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## Fusion Gyps City To Favor Big Interests In New Water Rates

Give 20-Cent Sop to Many While Hotels and Industries Have Bills Cut in Half

### RECALLS '27 ASSESSMENT

Discrimination In "Sliding Scale" Water Bills Again Reveals Who Fusion Group Serves

Brazen discrimination in the water rates promulgated by the former Fusion administration is revealed by a comparison of the schedule of prices formerly in force and the charges now levied against the users of city water. The present schedule became effective last January. Analysis of bills rendered to ordinary householders show that—While the present water rates result in a approximate saving of 20 cents per month to the householder of Reading, the benefits to the larger users run into the thousands of dollars monthly.

The Advocate has been waiting for some member of the present Fusion council to protest against the price schedule now in force as a piece of flagrant class legislation. However, the death of Councilman Emil L. Nuebling, the only recognized friend of the water plant in city council, leaves little hope that any effort will be made to correct an injustice against the rank and file citizens of Reading and to the advantage of big industrialists, hotels and other profit-taking enterprises.

Snyder Quotes Figures  
Just how the new water rates reduces the bills of Fusion's chief backers was revealed this week by George D. Snyder, former revenue control clerk under the Socialist administration.

Referring to a statement made by Water Engineer O'Reilly in support of the present "sliding scale" charges, in which O'Reilly informed council that the domestic users of Reading use approximately 750 cubic feet of water in three months, Snyder pointed out that under the old schedule that amount of water was costing the average citizen of Reading \$2.40. In this figure was included a meter charge of 50 cents per month. Now the user of 750 cubic feet pays a flat rate of \$1.80 and has a saving of 60 cents over a three-month period.

What the Big Fellow Saves  
While the saving of 20 cents per month is welcome to the average householder, few citizens will accept so small a bribe to silence them against a raid on water incomes in favor of a small but powerful minority of users. As against the 20 cents saved by the average family, the new rates reveal an astounding reduction in the bills of large owners. Quoting one case which represents by no means the largest user of city water, Snyder mentioned one hotel whose monthly consumption of water is approximately 700,000 cubic feet.

Under the old rate the amount collected monthly from this hotel was about \$840. With the new "sliding scale" in effect, and not

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## Don't Let Fusion Ruin Reading's Water Works

Citizens of Reading, your water works are in danger!

The Advocate repeats this warning and urgently directs your thoughtful attention to the story of discrimination—discrimination against a public utility in behalf of a favored few—which appears in this issue.

The disclosure of how Reading's Fusion city councilmen are slashing water rates proves again whose interests the Fusion gang serves. Even the most simple-minded rank and file Democrat or Republican will not for a minute believe that the rates were changed in order to save 20 cents monthly for the common people of Reading. Such a saving is scarcely worth bothering about.

The real reason for the "sliding scale" schedule was to enable the big business profiteers—who are Fusion's bosses and backers—to save the thousands of dollars which they have been keeping every month of the present year. They will continue to keep those thousands—and the city will continue to lose revenue—as long as the corporation-serving Fusion outfit exercises political power in Reading.

However, there is more to what has happened than the savings which have already and will continue to benefit large property owners and labor exploiters.

Engineer O'Reilly hinted at still another motive for price reductions when he told the former council that reduced rates would make it possible for outside interests to purchase Reading's water. Already the pipes are installed to receive Reading water in the borough of Wyomissing. O'Reilly thinks it will be a good thing for Reading to supply water to boroughs at the reduced rate which the "sliding scale" affords. The industrial dictators of Wyomissing are of the same opinion—and their opinion is a powerful argument with Wellington Bertolet, Reading's big Fusion boss.

In addition to explaining the reduction in rates to large users, orders from Wyomissing may also answer the question: "Why has Reading's water resources been increased far beyond the city's requirements?"

Between the years 1926 and 1932 the average daily consumption of water has dropped from 18,433,787 gallons to 10,596,212 gallons. Yet the extension program has been vigorously pushed, while

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## FUSION MAN-DRIVING BRINGS STRIKE OF GARBAGE SLINGERS

Bertolet's Officials Promptly Hire Strikebreakers. "Economy" Practiced on Labor While Smith Draws Two Salaries

Fusion garbage slingers struck against Reading's Fusion officials last Sunday night when two of their number were unceremoniously fired for protesting against what the strikers describe as "speed-up tactics." The Fusion bosses promptly replaced seven out of a crew of nine in the most approved fashion of strikebreaking bosses everywhere and are now declaring that "there is no strike."

### VOTED TWICE FOR ABE HE'S A SOCIALIST NOW

KANSAS CITY—Orson Greene, 100 years old this month, voted twice for Lincoln, has lived to see his son's golden wedding anniversary, and has been a Socialist since he was seventy. He now lives on a 160-acre farm in Jackson county, Mo., where he has his own truck garden patch and his own two cows which he milks morning and evening.

He was in the 100th Ohio Infantry during the Civil War, but his division saw no active service. "War is the most foolish thing in the world," says Greene. "Only the shell makers profit. They gratified their greed in the Civil War just as they did in the World War. The Civil War taught me a lesson. I knew what the result of the World War would be. If all the

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Reduction in the number of trucks in service from four to three, with consequent additional work for the crews who were left on the job was the cause of the complaint which resulted in the discharge of Jesse Barnes and James Witon, two of the slingers. For some time, the strikers declare, man-driving policies had been compelling them to inhuman exertion in the collection of garbage. They assert that they have been complaining about the reduction in the working force since June 20, but declare that no attention was paid to their requests for the relief which an additional truck would provide.

Part of "Economy" Policy  
The tactics of the Fusion city officials is viewed as part of the "economy" policy for which the Fusion voters cast their ballots when they voted for the present officials. Faced with a depleted city treasury which has caused them to appropriate almost a half million dollars of water funds for

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## ALL WOMEN'S DAY PICNIC

Sunday, July 22nd

Socialist Park, Sinking Spring

Band Concert--Gordon McLean, Leader

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## AAA, WEATHER HELP WALL ST.

Destroyed and Ruined Crops Cause Shortage Which Brings Price Raises For Big Gamblers

NEW YORK (FP)—The AAA, with the help of the weather man, has done a very satisfactory job so far as the speculators of Wall Street and LaSalle Street are concerned. With the recent announcement that the cotton acreage will be the smallest since 1905 and the crop barely above 10,000,000 bales, certainly the smallest since 1923 and possibly for a much longer time, cotton jumped a cent a pound in Wall Street. When the government added that wheat, oats, barley, rye and flax would have the smallest crops for 30 years, the Chicago Pit went wild and LaSalle Street quotations jumped the maximum allowed under federal restrictions, 5c a bushel for wheat.

The reason for these record-breaking small crops is the combination of the AAA program for small planting in the spring and

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## YOUNG SOCIALISTS ASK FEDERAL AID TO SCHOOLS

PHILADELPHIA—Young people from every part of the country who are leaders of the Young Socialist movement, called for federal support of schools in impoverished sections of the nation at the final session of the two-day meeting of the national executive committee of the Young People's Socialist League.

"Closed schools over the length of our country are a menace to the development of youth and to the intelligent functioning of political democracy," said Arthur G. McDowell, national chairman of the Y. P. S. L., when he announced the adoption of the resolution.

Protest Scottsboro Decision  
Resolutions protesting against the Scottsboro decision of the state supreme court of Alabama and against the lack of vigorous action to meet the severe crisis of unemployment which youth finds itself faced with, featured the final session.

At other sessions of the meet-

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## LABOR BEHIND AKRON STRIKE

Rubber Workers Will Refuse Government Settlement Similar to Agreement in Steel and Autos

AKRON, O. (FP)—"There will be no settlements like those in the steel and auto industries in Akron. The rubber workers will never consent to take their case before any body on which they do not have fair representation."

Coleman Claherty, Rubber Workers' Council head, so declared in answer to a Regional Labor Board proposal that the General Tire & Rubber Co. strike be submitted to the new presidential labor board.

Reject Co. Unionism  
Following the labor board proposal, company officials made a new offer which met all wage demands but provided for equal representation of company and A. F. of L. unions. It was rejected by a vote of 1,100 to 90 at a meeting called by neutral parties.

A possible serious clash at the meeting was averted when Ray

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## ASKS CANDIDATES' STAND ON MILITIA

SAN FRANCISCO.—"When you send the militia to San Francisco your administration becomes a partner in the effort to smash labor organization," read a telegram sent to Governor Miriam by Milen Dempster, Socialist candidate for Governor.

At the same time, Dempster dispatched letters to all candidates for governor calling on them to state their position on the use of militia to break the longshoremen's strike. The letter read in part:

Opposes Troops In Strikes  
"As one of the candidates for governor I hereby go on record as opposing the use of troops for strike-breaking purposes. State property in this case is not endangered so long as it is not used against organized labor. I call upon all other candidates to state their position."

"I tell the workers in advance that I am on their side and protest the use of militia against them. Friends of organized la-

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## Fascists, Gov't Join Forces To Terrorize Workers In California General Strike

### Take Political Power, Is California's Lesson

Every worker in America should learn the lesson which the general strike in California is teaching.

Why is it that the forces of government are arrayed against the strikers?

The answer is because the workers of these United States have always voted the law-making and law-enforcing power of the nation into the hands of the exploiters. They have always cast ballots which fastened upon them the bondage against which the California strikers and others throughout the nation are now rebelling.

The fatal mistake which the workers of this and other countries make is...

THEY DO NOT UNITE FOR THE SEIZURE OF POLITICAL POWER.

Every election day the majority of workers either do not vote at all or vote for slavery. By their ballots the workers give their approval to a system which permits a few people to own the industries which the many must use in order to live. By their ballots they say to their exploiters' chosen candidates: "You shall make the laws which will keep us enslaved."

And then... Then they wonder why it is that government troops with clubs and gas and gattling guns are used against them when they rebel against the robbery for which they voted.

Socialists are part and parcel of the class struggle of which the California strike is but a symptom. They are not merely friends of the strikers but are truly of their breed. But that sympathy and oneness makes it all the more necessary for Socialists to tell their fellow workers that...

