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## Wyomissing Dictates the Fusion Water Policy

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

I AM NOT one of those people who believe that anything which large masses of workers do is "right." (In this connection, be it understood, I am using the word "right" without regard to morals and ethics, but in the sense of being correct.)

THE MEANING OF the word having been established, let me say that I believe one weakness of Socialist propaganda in the past has been a too-prevalent tendency to agree with the things which workers have done, whether their actions were sensible and consistent or foolish and contrary.

It seems to me that the time is close at hand when we should adopt another attitude. Instead of patting the victim of Capitalism on the shoulder and saying, "poor fellow, the exploiters are oppressing you shamefully," it might have been better if we had hit him over the head and said, "you damn fool, look what you have let yourself in for."

THE ABOVE REFERS, of course, to the non-Socialist worker. I would like to convince him that, united with his fellows, he is strong enough to fashion the world to his own purposes. I would like to make him realize that it is HIS fault and failure which keeps his class divided and at the mercy of a small group of profit-takers. I would like him to understand that when he is cast out of industry and made to starve on doles while the politicians of Capitalism destroy food and clothes-stuffs in an effort to create an artificial scarcity, or when his children become hoboes because there is no place in the world for them—I say that I would like the non-Socialist workers to understand that it is up to HIM to change things and that it is to HIS discredit—more than to the discredit of the exploiters—that insecurity and injustice and poverty and war made life a nightmare for millions.

COMING BACK TO my original proposition I submit that Socialists in particular are in a tight hole when they presume to place their "O. K." upon everything which the great mass of workers have done. For, among other things, it was the great mass of workers who always kept the Socialists from taking over the powers of government.

It was the workers who asked for a "Return to Normalcy," who "Kept Cool With Cal," who sanctioned "Rugged Individualism."

And it is the great mass of workers who today prefer to place their trust in a spurious "New Deal" in the Capitalist game rather than organize their economic and political power and build a world in which they will play the game of life without having a master class lick big dividends out of the kitty.

HERE OF LATE I've felt the urge to do some talking to members of my class which would be both plain and disagreeable. If I ever let myself go, my discourse will be something like this:

"Suckers, you're getting what you voted for. You voted to let a click of profiteers make laws which enable parasites to rob you. You voted yourself and your children into wage slavery and (Continued on Page Two)

### FORMER MAYOR DECLARES SOCIALISTS WERE URGED TO CUT BILL TO BOSSES

"Sliding Scale" Long Sought by Fusion's Backers, Stump Reveals—Socialist Leader Points to Danger to Public Utility—Yocom's Explanation Fails to Hide Class Favoritism of Fusionists

That the sliding scale in water rates, which gives big consumers a base rate at slightly more than half the amount charged ordinary householders, was inaugurated in response to influences exerted by the big Wyomissing textile interests, was indicated by former Mayor J. Henry Stump in an interview with the Advocate this week. Stump scored the reduction in rates to the big water users as a menace to the water system which will eventually compel the city to burden the system with bonds in order to pay for improvements and maintenance.

"During the Socialist administration we were frequently besought by friends of the Wyomissing industries to make a special allowance to them for the use of city water," Stump declared. "They did not come themselves, but those who did present the argument for a sliding scale made frequent and pointed reference to Wyomissing as a big customer—if the rates were brought low enough."

"Under the old flat rates there was an annual surplus from water revenues of approximately \$500,000. This money was useful to pay for the planting of trees and for extensions to the water plant. Since we left office the city has taken over vast areas of mountain land which could properly be viewed as additions to the watershed and for which the city will eventually have to pay. When the time comes for settlement the loss in water revenues resulting from favoritism to the large users, many of whom are not even residents of Reading, will be keenly felt."

**Why More Water**  
Examination of the effect of the low water rates upon the bills of the industrialists who are the chief backers of Fusion in Reading, is accepted by many people as an explanation of the determined efforts made to increase Reading's water supply far in excess of the city's requirements. Reading has never suffered from a water shortage, although for a number of years the public has been warned of dangers in that direction which never materialized. It is reasonable to suppose that the welfare of powerful private interests in and out of Reading was being considered in extending the water supply and that the sliding scale rates are the final triumph of those interests.

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### ILL. TOWN BARS S. P. SPEAKERS

"See An Undertaker," Warns Police Chief In Denying Rights to Party's Congressional Candidate

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill.—Douglas B. Anderson, Socialist candidate for Congress, and William Cox, candidate for state representative, were denied the privileges of free speech here Friday by Chief of Police Nipper.

