the next war we have a good chance of eternal peace," he said he told her.

Youths Protest
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wholesale, with employment in the industry dropping as a result. A. & P. sales were down 10% in tons in April from April, 1933, and other chain groceries make similar reports. We are eating less food than during the worst 1932 months.

The cotton industry is planning to close down a week a month for three months. The summer will be a black period for labor unless something drastic is done. Observers are urging that President Roosevelt take a billion of the profits made on gold inflation and distribute that purchasing power among the unemployed through a new—and much better—CWA.

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Sarah A. Hains, late of the Borough of Laureldale, deceased.
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STRIKING AS WORKERS BUT VOTING AS
EXPLOITERS

Socialists, understanding that the interests of all workers are bound together, have more than an academic sympathy for the striking truck drivers of Minneapolis. They recognize the fact that the success of the truck drivers will be a gain for the entire working class and are therefore hoping that the organized truck drivers will be able to win their demands and strengthen their union.

However, when news of the bloody riot in that city was flashed over the wires and published in Wednesday's newspapers, we could not help but reflect that such outbreaks occur only because the workers of all crafts and callings have not yet learned the necessity of standing together in political as well as economic organizations of their own class.

The news reports told us that 5,000 persons rioted. We wondered how many of those 5,000 voted for the system against which, knowingly or unknowingly, they were striking and demonstrating.

Because it is true, it cannot be said too often that governments in a class society are the instruments whereby one class oppresses and exploits another class. That being true, it is up to the working class to unite their forces and capture the powers of government.

Too many workers fail to understand that the chief reason for voting is not to elect good men, not to abolish graft, not to assure efficiency in operation and economy in expenditures, but to gain control of the power to lay down the rules under which the game of life is played.

Because the majority of America's workers vote to place the law-making and law-enforcing functions in the hands of representatives of the owning class, laws are made to protect the owners in their ability to own the means of life and to dictate the terms and conditions under which workers may work and live. We Socialists deplore such unclass-conscious voting. We urge the workers to vote together as they strike together, not merely to gain a few more crumbs, but to take over the industries and operate them for social welfare instead of for the profit of parasites.

TWO NEWS ITEMS

Two news items in Wednesday's issue of the New York Times illustrate how hopelessly to sea the national administration has drifted in its efforts to revive the outworn Capitalist system and salvage for the owners of industry their disappearing opportunities to exploit the nation.

One tells us that, beginning June 4, the cotton textile industry will limit the use of its productive machinery to 75 per cent of the present maximum hours for a period of twelve weeks. The other announces that the Currency Committee of the national House of Representatives has put on speed toward passage of a bill for \$440,000,000 loans to industry.

The one bill would restrict industry. The other evidently aims to make industry more active. How ridiculous!

Why should the textile industry curtail production? Is it because every man, woman and child in America has enough clothing? No, it is because the owning class has more cotton goods than can be sold to impoverished workers who are no longer needed by private industry. And why should the government lend money to private industries? In order that certain labor exploiters may be able to pay workers wages with which to purchase the products of textile mills.

The administration must take such round-about methods of keeping the Capitalist system going because the system can no longer travel under its own power. But the thing for the workers of America to learn is that all such measures to bolster up the profit system are adopted only because the powers that be simply will not do the right thing.

The right thing is to take over the industries and operate them for the sole purpose of filling the needs of the people. If that were done there would be no profits for idle owners, of course. But neither would there be half clothed and hungry children in every city and town in the nation.

The "New Deal" administration is determined to safeguard the interests of the profit-takers, no matter how long the common herd must suffer. Socialists are eager to provide abundantly for the welfare of the American masses, no matter how much of their legal graft the owners must sacrifice. Those opposite objectives explain the real difference between the old political parties and the Socialist party. But who can explain why the American people are apparently more willing to fix matters up for the owners than to solve economic problems to their own advantage?

THE WORLD
IN REVIEW

By J. T. S.

NRA BENEFITS

The report of the Darrow committee contains striking evidence of charges that radicals have made, that under many of the codes big business has been put in complete control of industry, unhampered by anti-trust legislation, and allowed to build up monopolies and oppress small competitors. Consumers have of course suffered more than have small business men from the abuse of these powers.

The remarkable effect of the N. R. A. in stimulating the profits of big business has been strikingly shown by a recent publication of the National City Bank. The bank's April letter reports that 1,476 companies which suffered a \$97,000,000 deficit in 1932 have earned a profit of \$861,000,000 in 1933. By way of contrast the workingman, for whose benefit we were told, the N. I. R. A. was largely passed, is only very slightly better off now than he was last summer, for rising living costs have absorbed all but a small share of his increased money wage. Those who received no such increase, needless to say, now have a lower standard of living than a year ago. In the last six months hourly wages have remained stationary, but profits have continued to mount.

The President is at last considering, we are told, an amendment to the Recovery Act that will relate minimum wage provisions to the cost of living. That simple and elementary act of justice to the working class has been urged upon him since the act was first thought of, but thus far he has turned a deaf ear to such proposals. Even now, however, he will merely suggest such an amendment, and wait until the next session of Congress before introducing any legislation. That means that another year will elapse before workers can rest assured that the result of the N. R. A. will not be to lower their living standards.

As for small business, it is doomed by the inevitable concentration of industry into ever larger units, whether or not any N. R. A. is in existence. The 200 largest non-financial corporations in the United States controlled 45 per cent of all non-corporate wealth in 1927. Four years later their share had grown to 55 per cent, and before 1950, if the present trend continues, it will have reached 80 per cent. Capitalism has always tended towards monopoly, regardless of the regulations established by law.