STRIKES AGAINST ONE SET OF BOSSES AT A TIME ARE NOT ENOUGH!

Workers must strike against the Capitalist system to gain justice.

And the first place to strike against Capitalism is at the ballot box.

At best, all the strikes that have ever been fought upon the American labor front have been NEGATIVE ACTS.

Strikers say: "WE WON'T." They will be powerless to say "WE WILL" until the majority say it at the same time about the same thing. To say "we will" the workers of this or any other nation need to control the political power which they have always voted into the hands of their enemies.

Why, instead of saying "we won't work," why aren't the strikers saying "we will work—for our own

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## WOMEN WILL PLAY BIG PART AT STATE CONVENTION TOMORROW

Berks Committee Issues Call to Non-Delegates. Jesse Holmes, Candidate For Governor, Will Deliver Opening Address

Women will play an unusually important role in the Pennsylvania state convention which will be called to order by State Chairman J. Henry Stump for a two-day session tomorrow at 12 o'clock noon in Socialist Park at Sinking Spring. A special feature of the gathering will be a conference of women Socialists at 2:30 p. m., Saturday.

While party branches have been asked to name delegates to the women's conference, the Women's Committee of Local Berks is also urging all Socialist women, whether delegates or not, to sit in on the discussion. It is hoped that a large number of women will respond to this invitation. The program of discussion will be:

1. Fields of activity open to women Socialists.
2. Organization methods most suitable for work among women.
3. Co-ordination on state basis of local and branch activities.
4. State League of Women Socialists.

State Secretary Sarah Limbach has announced that assemblywoman Lillian Wilson will lead a discussion on Labor and Social Legislation and that Emma Sands, of the Women's Committee of Local Berks, and Jennie Libros, chairman of the Women's Committee

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West Coast Events Show "New Deal" Is Like All Other Capitalist Governments

### GUNS TO ENSLAVE LABOR

Raiding of Workers' Halls After "Red" Scare Is Typical of Fascist Tactics Everywhere

Because the slaves of the west coast shippers are rebelling against Capitalist tyranny too effectively, the forces of the "New Deal" government and fascist hoodlums are combining to force them into submission to their masters.

That, in a sentence, is the explanation of events this week in San Francisco where workers, united in a general strike, are backing the demands of longshoremen for collective bargaining and freedom from the discrimination which was being practiced in the racketeering "hiring halls."

The justice of the cause which the longshoremen espoused, and the speedy action of California's Capitalist rulers in threatening the longshoremen with machine guns in the hands of "National Guard boys" is what caused the strike to become general in the city where it started. This action also resulted in a spread of the general strike to Oakland, to Alameda, to Berkeley and in slightly lesser degree to far-off Portland in the state of Oregon.

Violence—Against Workers  
The workers folded their arms and industry stopped. The workers refused to serve their masters and the country round-about began feeling inconvenience. The workers took a holiday and the owning class stood revealed as the useless parasites they are.

There was but one answer to make against such determined action on the part of exploited and browbeaten workers: VIOLENCE! Violence came quickly. First as a threat with the posting of armed guards—not to protect the rights of workers—but to weaken their spirit and drive them back into the service of their industrial masters.

Then, last Tuesday, the state's gunmen conveniently permitted themselves to be caught napping. They abandoned the alertness with which they had been watching strike leaders. They obligingly fell down on the job long enough to permit mobs of fascist youths—self styled "vigilantes"—to raid the headquarters, destroy the property and beat the bodies of strikers and their advisers.

It is significant of the purpose of the constituted authorities of the state of California that, despite the presence of thousands of armed guards, no arrests were made and no effort was expected to prevent the destruction of I. L. D. headquarters, Workers' Theatre, Film Photo League, sports club, workers' school, bookshop and offices. "Frisco Fascists Dodge Issue As was inevitable, the unity of the workers was answered by the

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### The Women's Committee Requests

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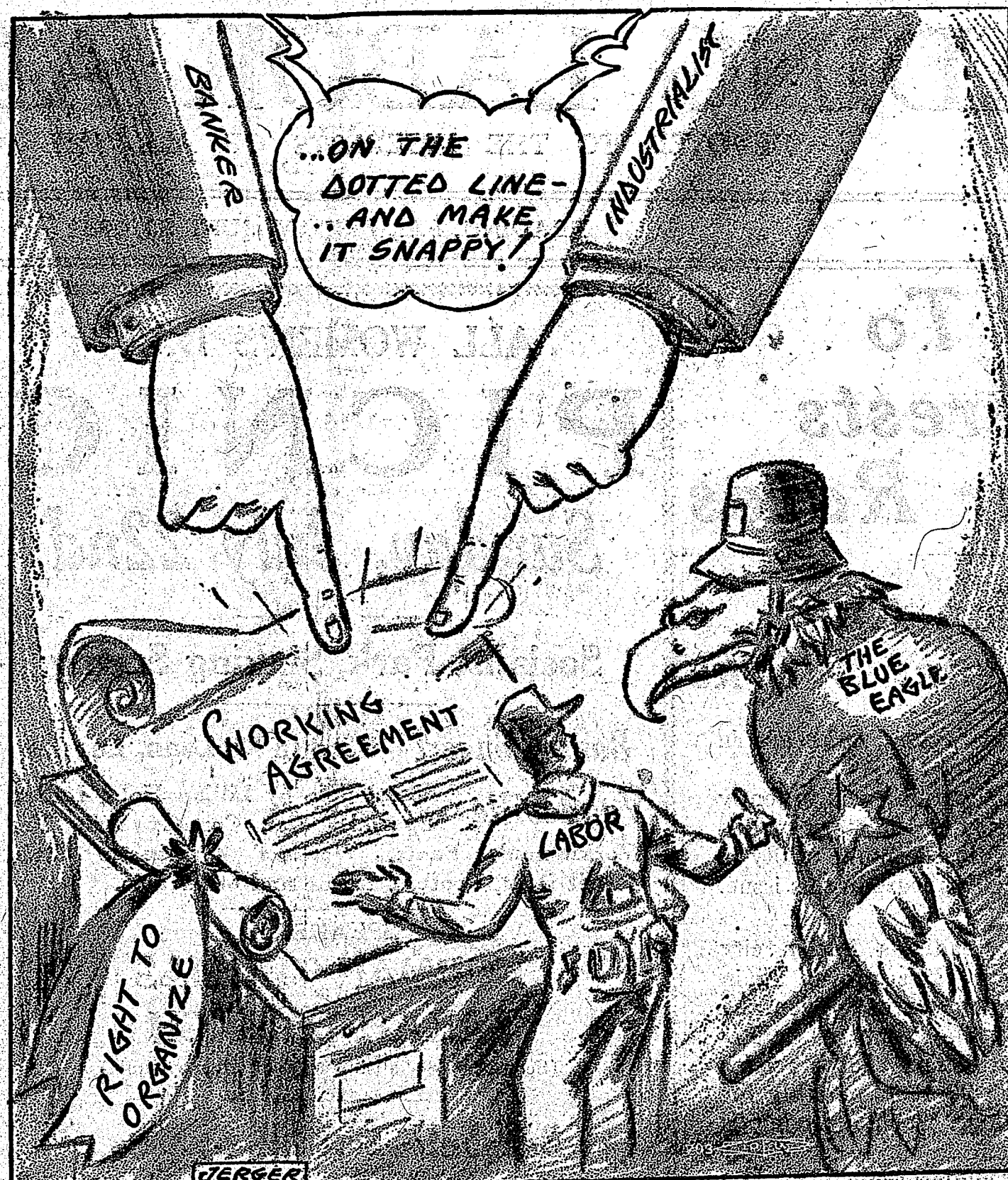
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## RELIEF FUNDS RUNNING LOW

New York City, With Million-a-Day Burden Looks Hopelessly to the Future

The richest nation in the world is also the home of a million folks who cannot feed themselves.

Here are a few facts from the wealthy city of New York which make the story of relief in the last few years one of the most amazing tales ever told:

By July 1 some \$300,000,000 had been spent in unemployment relief.

At the peak in last March, expenditures reached almost a million dollars a day for every business day.

The number on home relief has increased nearly a half since "the depression ended" in March, 1933.

Twice as much in public funds is being spent in a month now as was spent in the whole depression up until January 1, 1932.

Expenditures during 1933 increased over a hundred million over expenditures during 1932—and during 1934 they will increase another hundred million if the present tendency continues.

But there's the catch! No one knows how the present relief needs can continue to be met. Funds are on hand to carry through July by ruthlessly cutting the list of recipients by tens of thousands. After that, no one seems to know where the funds to continue will come from.

**Future In Doubt**  
Of the \$17,500,000 which is used monthly for public relief in New York City, about five million comes from city funds, the rest from the state and federal governments. Mayor LaGuardia refuses to look farther ahead than March 31, 1935, saying that the federal government must set up by that time a system of unemployment insurance which will take care of the situation on a long-term basis. However, with that reservation it is still necessary for the city to raise 40 million to carry its part of the load from now until that time.

**Four Prominent European Socialists To Visit U. S.**  
CHICAGO.—Four leaders of Socialists thought from Europe will be toured in this country during the coming season by the Social Problems Lecture Bureau, according to an announcement by Mattie deHaan, secretary. They are: Dr. Julius Deutsch, organizer and former commander of the Austrian Schutzbund, or Republican Guard; Fred Henderson, British economist and author; Paul Hansen, professor of political economy and director of the Labor College in Esbjerg, Denmark; and Tony Sender, German woman journalist and youngest member ever elected to the Reichstag.

## F.D.R. IGNORES MERIT SYSTEM

Return to Spoils System Seen In Executive Order on Soldiers' Home Jobs

WASHINGTON (FP).—"One of the most flagrant of the many recent violations of the merit system" is seen by Secretary-Treasurer Gertrude M. McNally of the National Federation of Federal Employees in President Roosevelt's executive order removing from competitive classified service, positions in the National Soldiers' Home at Johnson City, Tenn.