The two had previously spoken in Carterville, Herrin, Marion, Buckner, DuQuoin, Ziegler and Johnson, all in Franklin county.

**Second Denial of Rights**  
After conferring with Sheriff Browning Robinson, who agreed to talk with the police chief here, the two announced they would return to West Frankfort later to speak.

Anderson, who is chairman of the Socialist party in Illinois, gained nation-wide publicity recently when he and Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president in 1928, were denied the right to speak in Taylorville.

**Chief Evades Questions**  
Chief Nipper evaded a direct answer when the two asked him if Republicans and Democrats were to be allowed to speak before the fall campaign. They represented the third largest political party in the United States, they said. They were warned not to speak where they inquired about the place in which political speeches were usually held.

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### THOMAS-HOOPES AT ALLENTOWN PICNIC SUNDAY

Large Crowd Expected In Central Park August 5 at Inter-County Festival of Socialists

#### PACK YOUR OWN BASKET

Free Entertainment on Program of Events Announced by Lehigh County Picnic Committee

Many Reading Socialists are planning to attend the annual Inter-County Socialist Picnic to be held at Central Park, near Allentown, on Sunday, Aug. 5. Norman Thomas, twice candidate for President of the U. S. on the Socialist ticket, and Darlington Hoopes, militant Socialist assemblyman, will deliver the main addresses.

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Invitations have gone out to all Socialist Locals, especially Lehigh, Berks, Montgomery, Northampton, Carbon and Bucks counties, inviting everyone to pack lunch baskets and spend the day at the park. Responses from different locals indicate that there will be a large turnout of party members, friends and sympathizers.

**Free Entertainment**  
Danny O'Donnell, the famous exponent of acrobatic and tap dancing, is to be one of the headliners of the entertainment features in the afternoon at the Central Park Open Air Theatre on Sunday, August 5. This is part of the free entertainment features put on by the Socialists for their Socialist Day celebration at this inter-county picnic.

Hoopes will speak in the afternoon. In the evening Norman Thomas, internationally known author, lecturer and labor leader, will deliver an address on the problems facing the country.

Danny O'Donnell and his dancing dolls have made a great reputation for their versatility and unique entertainment features. Mr. O'Donnell has had four years experience as an acrobatic dancer for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. He has also been a featured dancer on the RKO Vaudeville Circuit.

The feature of the afternoon will consist of dancing, singing and comedy with twelve beautiful girls and some of the most clever juvenile entertainers in the Lehigh Valley. Admission to the theatre will be free and there will be ample parking space provided directly across from the theatre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### THOMAS TO BROADCAST ON CALIFORNIA TONIGHT

NEW YORK (FP).—Norman Thomas, Socialist, will speak over the Columbia Broadcasting System on a nationwide hookup Friday night, August 3, at 10:45 p. m., eastern daylight saving time, on the situation following the general strike in California.

He is expected to make a plea that California shall not continue mob rule and attacks on union, Socialist, J. W. W. and Communist halls.

The program will be heard in California, as well as throughout the nation.

### Masters' Dailies Brag Of Strikebreaking In San Francisco Walkout

SAN FRANCISCO.—Earl Burke, Frisco district newspaperman, brazenly boasts in Editor & Publisher, trade journal of newspaperdom, that the San Francisco and Oakland newspapers were largely instrumental in causing the general strike of July 16-19. Instead of keeping up the pretense that capitalist papers are neutral carriers of the news, without coloring and without prejudice, the lineup against the workers is boldly confessed and made a matter of pride in Burke's article.

It occupies almost a page and is headed: DAILIES HELPED BREAK GENERAL STRIKE. Seldom have newspaper channels bragged so openly of their anti-labor feats.

**MORAL: Support the Labor and Socialist Press.**

### UNEMPLOYED INCREASING

Green's Figures Show 10,312,000 Jobless, With Part-Time Work at Record High Figures

WASHINGTON (FP).—Unemployment is beginning another upward march, following the end of the spring season, reports President William Green of the American Federation of Labor. The figure for June is 10,312,000, a gain of 64,000 in one month. Trade unions reported 20% of their members unemployed and 24% on part time. The part-time figure is a record for the present economic crisis.

"Business firms," commented President Green, "have succeeded in increasing activity without making any important reduction in the great standing army of job seekers. A large proportion of this standing army has been without work for two years or more." Government agencies estimate 1,813,000 had temporary jobs under PWA, CCC, and ERA. This cuts the number of actual jobless to 8,499,999.