There is only one solution of our economic difficulties, and that is the elimination of private ownership of the means of production, and the substitution of a co-operative economic system for the present chaos.

MUNITIONS AND PATRIOTISM

It is no secret that the Nye committee to investigate the armaments industry is already uncovering an unsavory mess. Although formal hearings have not yet begun, the committee's investigators are already at work, and enough is known about the workings of the industry to justify a pretty good guess as to the iniquitous practices that are part and parcel of the bloody traffic in arms.

Munitions manufacturers, like all other business men, are primarily interested in profits, and it is a matter of indifference to them who purchases their wares. American soldiers in their imperialistic adventures in Latin-America have regularly been killed with guns manufactured in this country. We sold airplanes to both Peru and Columbia during their recent border war, and indeed the same company did business with both governments. We likewise are selling to both Paraguay and Bolivia, and during the late unofficial war between Japan and China we sold impartially to both.

Our armament kings have never been troubled by the laws against collusive bidding. When Roosevelt last fall allotted over \$200,000,000 of public works money to the building of naval armament, the three leading firms in this country arranged in advance which share of the juicy contract each should get, and submitted bids accordingly. The lobby maintained in Washington by the armament industry is one of the most powerful in existence.

Nor are the armament lords of other countries any nobler. Japan supplied its enemy China with the material of war, and France, England and Germany indirectly supplied each other with war neces-

sities during 1914-1918 in the most charming fashion.

Though private armament firms increase the danger of war, it is a mistake to look upon them as the fundamental cause. The fundamental cause is capitalism, and we shall have wars so long as capitalism persists.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

By JOHN PAINE
Federated Press

The U. S. and France scorn to use the Hotchkiss machinegun. Japan, on the contrary, uses it extensively.

The Hotchkiss Co. keeps a special office for the Japanese military attache on its private testing range near Paris to keep him "comfortable."

Berlin is to spend millions of marks on bomb-proof cellars. And one is to be so equipped that Adolf can, like a general, die in bed.

The 98 workers who were killed in the construction of the world's longest double-track railway tunnel were doubtless cheered in their fascist heaven when Italy's king dedicated a memorial fountain for them.

Only Benito could have cheered them more; and he can scarcely be bothered with a mere 98.

We just wonder what the guy who was acquitted when 47 alleged German Communists were sentenced had to do to get in the good graces of Handsome Adolf.

Farmers fighting the goat plague in Arkansas were urged to smear their cattle with rancid lard and kerosene.

Would the government supply the fat and oil, many wondered.

On the floor of the Italian Chamber of Deputies in its final session were "palms and 800 black shirted Senators and Deputies," says a news item.

No connections between palms and fascists, so the flowers must have been for the funeral of democracy in Italy.

Program for tonight's drama: Time: today. Characters: very heavy comedy.

Act I. Early spring 1934. The President appoints committee to survey NRA on behalf of Little Fellow.

Act II. Late spring, 1934, Monday morning, committee reports that NRA will destroy Little Fellow.

Act III. Same Monday afternoon, early. President destroys committee.

Bethlehem Steel can never repay its debt to Charles M. Schwab, stormed Pres. Eugene Grace when the stockholders gripped about Charles's salary (bonuses excluded) being raised from \$150,000 in 1929 to \$250,000 in 1932.

Franklin D. Roosevelt viewed 500 talkie news reels during 11 months.

He ought to know our president's smile by now.

Signs of the Times

Aid is already being prepared for the farm regions suffering from drought.

Food is being rushed in. For the animals.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

REFLECTIONS

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As an individual who tries to understand the functioning of our economic system I, too, see that the planned economy which Mr. Roosevelt desires will drive weak and inefficient businesses to the wall and deposit small business men into the ranks of the overcrowded working class. But as a Socialist who has a plan to adjust that development, I am not wasting one single tear on small businesses. Darrow knows the same thing and feels about it as I do. Walter Lippmann knows it—and knows that there is nothing contradictory in Darrow's statement and Darrow's recommendations.

SOCIALISM DOES NOT mean that jobs will be preserved for the sake of the jobs themselves. That is the Capitalist way of solving the problems which arise in an economy of production for private profit. Socialists DO wish to centralize the business of production and distribution. They DO wish to abolish small and inefficient business enterprises. But Socialists also demand that all who are willing to do their share of so-

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NEITHER DARROW NOR I will weep for the little business man. But tears will not save him, nor are they what he needs to compensate him for the loss of his precarious "independence." What the little business man does need—and what he had better help us Socialists to get—is the planned economy for which Socialists have been striving.

After all, most small business men have little more than a headache to lose. Their race is run and they are headed toward the ranks of the proletariat. They had better recognize the truth and devote their talents and abilities to the development of a system under which all the bountiful resources of this rich nation will be operated to provide plenty and leisure to all citizens.

Darrow says so. We have been saying so for a long time. And neither Walter Lippmann nor any other word juggler can successfully quibble against the inexorable development of economic forces.

New Socialist Weekly
Announces Farm Congress

MILWAUKEE—A Socialist Farmers' Conference, to be held at Wausau, Wis., June 9-10, is announced in the Wisconsin Leader, new worker-farmer paper sponsored by the Socialist Party state organization. The conference will wrap up the portions of the state platform dealing with agriculture.

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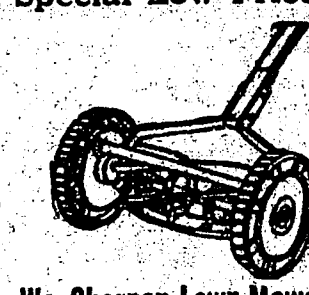
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