"This executive order, singling out the employees of the Johnson City home for removal from the competitive civil service, constitutes a direct and utterly indefensible blow against the entire merit system," says Miss McNally. "While it is obvious that his specific attack has been made in response to a demand for jobs to take care of a state political situation, the executive order has far more than a local implication. It represents a thoroughly brazen step in the direction of a wide-open return to the spoils system. The effect of the order is to throw open the positions, without reference to the civil service rules and requirements, to political appointees whose only qualifications may be 'rightness' at the polls on state or county committees."

## Send Gift To Argentina For 'Debs Library' In S. America

CHICAGO.—To the "Eugenio V. Debs Library" of the Section 14 Socialist branch in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the national headquarters of the socialist Party of the U. S. A. last week sent a lithographed photograph of Debs and a leather-bound copy of his book entitled "Walls and Bars."

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## SWEATSHOPS, LOW WAGE REMAIN UNDER N. I. R. A.

NEW YORK (FP).—"Not only have sweatshop conditions continued under the NRA, but the recovery act itself tends to reduce wages to the lowest possible minimum," declares Grace Hutchins in a letter answering State Director Nathan Strauss, Jr. of the National Emergency Council under NRA in New York. Strauss had asked Miss Hutchins to give him specific facts proving statements she had made in her book, Women Who Work.

"Wage provisions of the codes are almost universally applied in such a way that the lowest rates set forth are the highest rates paid," while violations of the code regulations are so common that workers do not even earn the low wage stipulated, Miss Hutchins maintains.

Labeling the NRA as itself an

offensive against workers, she states that many codes provide compulsory arbitration and strike-breaking machinery, and emphasizes that "where gains for labor have been made under the NRA, it was only by striking or by threats of striking that these gains were made."

## Wages Of 35c An Hour In Fur-Cutting Code

WASHINGTON.—Minimum wages of 35c an hour and of \$14 a week for clerical and office workers are fixed in the code for the haters' fur-cutting industry, approved by NRA Administrator Hugh S. Johnson for a 90-day period. Maximum work hours are 40 a week, 8 a day, with 5 days a week. Watchmen may be worked 84 hours in two weeks.

Peters weren't so bold in the horse-and-buggy days. They couldn't get far enough to be among strangers.

## THREE DIE IN TEXAS STRIKE

HOUSTON, Tex.—Three dead, three wounded.

That is the latest score in the strike of Texas longshoremen which has lasted for more than two months.

The killing took place when 20 Negro longshoremen were being driven to work at docks owned by three ship operators who have still refused to come to terms with the International Longshoremen's Association.

As a coupe containing Negro and white union longshoremen passed the trucks and sedan loaded with strikebreakers, shots rang out. Police arrested C. O. Reeves, a union longshoreman who was wounded and taken to the hospital, charging him with three murders and assaults with intent to murder. Reeves' two companions, a Negro and a white longshoreman, were arrested on similar charges.

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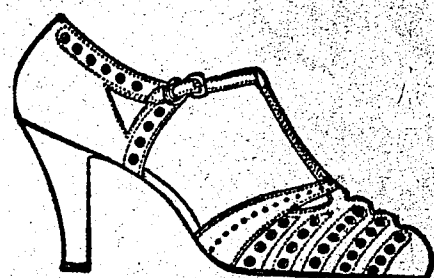
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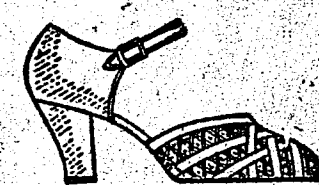
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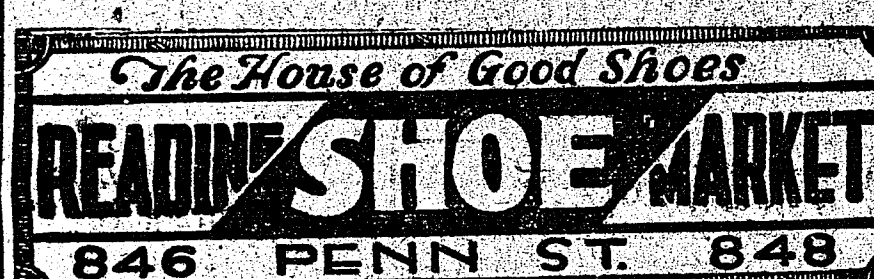
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## BERRER BECOMES MEMBER OF NEW AVIATION BOARD

Former Official of A. F. L. Metal Trades Begins Work With Commission

WASHINGTON—The most important aviation study ever made in the United States began here with the organization at the White House of the President's Aviation Commission, which is armed with unlimited authority to deal with every phase of civil and military flying.

Clark Howell, publisher of the Atlanta Constitution, was made chairman of the commission. The other members are:

Alfred J. Berres, former secretary-treasurer of the Metal Trades Department of Labor; Edward P. Warner, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy in Charge of Aeronautics; Franklin K. Lane, Jr. of California, son of the former Secretary of the Interior, and Jerome C. Hunsaker of New York, a retired naval officer and specialist in lighter-than-air craft.

Organized labor is especially pleased with the appointment of Mr. Berres to the commission, which was created to probe the possibility of the development in the United States of an aircraft industry second to none in the world.

Mr. Berres is a well-known trades unionist. He lived in Washington for many years. During the Wilson Administration he became personally acquainted with President Roosevelt, then Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He was business representative of the A. F. of L. Metal Trades Department during this period and frequently conferred with Secretary Roosevelt, whom he found always to be very fair and just in his dealings with unionists employed in the navy yards. Their personal friendship has continued through all the years.

Later Mr. Berres became secretary-treasurer of the Metal Trades Department of the A. F. of L., a position he held until he resigned to accept the position of labor contact man with the Producers' committee having the agreement with Hollywood, Calif., studio unions. He has made his home in Los Angeles for a number of years past. He is a member of the Patent Makers' League, his card being in the Washington local. He has wide acquaintance with the leaders in the labor movement of the United States.

## GOV'T EMPLOYEES' UNION MAKES BIG MEMBERSHIP GAIN

WASHINGTON—Officials of the American Federation of Government Employees, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, reported that its nation-wide membership campaign which was closed on June 30 brought more than 4,500 new members into the union.

Attributing the success of the drive to the fight the A. F. G. E. made for the restoration of Federal salary slashes and other benefits for government workers enacted into law during the last session of Congress, Miss Esther Penn, national secretary-treasurer of the organization, said more beneficial legislation will be sought at the next congress. She said:

"In cooperation with the organized labor movement of this country we are going forward to full pay restoration, improvement in basic salaries, return of 30 days leave, and the five-day week throughout the government service."

And think how awful the war debt would be if we had charged Europe \$10 for a dime's worth instead of \$5.

## New England Utility Workers Plan Outing At Pelham on Aug. 5

PELHAM, N. H. — The first annual outing of the New England Council of Utility Workers will be held Sunday, August 5, at Harris' Inn, Pelham, N. H., officers of the council announced.

This is the first opportunity provided by the council for workingmen from New Haven, Conn., to Manchester, N. H.; from Brockton to Nashua, from Boston to Lawrence, and from Malden and Everett to Lowell to meet each other. The sports committee has arranged for many events, with suitable prizes.

The annual convention of the council will be held at Pelham on August 3 and 4.

## INSURANCE FOR JOBLESS STARTS IN WISCONSIN

\$10 Per Week For 10 Weeks Is Maximum—Large Groups of Workers Are Excluded

MADISON, Wis.—Wisconsin's compulsory unemployment insurance law, the first in the United States, went into effect early in July.

Benefits are limited to a maximum of \$10 a week for not longer than ten weeks in any one year. No employee can be compelled to accept employment and an employee is free to decline employment where the vacancy is occasioned by a trade dispute, or the wages, hours and conditions are not those prevailing for similar work in the same locality.

The benefits due an employee under the law may be applied in part payment of wages allowed him for any governmental relief employment.

No employer may require contributions from employees, or deduct them from wages; but workers may augment legal benefits by setting up funds of their own to which they make voluntary contributions.

**Exemptions**  
Farm labor, personal or domestic service, governmental unemployment relief work, teaching and public employment and interstate railroad employment are not included in the law.

The basic principle of the law involves the setting up of an unemployment reserve fund to be administered by the state without liability beyond the amount of the fund.

A separate account is to be kept for each employer, except in cases where employers in the same industry or in the same locality prefer to pool their contributions. Employers Pay All Contributions  
Neither the state nor the wage earner is required to make any contribution. The bill assumes that involuntary unemployment is justly the burden of industry. The employer must contribute each year 2 per cent of his annual payroll to the reserve fund, and two-tenths of 1 per cent of his payroll annually to the expense of administration.

If an employer's contributions reach the amount equal to \$55 for each eligible employee, his contributions drop automatically to 1 per cent of his payroll; should his contributions reach an amount equal to \$75 for each employee, he would cease to contribute as long as that standard is maintained.

Liability for payment of benefits does not begin until a lapse of one year from the date when the law became effective. That provision permits the accumulation of the reserve fund.

## Labor Board Won't Act On Donovan Dismissal

WASHINGTON—The NRA Labor Advisory Board has again refused to take an official stand on the dismissal of its former employee, John L. Donovan, head of the NRA employees' organization, for union activity. President Dilliam Green of the American Federation of Labor, acting chairman of the board, is understood to have urged it to act on Donovan's case, but other members, while agreeing that Donovan was fired by Gen. Johnson for union activity, took the stand that the board should adhere to its "advisory" capacity and take no active part in the dispute. Green has agreed to task the National Labor Relations Board to rule on Donovan's dismissal.

But undefined simplicity may yet be found in regions where guests still bring their sewing and help with the dishes.

## KICK-BACK CHISELING RACKET ENDED BY REVOKING CONTRACTS

District of Columbia Commissioners Create Wage Compliance Board

WASHINGTON—The Commissioners of the District of Columbia in a move to stamp out the practice among contractors of compelling employers on public works to "kick back" part of their wages in violation of the Bacon-Davis prevailing wage rate law, adopted a rule which calls for revocation of contracts in cases where such guilt is proved and created a Wage Compliance Board to maintain a close check on wages.