**Relief Largest In History**  
"The latest relief figures," adds the A. F. of L. report, "show relief payments at the highest level during the depression. In April there were 4,447,503 cases on relief rolls, including 16,826,000 persons. Relief payments totalled (Continued on Page Four)

### FASCISM CRACKS IN EUROPE; FAILURE OF NATIONALISM IS HEADING WORLD TOWARD WAR

Lack of Economic Policy Brings Break-up of Dictatorships Established to Save Capitalism—Living Standards Sink Elsewhere While Soviets Announce Advances

By FRANK L. PALMER.

NEW YORK (FP).—World fascism is cracking. This is the significance in the fighting in Europe as seen by close observers in both labor and business. Europe is not, as one put it, "just a continent of Dillingers gone mad." For nearly 15 years, fascism seemed to be on the upgrade as fascist leaders gave more and more glowing promises to European people crushed under a steadily declining economic order.

In Germany, for example, Hitler's promises to wipe out the "disgrace of Versailles," as the 1919 peace treaty is logically called, and to give unemployed and hopeless German youth good jobs, were very attractive. Similar fascist groups in other states gave the same ringing promises and drew the same hopeless, desperate middle class youth to their support.

**The Tragedy of Success**  
So long as fascism was out of power it gained. Then came its tragic destiny—it won power. Business observers from America who

### P'NIC PROGRAM OF REAL MERIT ON AUGUST 12

Bob Rettew and Musical Clowns Will be Headliner On Schedule of Free Entertainment

#### ONEAL WILL BE SPEAKER

Reading Music Students Will Render Recital—Usual Picnic Features Will be Provided

A real treat is in store for those who attend the next big Socialist picnic, which will be held on Sunday, August 12, at the Socialist Park.

Bob Rettew, Pennsylvania's most versatile performer, and his clown band will be the feature of the big entertainment program. Rettew and his musical clowns with pep, snap, rhythm, cleverness and flash are the laugh riot of the season. Bob Rettew, the man of a thousand hats, magician, ventriloquist, acrobat, musician. Don't miss it.

Bob Styer, popular black-faced comedian, who is with Bob Rettew and his musical clowns will entertain with his many jokes and monologues.

**Local Musicians to Entertain**  
Another feature on the program is a concert by pupils of the Reading School of Music under the direction of Mr. William Zeswitz. The program will consist of orchestra under the direction of Mr. Russel Roth, violinist; popular numbers by the banjo band directed by Mr. Harvey Marburger and classical, popular and mountain songs by various groups of soloists. The clarinet group in charge of Mr. Warren Orth.

**N. Y. Editor to Speak**  
As the principal speaker on the picnic program, James Oneal, editor of the New York New Leader, will have an important message for his hearers as the headliner on the speaking program. Former Mayor Stump and Darlington Hoopes, will be the local speakers. A baseball game between the Hampden A. C. and the Coccoosing Gun Club, free dancing, races, contests and other events promises a day chock full of activities and guarantees a pleasant day for all who attend. Plan now to be there for this big time.

### Comments on Capitalism

#### HELL IN YORK

In York County, home of what has long been considered the most docile workers in America, striking cigar workers are putting up a strong battle to preserve the miserable \$10.80 weekly wage minimum which the code of that industry has established and which the bosses say they cannot afford to pay.

And there, as elsewhere, the powers of government are shooting and gassing workers in order to convince them that, while Americans have a right to strike, they must starve to death according to the best Capitalist traditions of law and order while doing it.

Socialists are convinced of the righteousness of the York workers' cause. They appreciate the courage with which the workers are battling for the insultingly-low minimum wages allowed them. But Socialists will withhold their admiration for the good sense and economic intelligence of those and other strikers until the next election demonstrates whether or not strikers have learned the necessity of capturing political power.

In most of the zones where organized government has used violence against the workers the last election was carried by one or the other of the two Capitalist parties. What they are getting now is really what they voted for. If they vote the same way again their industrial and political masters will have some cause to believe they got what they wanted and are asking for more.

It's time that workers everywhere understood the necessity of capturing political power so that that power can be used FOR and NOT AGAINST them. It's time they stopped electing "good" men and began voting for themselves and their class by casting straight Socialist ballots.

#### HINDY DIES: WAR DANGER GROWS

With the death of President Von Hindenburg, Germany loses a symbol for law and order which, to some degree, has acted as a counterbalance to Hitler's sadism. Whether or not his passing results in an immediate change of policies which will hasten the advent of international war in Europe remains to be seen. However, workers everywhere can risk their shirts upon the proposition that, sooner or later, there is going to be another bloodletting.