The Wage Board, consisting of District officials closely identified with the District construction programs, is directed to see that pay schedules are posted by contractors, to check payoffs, to verify individual payments and, where possible, to obtain a certificate signed by the contractor and agreed to by the craftsmen that proper payment has been made each pay day.

**Rule Recommended by Gotwels**  
The steps were taken by the city officials upon motion by Maj. John C. Gotwels, Engineer Commissioner, who explained the necessity for them as follows:

"Our experience in enforcing the Bacon-Davis law, as well as the requirements of the National Recovery Act, leads now to special action toward the uniform enforcement in all departments of the wage provision. The breaches arising are known as 'kickback,' underpayment or improper classifications on the work. The objective is to discover, correct and prevent all of these practices."

"Proved breaches of these wage requirements should lead to cancellation of the contract of the general contractor or the subcontractor, and if at all possible under the law, contractors or subcontractors failing to maintain the prevailing wage or other wage requirements should be refused acceptance as responsible bidders or as subcontractors."

"The Wage Compliance Board will supervise, through the departments, methods of enforcing our wage rate provisions, see that pay schedules are prominently posted by contractors, check pay-offs, verify individual payments, and, if possible, obtain for each pay-off a certificate of the contractor agreed to by the craftsmen that the proper payment has been made."

"Any other means to check infractions of the law will be taken."

## \$100,000 FINE FOR BALTIMORE PAY CHISELER

L. Grief & Sons Resorted to Wholesale Violation of Clothing Code Pay Rates

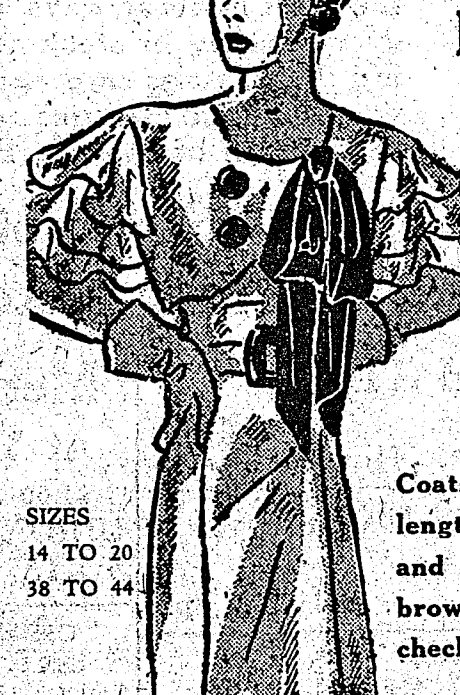
WASHINGTON—Confirming the charge made by the Men's Clothing Code Authority of wholesale violations of the code wage rates by L. Grief & Sons, Baltimore clothing manufacturers, the National Compliance Board of the NRA decreed that the company must make wage restitutions estimated at \$100,000 if it does not obtain a special wage exemption under the Clothing Code in two weeks. Should the company fail to obtain the exemption and refuse to pay back wages, it will lose the Blue Eagle and the right to use NRA labels, the board announced.

The concern has 10 branch offices, with plants in Pennsylvania and Virginia, as well as Baltimore, and employs 4,000 workers.

Section 11-B of the code, allegedly violated, states that "the existing amounts by which wages

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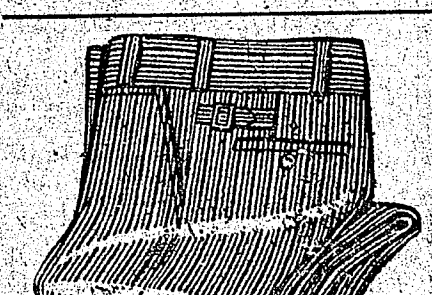
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## NRA COAL WAGE INQUIRY HEADED BY HOTCHKISS

Wage Differentials Between North and South To Be Probed

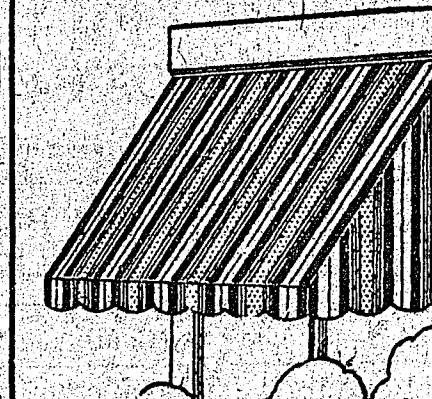
WASHINGTON—The Recovery Administration announced the appointment of Willard E. Hotchkiss, president of the Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, to direct the NRA research and planning division's study of disputed wage differentials in the bituminous coal industry.

Investigation of the subject, which precipitated many stormy sessions during revision of the industry's wage scales, was ordered last April by Hugh S. Johnson, Recovery Administrator, when he imposed the seven-hour day, five-day week on the entire industry.

The order provided for a thorough study of the long-standing wage differentials between the

North and South, the results to be available when the soft coal miners' wage scale comes up for revision next April 1.

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## TAKE POLITICAL POWER, IS CALIFORNIA'S LESSON

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benefit?" The answer is because the government's police, the government's courts, the government's jails and the government's soldiers stand ready to club, gas, jail and kill workers who dare to set foot upon an industrial property without the consent of the private owners.

Why, instead of standing in defense of the workers' right to produce and consume abundant wealth, why are the forces of government always turned against workers who rebel against their masters? Because the workers have voted the government into the hands of the owning class.

The worker who votes a Capitalist party ticket votes for laws which give a small group of parasites the power to exploit him and his children. To vote against that he should cast a Socialist ballot.

The worker who votes for the hand-picked candidates of Wall Street votes to give the nation's courts and the nation's guns to the Wall Street crew. When he votes for Socialism he votes to keep the courts and guns in his own hands.

The worker who votes for Capitalism and then goes on strike against bad conditions is striking against the very thing he voted for, whether he knows

it or not. And when he feels the thud of a policeman's club upon his head or the sting of a guard's bullet he is, as Eugene V. Debs so often said, getting the echo of the Capitalist ballot he dropped on election day.

It's difficult for ALL workers to STRIKE together; experience has shown that workers strike only when their conditions become unbearable and then only in isolated groups and against a specific RESULT of the Capitalist system.

But it will be easy—if workers will but learn the lesson which California is teaching—to VOTE TOGETHER TO END THE SYSTEM WHICH CAUSES STRIKES.

Workers, learn that lesson. Stop voting for Capitalism. Unite to take the powers of government as your rightful own. Use those powers to make this a Workers' world.

With political power as YOUR weapon you can do better than walk off the job as strikers; you can WORK AS FREE MEN. With political power you will not need to fear soldiers; you can COMMAND THEM. With political power you will not have to beg for a chance to work; you will OWN THE MEANS OF LIFE and produce for your own use.

Unite under the banner of the Socialist Party to get the power to make your own rules of life. Unite to own the means whereby you live. Unite to end strikes by abolishing the Capitalist system which breeds them.

### Back Pay In Baltimore

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wages from May 17 by 10 Baltimore manufacturers to their employees was ordered by State NRA Compliance Director Arthur E. Hungerford. The manufacturer had applied for the right to pay the southern wage scale of \$12 minimum. Instead of the northern scale of \$13, which went into effect May 17. Since the request was denied, Hungerford ruled that employees should receive the \$13 minimum from the time the code went into effect.

Good times are a period when nothing needs the support of oratory.

## DON'T LET FUSION RUIN READING'S WATER WORKS

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the burden of debt upon Reading's only revenue-producing enterprise has been increased.

To supply Reading with water which Reading will not need in the next 50 years, if ever, the Fusionists borrowed \$2,500,000 of P. W. A. funds. They gloried in this needless expenditure by pointing to more than \$600,000 which the city received as a Federal grant. Craftily, the Fusionists failed to mention the fact that each year this loan would require the payment of approximately \$75,000 for interest, so that the cost of interest would wipe out the free grant in nine years' time.

And this for water which Reading never has needed!

Moreover, while the Fusionists were borrowing FOR their water program, they were robbing water funds to fill the depleted general city fund. Last year the Fusionists tapped water funds for "loans"—which never will be repaid—to the amount of \$422,500.

Thus are the Fusionists of Reading continuing the program of undermining our municipal water works, a program which both old parties launched before Socialist strength forced them to unite their forces.

The "sliding scale" schedule which became effective at the beginning of this year is the crowning achievement of the Fusion in the service of Reading's profit-takers. The 20-cent reduction for workers and the monstrous bill slashing which benefits the wealthy few is the crowning insult to the intelligence of every citizen who values Reading's water system as a great public resource.

Will the plain people of Reading permit Fusion to finish the job it has started? Will Republican and Democratic voters meekly submit to discriminatory reductions of rates which benefit only the very few and which, in the end, threaten to strand the water works on the rocks of bankruptcy?

We hope that the protests of an outraged and betrayed citizenry will force Reading's Fusionists to reverse their policy. We hope that public opinion will compel the Fusionists to revise their water schedule in such a manner that not only labor exploiters and profiteers—but everybody—will be benefitted. And that this may be accomplished we ask every reader to place this issue of the Advocate in the hands of as many readers as possible.

Don't let Fusion bring ruin to the water works in its efforts to favor the rich!

Don't let Bertollet's crew blind you to a public danger by a saving of 20 cents a month.

### FUSION GYPS

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taking into consideration a meter charge of \$40 which is the same in both cases, here is what the city now collects:

3,300 cu. ft. at 12c . . . \$3.96  
30,000 cu. ft. at 10c . . . 30.00  
133,200 cu. ft. at 8c . . . 106.56  
683,600 cu. ft. at 6c . . . 409.92

Total bill . . . \$460.62

While the ordinary citizen is saving his 20 cents per month, this "one" hotel is helped by the difference between \$840.00 and \$460.62, or \$379.38 each month. There are other large users among the industrial concerns whose ordinary consumption is much higher and whose savings are correspondingly greater. In the case of an industry using 2,000,000 cubic feet of water, for example, the bill has been reduced from \$2,400.00 to \$1,280.62, a gift to the industry of \$1,119.38 each month.

That the monster savings now enjoyed by those who can best afford to pay their bills was the end sought by O'Reilly and the Fusion forces of Reading is revealed in the former's statement to council. Pointing to the fact that there are 28 times as many domestic as industrial users of water, the water engineer stated at that time that the present rates would afford as much saving to the smaller group as to the larger. In other words, the few divide among themselves as much as the many receive.

Recalls 1927 Assessment Examination of the results of "reductions" of water rates shows to what ends the old party political gangs in Reading will go to give service to the big employers and business men whose interests they serve.

Like in 1927, when a re-assessment of properties resulted in huge savings for large properties and increased taxes on workers' homes, so today, the forces of Fusion are using their power to lighten the burden for the wealthy elements of the community. Fusion is giving a 20-cent-per-month sop to the average home in the hope that this small bribe will serve to blind the people of Reading to the real reason behind the reduction in water rates.

It is true, Junior, that Dad didn't sleep in his underwear when he was a boy. At this season he slept raw.

### AAA

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one of the most unfavorable growing years in history. Grain regions have been hit by a record-breaking drought while cotton is suffering from too little rain in the dry west and altogether too much rain in the wet east. Too much rain means boll weevil, cotton planters say.

### Public Not Buying

Worth Street, New York textile district, is frantic because consumers are already cutting consumption in protest against cotton goods prices, which were too low relative to the price of raw cotton before the newest upswing on the speculative markets.

Even accepting the defense of the NRA, recently released by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which claim an 11 1/2% increase in average weekly wages from March, 1933 to March, 1934, it is pointed out in Worth Street that retail prices have gained 2 1/2 times as fast. With the result that the physical volume of retail sales is definitely below last year's. The consumption of raw cotton in June, for example, was 390,000 bales, compared with 698,000 last year. This means cotton mills are closed 30% of the time with new payroll cuts for 300,000 textile workers.

The same report of the labor bureau explodes the theory that the NRA has made substantial cuts in hours worked by showing that in the manufacturing industries in March, 1933, the average

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# Activities of the Reading Socialists

## CARD PARTY TONIGHT AT LAURELDALE

The Laureldale women invite all card players to be their guests tonight at a card party in the branch headquarters in Yerger's hall. Fine prizes are promised and lunch will be served. If you are looking for a good time, pay a visit to this live-wire branch.

## ICE CREAM FESTIVAL AT BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS SATURDAY

For a real happy time, attend the ice cream festival which will be held on the lawn by Berkshire Heights Branch at Peterson's Barber Shop, 7th and Oley streets. In addition to good things to eat, there will be music and other entertainment. A special feature will be singing by the combined Socialist choruses. Gifts will be given to the children.

Reading comrades are especially invited to attend this event and encourage the Socialists across the river.

## CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

Card players are again invited to a card party at 1811 N. 9th street, tomorrow (Saturday) night. Northeast women will be in charge. Fine prizes will be awarded to winners and refreshments will be served. Playing starts at 8:30.

## NORTHEAST WOMEN SOCIAL NIGHT TUESDAY

All members of the Northeast women's group are urged to be at the Headquarters, 1811 N. 9th street, next Tuesday night for another "social night." A good time is promised.

## JOINT CHORUSES, ATTENTION!

All singers who will participate in the recital at Berkshire Heights are asked to meet at Textile Inn, Wyomissing, at 8 p. m., from whence the chorus will proceed in a body to the Berkshire Heights Festival.

Those singing at the picnic on Sunday will please be at the band stand at 6:45 p. m. Members of the women's chorus will be in uniform.

## BEDS WANTED FOR CONVEN- TION DELEGATES

Again we issue a call for accommodations for convention delegates, some of whom have been hit by the depression.

If you have a spare room or an extra bed get in touch with Ralph Bigony at Labor Lyceum, dial 2-2441, or Esther Auman, dial 4-2726.

## BRANCHES OF THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

All branches of the second legislative district will be represented at a special meeting to be held at the headquarters of the Kenhorst Branch, 1014 Broadway Blvd., on July 32, at 8 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to form plans to carry on an intensive campaign in this district and assist each other in organization work. The following branches will send delegates to attend in a body: West Reading, West Lawn, Sinking Spring, Berkshire Heights, Fairview, Cumru, Mohnton, Shillington, Exeter, Jacksonwald, Birdsboro and Kenhorst.

Comrades of the above branches are urged to discuss this plan and

bring suggestions to this meeting. Remember the place and date.

**JACKSONWALD BRANCH**  
The branch will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, July 24, at 8 p. m., at Lohr's carpenter shop. All members are requested to attend.

## BOOTH 4

Visit booth 4 at the park over the week-end and buy the new books and pamphlets we have secured for your approval. Branch secretaries can buy their stamps from the financial secretary there.

Comrades who bring friends and visitors to our picnics are urged to register them in our visitors' register book. Pay booth 4 a visit.

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## BRANCH SECRETARIES

During the summer months when branches change their meeting nights, please notify the office at once so as to enable us to advertise it in the Advocate.

## BERNHARTS T. P. L. ENDORSE 'FRISCO STRIKE

Taxpayers Protective League, Hyde Park Branch No. 24, Bernharts, Pa., at its regular meeting, July 18, through resolutions adopted, went on record as endorsing the San Francisco Longshoremen's strike and precipitated General Strike. "It is our hope that the longshoremen will emerge with not only union recognition but collective bargaining and complete control of the hiring halls. Labor has taken the hicks for too many years and the kernel (collective bargaining) should in reality be supported by the United States government," a statement by the League declares.

The T. P. L. also protested the use of state militia and regular troops in the San Francisco strike area.

"Labor exploiters and politicians in California have for many years conducted affairs in such a manner as to leave very little say for organized labor. The NRA in Section 7-a states who is entitled to collective bargaining. The longshoremen are just bringing pressure to bear on that point. The T. P. L. favors a united front on the part of all unions to bring about real collective bargaining," the League resolution says.

## WOMEN WILL

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tee of Philadelphia would lead in the discussion of topics of their own selection.

To Prepare For Campaigns  
In preparation for the coming statewide campaign, the convention will hear and act upon reports to be made by the Platform, Organization and Constitution committees which were elected at the party's convention in Harrisburg last February.

The opening address will be delivered by Dr. Jesse Holmes, professor of Philosophy at Swarthmore and candidate for governor.

If there is no such thing as telepathy, how do other members of the family know just when you want the bathroom?

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## Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE  
Federated Trades Organizer

## HARDWARE UNION WANTS BIG MEETINGS

Vigilant to their own troubles, the executive committee of the Hardware Workers Union met on Monday night and made a survey of their situation. After analyzing it and feeling certain of their position, plans were laid for arousing a renewed interest in the union and getting the members out to meetings, working or not. It's attendance they want, not dues, particularly.

## BUILDING TRADES CONFER WITH BREWERY

As a result of the conference of Francis Kleinher, plumbers' union business representative, and myself, with the management of the Reading brewery on the issue of non-union building trades labor at the plant, a letter was secured assuring the various building trades of the brewery's desire to cooperate and in the future call the building trades office for such labor.

The brewery was not, however, removed from the unfair list because of work being done on the various stands about the city and county by non-union men. With their issue removed it appears the brewery will be back in the good graces of the building trades labor again.

It is the first time in a long while that I attended the meetings and from all appearances the men must be rather steadily engaged. Various subjects of interest were raised and discussed.

## CONFER WITH TEAMSTERS

To work out an acceptable understanding all around with the various trade unions, the writer met with the executive committee of the Chauffeurs and Teamsters Local Union on Thursday evening. During the discussion numerous interesting phases were brought out and a more genuine and sincere cooperative understanding arrived at.

## SHOE UNION WILL MEET THURSDAY

Local boot and shoe workers will meet again in their regular semi-monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, July 24, at 413 N. 9th street. Reports from the committees' conference with management in the plants will be made and definite action taken. All members are urged to attend.

## FASCISTS

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Fascist-minded elements of the west coast with the cry of "rad" Acting Governor Merriam delivered a radio speech dedicated to the "red scare" which had the effect of a keynote for the "respectable" mobbers who later took the law into their own hands and wrecked havoc upon workers' headquarters with baseball bats. Hugh S. Johnson, N. R. A. dictator, delivered a speech in Berkeley in which he gave lip service to the principle of collective bargaining but strongly condemned the strike and assailed the strikers as "rats." Newspapers, at the best of the big interests of the entire nation, obligingly forgot the grievances which caused the strike and painted the issue as an attack upon the people of the nation. Every effort was made by the spokesmen for Capitalism to arouse mob action—and mob action followed.

While Johnson's speech mildly condemned the dock owners and shippers for failing to bargain collectively with their employees, his flaying of the strike as "insurrection" has stiffened the determination of the bosses to bring the strikers to their knees. A feisty announcement has been made of the determination of the owners to return the strikers to their jobs only under such conditions as are laid down by the employers.

## Roosevelt "Calm"

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## ASKS CANDIDATES

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bor will not be quiet in the face of this use of state force to crush them.

## Must Support Labor

While the letter did not specifically mention Upton Sinclair and his "Epic" organization, it did go to "Epic" candidates, and included the following: "Particularly, I wish to point out that all those working to restore purchasing power and to end poverty must support organized labor, by which the workers get and maintain decent wages and conditions. Those who promise to end poverty and refuse to help the longshoremen in their present struggle are making fraudulent claims."

Copies of the letter to all candidates were printed for circulation among striking longshoremen in San Pedro and San Francisco. "It is my hope that several of the candidates will join in this effort to say to Governor Merriam that their followers are being advised not to back up this move. If candidates disagree with the Merriam policy, this is the time for them to say so."

## GREENVILLE, S. C. —

More than 600 out of 900 workers voted to continue their six-week strike against the Piedmont Manufacturing Company at Piedmont. Picketing is being maintained day and night. The vote was taken on the report that the management was planning to reopen the plant.

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## TOMLINSON AT WOMELSDORF

Stewart Tomlinson will address a public meeting in Socialist party headquarters, Front and Franklin streets, Womelsdorf, next Monday at 8 p. m., under the auspices of the Taxpayers' Protective League of that borough.

## Unionize Restaurants; Waiters' Convention Soon

MINNEAPOLIS.—Restaurants, cafes and bars are hastening to sign up and get union cards in anticipation of the convention in Minneapolis next month of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Beverage Dispensers' International Alliance. The places are signing up at the rate of one a day.



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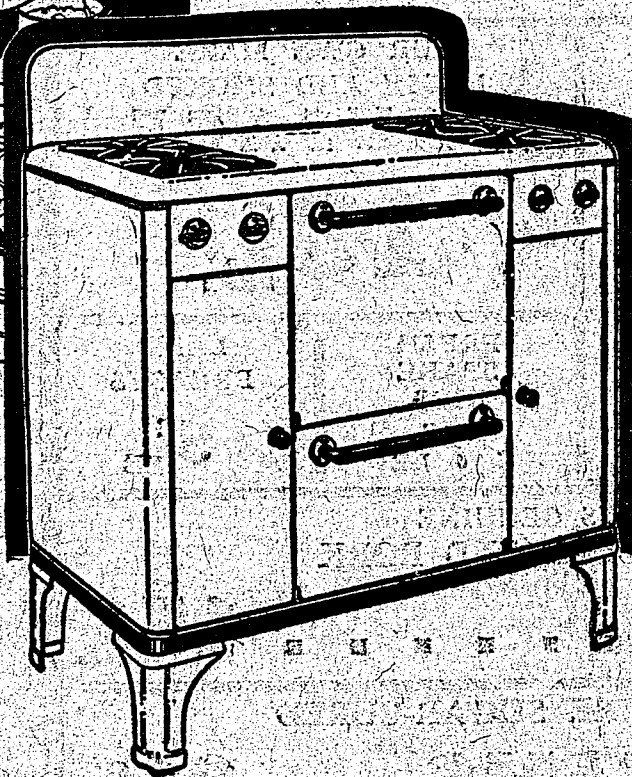


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## SOVIETS WIN AGAINST DROUGHT; RECORD CROP REWARDS LABOR

(By ANNA LOUISE STRONG)

MOSCOW (FP).—The drought which is sweeping the northern hemisphere this summer and sending poverty and hunger to hundreds of thousands of farm homes found a doughty antagonist in the collective farms of the Soviet Union which by organized effort determined to have a harvest "rain or no rain."

They are actually succeeding, and not by any miracles except the miracle of dogged determination applied in organized fashion. Indications are that this year's harvest may be little if any less than last year's, the biggest crop in Russian history.

If and when this harvest actually materializes, in sharp contrast to the almost ruined prospects beyond the Soviet border, where the weather conditions were the same, it will be attributable to one thing only—the united drive which collectivization made possible. From the small boys and girls in the dry regions who were out in bands digging irrigation ditches to the staff of scientists in the Commissariat of Agriculture in Moscow, who were busily devising the follow-up crops to be planted where the winter grains had already failed, the whole network of agencies fought for the Soviet harvest.

**Water From Mountains**  
One of the most spectacular drives was carried on by the Kabardinian district, a minor nationality on the northeast slopes of the Caucasus, where illiteracy was almost total in the days of the czar. The tale is still told of the early days of revolution when Kalmikov, Communist party secretary there, ordered that a quota of boys and girls from every village be sent to the new schools in the capital, Nalchik, that they might later go back to open schools in the villages. The boys came sullenly trudging beside their parents, but the girls were delivered bound hand and foot lest they flee from the frightful fate of "woman's education." Today, barely 10 years since that desperate struggle, not only the men but the old women of Kabardinia take part in the Muster of Crop Inspectors which gathers from every collective farm to Nalchik to decide the plans for joint sowing and harvest.

This year Kalmikov—the self-same Kalmikov—told them that Kabardinia must conquer drought. They must get a good harvest "without respect to rainfall." Were there not mountain streams from the snows of the Caucasus, and willing hands to divert these streams? A resolution for emergency irrigation was passed, and within four days hundreds of kilometers of tiny ditches were bearing water from the life-giving torrents. Some farms which could not be reached by these ditches because of the slope of the land organized continuous delivery of water in barrels, with a procession of 50 horse-teams. Kabardinia reports today excellent harvest prospects.

**Collective Labor Wins**  
Less spectacular but equally thorough was the work of Dniepropetrovsk, a large district in south Ukraine hard hit by drought. This region had no mountains to call on, but it had the low-lying meadows of the Dnieper's overflow. The Muster of Collective Farm Delegates outlined an entire program of drought fighting. Every weed must be pulled up in the fields, since weeds suck moisture; constant cultivation must retain whatever moisture still lurked in

the soil. Woodland glades, drying swamps and ponds must be at once planted in the exposed mud with new seeds, intensive cultivation must follow the retreating Dnieper flood.

There are no private land rights in the U. S. S. R. to interfere with the fullest use of soil.

Dniepropetrovsk two years ago was smitten with famine because of the disorganization of its farms; last year it pulled itself together and had a good harvest. This year it held the record as first in sowing for all the southern districts. The report just issued as the harvest begins is that it will probably be as good as last year. Meantime in pre-harvest discussions, collective farmers are drawing lessons from this year's sharp testing out of which they will win a steady prosperity for their farms.

They have noted that where the winter grain was sown on land properly fallowed and well cultivated through the summer, they have a better than average crop even if unhelmed by a single rain. They have noted that the extra-early sowing (seed thrown on mud left by melting snow, and then cultivated into the ground as soon as the mud would bear the weight of horses) has a good average crop wherever it was well done. That the sowing of sprouted seed and bionized seed (two new methods now widely tested in the U. S. S. R.) has also brought a fair harvest, even when not a single drop of rain fell on the soil this spring. They have seen, side by side, fields of grain which flourished in spite of drought, and other fields, which, being sown too late on soil plowed just before sowing, completely withered.

Even for these withered fields there is hope in a second seeding. The farm experts have been busily working out crops that can be planted in fields where winter grain was burned or where it is exceptionally poor. Seeds for these crops have been rushed to the affected areas. The fight with drought was chiefly a fight in the southern and central grain lands, and while there have been not a few casualties, it appears to be won.

## GERMAN WORKERS BOYCOTT NAZI CO-OPERATIVES

NEW YORK (TIS).—The determined manner in which the German workers are resisting all attempts to "convert them to the Nazi cause," is described in a letter from Frankfurt. The correspondent points to the decay of the powerful German workers' co-operatives and consumers societies whose capital and resources formerly totaled more than 250 million marks (\$100,000,000 at present course).

Shortly after the seizure of control by the Nazis, the Socialists and trade unionists decided to boycott their former organizations with the result that the latter are now completely wrecked. All Nazi attempts to ward off the impending disaster, including even the recall of the ousted managers and sales representatives, have been unsuccessful. The workers in Frankfurt are buying ostentatiously in the Jewish-owned food store chain Schade & Fullgrabe which has fifty branches in the city alone.

Indicative of the spirit prevailing in the workers' ranks was a recent meeting of consumers representatives which was addressed by the Nazi commissioner. At the end of his speech the commissioner called for a "Heil Hitler" to which only six out of 300 present responded. The chairman of the meeting was arrested but later freed.

## Cooperators Conduct Big Summer Institutes

MOOSE LAKE, Minn. — The one week summer institute on co-operation held at Island Lake near here drew 36 students from Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, mainly cooperative store directors and employees. It was held June 24-30. A similar institute at Maple Plain a week earlier attracted 45 students. They were directed by V. S. Alanne, secretary, Northern States Cooperative League.



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## IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM!

By JOHN PAINE  
Federated Press

We wonder if the fact that Adolf Hitler had to sleep in the Venetian honeymoon suite of Prince Mdiani and Barbara Huton during his recent visit to Italy had anything to do with his more-than-usual guinness during his stay there.

### Fiscal Note

If the U. S. Supreme Court should decide, when the time comes, that Congress has no right to repudiate its contract to pay its bondholders in gold dollars of the old standard, the U. S. government will find that it owes the public not 22,000,000,000 59c dollars on its gold-clause bonds but 37,000,000,000 59c dollars.

### Here's one for your strike tactics manual:

Stockholders of the General Tire & Rubber Co. of Akron are yelling because they didn't get their dividend checks in July. Reason: The rubber workers' union has organized the office workers who keep the company's books.

### Some More "Poison Ivy"

When Rockefeller gunmen burned 18 women and children to death at Ludlow, Colo., in 1914, Ivy Lee took the job (and succeeded) of making the country believe the Rockefellers were kindly, liberal, Christian philanthropists.

So now Ivy has the same job to do for Hitler.

### If Handsome Adolf lasts that 1,000 years he says he's going to, "Poison Ivy" may succeed!

Said Barney Baruch, A-1 Wall Street speculator, on retiring: "I am a speculator. The word comes from the Latin speculati—to observe. I observe."

We'll say he observed—how to make \$25,000,000 or so.

The U. S. is surely doing right by the Virgin Islands, which lost their virtue to the U. S. in 1917 for \$25,000,000.

Natives are getting "subsistence homesteads" under the New Deal—2-room huts instead of the customary 1-room hovels.

### Pleasure Note

Good Nazi workmen have been organized into a German strength-through-joy society.

A great stew was made by the U. S. government, under the Toledo and Minneapolis strikes had been fought by clubs, about all future strikes being settled by boards.

"Boards, my eye," commented a grim longshoreman in San Francisco. "Look at the gas and bayonets we've got to face!"

Following the Nazi killings, every newspaper seller was made to wear a label, "Good Cheer" in his hat.

We wonder what that was for—there was nothing in the papers but the cheeriest of items.

### Famous Last Words

Said Banker Joseph W. Harrison as deputies came to take him to a federal penitentiary: "God bless you all."

### DuPont Goes Bang!

At last the conspiracy which has linked the DuPont de Nemours Co. (munitions) with the international armaments ring has been exposed—it consists of Communist revolutionaries and the greedy

capitalist press, says Irene Dupont.

Jugoslavia cannot possibly recognize the U. S. S. R.

Why, practically the whole army is made up of White Russian refugees.

You can't keep these Delano-Roosevelts down!

One of them is president of the U. S.

Another, Jorge Delano of Chile, fourth cousin of F. D. R., has made the first 100 per cent Chilean talkie.

Joseph P. Kennedy, 5-year member of the Securities & Exchange Commission, which is to keep Wall Street pure, got the job because he "has a practical knowledge of how Wall Streeters act and think and feel," says one news item.

P. S. He's a very good friend of Roosevelt, and sweetened the Democratic campaign pot to the tune of some \$65,000.

An honor escort of 50 police marched in the funeral procession of the two San Francisco strikers who were killed by cops.

### A WOMAN TALKS TO GIRL GRADUATES

Did you ever stop to think and wonder as you walked up and down Penn Street, passing the men who were lined up against the buildings, and standing around in groups at the crossings, as to what the thoughts of those men were as you passed by? These men who once had a job and supported families, who once perhaps owned homes, fine furniture and in many cases fine cars. But who also lost these jobs, homes, furniture and cars. Lost those jobs, because women in many cases took their jobs for less wages.

Your parents made many and great sacrifices that they might send you through school, to be educated and to be graduated. Many gave up their homes, insurance, yes, in fact, everything that you might graduate. Many of them failed to meet mortgage payments and tax bills. Why? Just so that you might graduate. You yourself, perhaps made sacrifices that you might finish school and secure a position of at least some importance.

And now you girls are going to accept jobs, where you will replace men. In the hosiery mills of Berks county, men who have worked on those jobs for as long as 25 years and in some cases more. Jobs that until recently were done by hand, and will now be done by machines, installed by the Chiseling hosiery barons of Berks county.

In the Berkshire Knitting Mills alone, the jobs of about 220 men, who will be replaced by high school graduates, and where only possible 40 or 50 girls will be expected to do the same, if not more, work than the 220 men produced by hand.

And yet they tell us that the National Industrial Recovery Act, says that no one shall be expected to produce more work, than the same person did prior to the Act, becoming a law. What fools we are!

Now then, where shall these 220 men go who will be replaced in the Berkshire Hosiery Mills alone and not counting all the other hosiery mills in the county, of which I believe there are 36 in number. Where? I am asking you, can these men look for employment, even in these United States? Where we already have more than 14 millions of unemployed?

These men are entitled to a living. Their families are entitled to live. The very Constitution of the United States says that every man shall have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And what, may I ask you, does the pursuit of happiness mean? It means purely and simply that every man shall have the right to work at some job, that job to permit him to live not only decently, but to rear a family, they to enjoy the same privileges.

And now, after your parents have made the sacrifices for your sake, who is going to make the sacrifices for your younger brothers and sisters? Can you, on what you will be able to earn at those jobs, support your father, mother, husband, brother or sweetheart, who can't find jobs? Do you for one minute think that you will be able to help towards their support, after you have first taken care of yourself? Will you be able to earn enough to enable your parents to send your younger brothers and sisters through high school? Better think hard and fast, and do some figuring!

"Are you going to make the same sacrifices sometime in the very near future that the men made for you? In order that next year's graduates can take over your jobs, at still less wages than you will receive and in turn put you out among the unemployed?"

When you went to school, did you expect to sacrifice and study in order that you might go out into the world, and take over some man's job, at common labor, or did you expect that after continuing your schooling until graduated you could secure a job of at least some importance?

I admire the girl, and her spirit, who says "I'll go out and help support the family, and help my parents and younger brothers and sisters to secure an education. But can't you see that when you go out to help support the family that you are endangering the jobs of your father, brother, husband or sweetheart."

When you are hired to replace men at jobs, you can just bet your last cent, that you are being hired

for less wages than the men received and you will be expected to produce even more work than the men did. If you could not have been hired for less, you would not be hired at all.

Did you never think for just one moment, what will eventually happen should such a thing continue for any length of time? Women replacing men on men's jobs. That means paying of less wages. Which means less purchasing power for the people.

And isn't it a fact that that is the trouble with this country today. The purchasing power of the masses is too low.

And now you are going to help still further to reduce the same. Before very long you will have to be replaced at your job by someone who will work for still less wages than was promised you.

Who will replace you? Will it be the men whom you replaced, and whom you placed in the unemployed group, or will it be the younger brothers and sisters whom you sacrificed for so that they might be a high school graduate?

Girls, this system cannot and will not continue for long. Let's get together in one large, powerful political and industrial union. Take over the industries and operate them for use instead of profit. Let's end this crazy capitalist system once and for all.

Fraternalty yours,  
A Lady Member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch 10, American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

WASHINGTON (FP).—Farm wages this summer have advanced only one-third as much as they usually do for the season, according to the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

"The general level of farm wage rates rose two points in the second quarter of 1934 to 90% of their pre-war average on July 1, compared with 78 a year earlier," it says. "However, this was only one-third of the usual seasonal increase from April 1 to July 1."

"Acreage curtailment this year coupled with the extensive drought has retarded the demand for farm labor. Consequently, wage rates increased less than seasonally despite some reduction in the supply of available farm workers."

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## A FASCIST ELK

In the language of Fascism, Michael F. Shannon, Los Angeles attorney and grand exalted ruler of the B. P. O. Elks, has called upon more than a half-million membership to organize as "shock troops" in a "pro-America" campaign against radicalism.

If there is anything more unAmerican from the viewpoint of constitutionalism than such suggestions we have yet to hear of it. Mr. Shannon would have the Elks do what the constituted authorities, if anybody, should be doing. He would organize his lodges, 1,400 in number, to launch attacks upon all whom he, and a few others who speak for his half-million army, consider radical. He would substitute prejudice and lynch law for the orderly processes of trial and conviction by jury.

If that is not what Mr. Shannon means, then his utterance doesn't mean anything at all. Certainly he cannot have a high regard for law and order as it is now enforced if he deems it necessary to turn the Elks into a body of vigilantes.

American workers should take thought on the suggestion of Ruler Shannon. They should wonder why it is that, in the face of national difficulties which have brought poverty and permanent unemployment to record-breaking millions of Americans, the best suggestion which the leader of so many men can bring to his followers is to organize, like Hitler, to silence those who protest against needless poverty and who advocate fundamental economic changes.

More and more it becomes necessary for American workers to keep their hats on straight. What they should never forget is that THEY are Americans too. They should stand upon their constitutional rights to petition for a redress of grievances and to alter or abolish present political and economic forms whenever it is to the interest of the majority to do so.

We are not fooled by the fact that Ruler Shannon referred to Communists and not to Socialists. We know that Socialists are not immune from suppression when saviours of Capitalism swing into action.

But we will not take a backward step. We will continue in our demands for a change which is radical, a change in the ownership of the nation's productive resources and a change in the purpose for which industry is conducted. And we believe that even among the Elks there will be many who will endorse our policies as Capitalism casts more and more people upon the human scrap-heap.

## G. O. P. HAS NO OTHER PLAN

In the current issue of a magazine of national circulation and Capitalist policy there is an editorial entitled "All Opposed—Say Something."

The writer calls attention to and deplores the fact that, despite any noteworthy successes under the "New Deal," there is no definite and positive opposition to the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt. A few Republicans have carped and criticized in a negative way, the editorial admits, but no one had come forward with a plan counter to the "New Deal."

We have noticed the same thing. But we have not wondered about it.

The reason no Republican or no Democrat can be found to propose a positive plan in opposition to the president is because there is no plan which will accomplish what Franklin D. Roosevelt is vainly trying to do; namely, SAVE CAPITALISM. And the reason opposition to the president is lacking is because Republicans, no less than Democrats, are closely allied upon the proposition that, come what may, CAPITALISM MUST BE SAVED.

There's really no reason why the Republicans should be seriously against the president's plans; there's no fundamental difference between them so, logically, the only attacks which one will make upon the other will be the customary ones which the "ins" and "outs" launch in order to keep or get the plums which accompany political victory.

Of course the editorial under discussion did not take the Socialists into consideration. For the Socialists do have a plan which is fundamentally different from Mr. Roosevelt's policies. Roosevelt insists that industry shall remain in private hands. He is trying to make the private profiteers prosperous by creating an artificial scarcity through destruction. He hopes to make profiteer-prosperity permanent by uniting the owners of industry under agreements called codes, which will enable the owners to agree upon how much to permit the workers to produce, how much to keep for themselves and, above all, how to keep the workers from taking over industry and operating it for their own benefit.

Certainly there will be no fundamental opposition to Roosevelt from the Republican camp. They wish him well

in his efforts to revive the dying robber system. They differ with him only in the fact that they want the job and the power and privilege it brings.

## CONGRATULATIONS, FRANK!

News from the northwest states should be of considerable comfort to President Roosevelt and he lolls at his ease in Pacific waters.

It appears that no rain of any account has fallen for almost a year over a large area. As a result crops have been destroyed and cattle are dying at a great rate of speed. Thus we see that Nature—we won't attribute it to the Almighty—is helping the president in his program of destruction which, alone will bring prosperity to the nation.

But that's not all. Instead of rain storms there are wind storms. The function of these storms has been to blow all the fertile top soil to places where it is not needed, leaving the fields in a condition which will make grain growing difficult for many years to come. Thus we see that good times have been arranged for an almost permanent period.

Of course people are being ruined. Of course living conditions are bad. Of course water is so scarce that taking a bath is somewhat of a holiday and taking a drink is like chewing on nails. But what of that! As long as we are to have a scarcity of food—and prosperity—we should worry how many people starve to death or how many horses perish from eating dust.

No wonder Franklin D. Roosevelt finds time to forsake the arduous duties of destruction which have absorbed his attention in his search for scarcity. We congratulate him on having such a valuable ally as Mother Nature.

## PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE

That should be Adolf Hitler's title after the events of last week-end. He showed that he had nothing to learn from Dillinger. He is the Gangster of politicians.

What is the significance of these bedroom murders?

It is often those furthest from a drama who see most. The best picture of the German situation has been given by the American Press. Its view is summarized thus by the New York correspondent of the "News-Chronicle":

"That the fanatical Hitler should have turned thus savagely upon those who helped him to ride to power is held to prove what often has been surmised—that he rules by the grace of the great industrial wirepullers of the Rhine and Ruhr, the Agrarian aristocrats and the military hierarchy, and has been brought to a realization of that fact."

Hitler is the tool of the Capitalist class. Behind him are Thyssen, the steel magnate; Krupps, the armaments magnate; Von Borsig, the head of the German metal industries; von Siemens, head of the electrical industry, and industrial lords of the same type.

It was these men who financed Hitler.

But recently things haven't been going too well for them. The Socialists and Communists have been suppressed, but so have their industries. They haven't been able to get raw materials. They haven't been making profits.

The industrialists have therefore been insisting upon an agreement with France, so that they could get their raw materials. But one obstacle stood in the way. The French Government insisted upon the disbanding of the Storm Troops.

Therefore the order went out from the industrialists that the Storm Troops must be suppressed.

But then another snag arose. There were military generals in Germany of the die-hard school who were opposed to any agreement with France. It was necessary to suppress them, too.

So the hand of the assassin went out both left and right to strike terror among the Storm Troops and the Nationalist Die Hards.

Again Hitler has done the "dirty work" of his masters.

One of these days he will do it once too often. Underneath the Hitler terror the forces of Revolutionary Socialism are rising. They will ultimately "get" Europe's Public Enemy Number One.—(London) New Leader.

## NO HALF-WAY

Meissonier's famous painting, The Retreat From Moscow, may well be taken as the illustrative symbol of the present plight of the NRA.

The great withdrawal began with the squashing of the codes covering the innumerable petty service businesses of the nation—cleaning, dyeing, pressing, tailoring, and other thousands of small industries. The government found the control of these activities as untenable as Napoleon found the old fortress of the Kremlin, and so (sensibly) pulled out. Then came price-fixing—the abominable power given to industry under the codes to defy the anti-trust laws, agree on extortionate prices, and exploit the buying public in the interest of unlimited profits and in complete defiance of the due claims of labor to share in the booty thus wrested from the consumer. Senator Borah discovered and denounced at the very start this surrender of the common people to the tender mercies of big business, but the White House utterly ignored his plea.

Now, after months of organized robbery, with prices soaring skyward and purchasing power thus reduced to a minimum and unemployment and relief almost as bad as ever, the administration abandons the code agreements on prices, and thus begins the long retreat. The retirement of Gen. Johnson, slow in coming but inevitable, will mark the full confession that NRA has been a failure and must be scrapped.

Interpretation of this disastrous event depends of course on one's point of view.

The conservatives will say that the government should keep out of business—that the whole idea of controlling industry is an interference with basic laws of supply and demand (laissez-faire) and of course must fail.

The radicals, of whom we are one, will say that the government was on the right road with its NRA idea, but

did not have the courage or vision to go far enough. Instead of taking over industry, it simply organized it and then left all power in the hands of the private owners. Some day we are going to discover that there is no half-way in this matter of a planned society. Perhaps Roosevelt's chief contribution to the socialized commonwealth of the future will in the end be the failure of his bold attempt to revamp capitalism.—Unity.

## THE DEBT PROBLEM

One gets the impression of the various units of government slowly giving way to mounting debts till finally there will be a collapse and repudiation. It is one phase of the depression that is too often overlooked.

The total debts of all government units in the United States today amount to 45 billion dollars. The Federal debt is 27 billions and the remainder is distributed between the states, cities, counties and lesser units. Their debts have increased one billion in the past two years. More than 2,000 cities and smaller units are now in default and the total debt of all government units averages \$350 for every person in the United States.

As long as the depression continues these debts will increase and there is no end to the depression in sight. Capitalism is being devoured not only at its industrial base but in its governing structure.—The New Leader.

## WHY HITLER FAILS

Beating Jews doesn't buy limburger.

Swastika signs are not edible.

Aryan supremacy butters no parsnips.

Wotan was a great guy, but he's dead.

Goose-stepping is no substitute for goose liverwurst.

"Heil Hitler" isn't as satisfying as Hofbrau.

No man can serve two masters after contracting to serve twenty.

When a guy has his nose in the gravel and ten others sitting on his back, it's poor policy boasting what he'll do to them when they get off.

It's easier to rob the people of their liberties than to rob them of their notions.

Bolshevism is a poor bulwark against Bolshevism.—Oklahoma Guardian.

## WAR IN THE AIR AGE

In warfare of the air age, there will be no limitation of the battlefield or the combatants or the target, no strategy of defense, but only a strategy of wholesale slaughter and destruction. Every man, woman and child in each belligerent country becomes a moral assassin and a potential victim. If mankind cannot renounce war when this "totalization" of warfare has unmasked the intolerable satanic countenance of an accepted traditional institution, then it will deserve its fate. Surely this prospect cannot fail to arouse throughout the world a titanic moral response which will compel statesmen to unite to defend civilization from so dishonorable a fate.—The Economist (London).

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By J. I. S.

## THE GENERAL STRIKE

San Francisco has given a striking demonstration to the world of the power of the organized working class, and furnished an example of militancy and discipline to the workers of the United States. Regardless of the outcome of the strike, American workers will enjoy a new sense of power, and employers will understand that labor cannot be trifled with.

In too many instances of late strikes have been threatened, only to be called off the moment governmental pressure was applied. It is important that the government, as well as employers, learn that unions have a bite as well as a bark. It is important also for it to learn that collective bargaining means just what it says, and that workers will not in the future trifle with denials and invasions of section 7(a).

## HITLER TOTTERS

In Nazi Germany Hitler is tottering on his throne, with only the most ruthless use of force holding the subjugated population in check. After a year and a half of empty slogans and broken promises the people are losing their enthusiasm for the Nazi regime. The fact that is impressing itself most deeply upon their minds is that their standard of living is sinking. Labor camps and similar dubious methods have reduced the number of the unemployed somewhat, but in the absence of the protection of unions real wages are falling rapidly.

Meanwhile the world boycott has destroyed much of Germany's foreign trade, with the result that the industrialists who financed Hitler's private army are losing some of their enthusiasm for his methods. They were enthusiastic when he destroyed the economic and political organizations of the working class, but now they find that they may also perish in the general wreckage.

In foreign affairs Hitler has suffered an unbroken succession of reverses. He found it necessary to make his peace with Poland, and in so doing was forced

to guarantee the continued existence of the Polish Corridor. In order to gain needed support from Mussolini he had to promise less interference with Austria. In the issue of interest on the Dawes and Young plan loans he suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of England. He has sacrificed every bit of international sympathy for Germany, and made of her an outcast among nations.

Internally he enjoys the hatred of the socialists and communists, of the monarchists, of the Catholics, and even of the extremists within his own party. He does no longer trust the brown shirts who carried him to office. Even his most ardent followers have lost some of their confidence in him.

He needs either some economic improvement or a triumph in foreign affairs to revive his waning prestige, and neither is anywhere in sight. For a time his firing squads may silence opposition, but the basis of his popularity has been hopelessly undermined.

The strongest force in Germany appears to be the regular army, which has never been very sympathetic to the Nazis. It is reactionary in its point of view, however, and if it gains control the restoration of the monarchy may be expected. For the working class this would be ever a greater tragedy than the continuance in power of the Nazis.

The only hope for Germany is a revolt of the working masses that will crush all reaction, whether of the Nazi or the monarchist variety. It is to be hoped that the remnants of the socialists and communists will reach a working agreement that will present a genuine united front to the common enemy. The socialists have learned not to temporize with capitalism; if the communists learn that fratricidal strife spells certain ruin it should be possible to reach an agreement. The alliance between the two parties in France should make this easier to accomplish.

## N. R. A. AND LIVING COSTS

A year of N. R. A. hullabaloo finds American workers in almost precisely the same position so far as their standard of living is concerned. From June, 1933, to May, 1934, weekly wages in the United States rose 7 per cent, from an average of \$18.49 to an average of \$19.81. But in the same period the cost of living rose 6.3 per cent, so that real

wages varied less than one per cent. We must keep on going all the time.

Business, on the other hand, found opportunities for profits such as it had not enjoyed since factory and your home, the Labor pre-depression years. The National City Bank found in April that 1,400 companies, which in 1932 had suffered a combined deficit of almost \$100,000,000, enjoyed in 1933 a profit of more than \$600,000,000.

The failure of the N. R. A. to raise wages is the natural result of placing control of its policies in the hands of business men. It is all that can be expected so long as the mildly liberal Roosevelt remains at the helm. Labor will learn to place less trust in favors from the Democratic party, and to devote its attention instead to building its own economic and political organizations.

But there is one thing that I must tell you about yourselves: Some of the merchants are watching you and know that the Karl Marx is YOUR cigar and they tell me that you come in their stores and ask for almost every other brand of cigars but your own Karl Marx. Then the merchant asks me: "Why don't your own people smoke their own cigars?"

Now comrades, don't make we answer that question, for it is impossible for me to do so. I cannot tell a man why someone does not use his own merchandise. Be loyal to your cause and to yourself and do all you can for your factory and your home.

Now, as it is impossible for me to come to your house and talk to you, I will try to do my best in writing. I don't know whether you know it or not, but it is a fact that your cigar factory is steadily growing bigger and bigger all the time.

October, 1932, I started to sell your cigars for you with only three men working part time and one woman stripping tobacco. Now, with your effort and mine, we have grown to twelve men and two women. That just goes to show what we comrades can do if we put our shoulders to the wheel and say "go."

And remember, we did this when thousands of other businesses were going to nothing and business conditions were the worst we ever had.

But comrades, we must not stop.

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## A HEART-TO-HEART TALK

By ADAM EBERLY.

Comrades, I would like to come to everyone of you and have a good, heart-to-heart talk about your cigar factory and your home, the Labor Lyceum. But it is impossible for me to do this as I am out working day and night for you and your home.

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would have known, there never would have been such a war.

"I am a Socialist because I want to get this country back into the hands of the people. And I'm a Socialist because I am tired of paying taxes, interest and rent as well as inflated operating expenses every time I buy a piece of merchandise. Say, for instance, I want a plow. Included in its price are profits of half a dozen firms who have handled it, and the firms probably did part of their business on borrowed money, so I have to pay interest, too."