Permitting a few owners to exploit them is the master mistake of the working class. When war comes they pay the natural price of that mistake with their blood. Workers who vote for Capitalism may not know it, but they are actually condemning their children to slavery in time of peace and to slaughter upon the fields of battle.

#### UNPAID CITY TAXES REACH NEW HIGH

We learn from our Fusion city officials that the amount of taxes due the city is \$1,400,000, the largest sum of all times. Deplore as they will the fact that Reading is sinking deeper and deeper toward bankruptcy, the fact still remains that the Fusionists themselves are to blame for the situation.

In making the above charge against them we are not referring to any malfeasance in office. What we mean is that they are organized to support and maintain an economic system which aims to preserve the privileges of private wealth without regard to the common welfare.

The only reason people don't pay their taxes is because they lack the cash. The reason they lack the cash is because they are paid very low wages when they work and cast aside without any wages at all when machines are found to do the work. And the reason that it is done is because the system for which Fusionists stand is based upon the proposition that wealth should be created only for the profit of owners.

It would be possible to give every individual such prosperity that all could easily provide his share to make the city beautiful. To do that all that would be necessary would be to open the industries, start producing and give the producers ALL they produce.

However that way would not be satisfactory to the Fusionists. If they'd urge it as a way out their masters in Wyomissing would stop contributing to the Fusion campaign fund and Wellington Beriolet would disown them. Rather than sacrifice the right of the owners to take huge amounts of plunder from the workers, the Fusionists will see Reading in a hotter place than Berks County.

#### PROSPERITY FOR STEEL

We learn this week that during the first three months of the present year the U. S. Steel Corporation made a profit of \$5,350,241. Workers should study those figures carefully, because they have something to do with the poverty of the masses.

Those millions of dollars represent wealth which the workers created—and did not get. Those millions will not be used to put bread and meat upon the tables of America. Some of those millions will not be used at all until those who receive them find a way to profitably re-invest what they looted from labor.

We submit to workers everywhere that they simply CAN'T give so much money to owners and still have it for themselves. That ought to be clear enough for even a Fusionist to understand. It should also be clear that to end the system which makes it necessary for workers to be poor, the workers themselves should get busy, organize industrially and vote Socialistic.

#### DOES SCHOOL BOARD FAVOR LOWER WAGES?

Has the School Board of Reading been purposely delaying the building of new schools which were authorized by the voters last November? And are they dilly-dallying in the hope that something will happen which will make it possible for them to avoid the use of PWA funds and the wage rates which PWA requires?

Francis Klemmer, business agent for the Building Trades Council, thinks that is what is behind the delay, and, right or wrong, his belief is interesting.

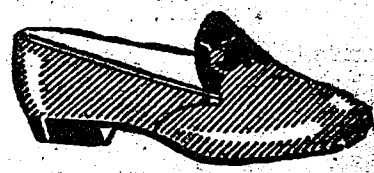
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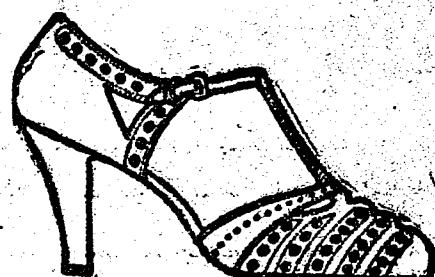
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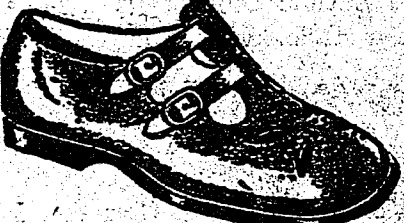
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## ILL. TOWN

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Finally Anderson said, "Suppose we go and see the mayor about this."

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Anderson—"What if I get a permit from the attorney general?"

Chief Nipper—"I don't care if you get permits from 25 attorney generals. You won't speak here and that's all I've got to say."

### Pickets To Prevent Violence

BUTTE, Mont.—Because of repeated attempts of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. to bring about martial law by instigating violence, the Butte Citizen, official paper of the striking copper miners, has called for more pickets to patrol the company property and prevent damage.

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## FORMER MAYOR

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City Holding the Bag  
"The new rates give out-of-town interests access to good water under conditions more favorable than they would have if they owned their own plants," Stump pointed out.

"The city is shouldering the investment and is holding the bag in case of any calamity which would befall the water system. Reading, on the other hand, has accumulated additional debts and the Fusionists have reduced the city's income from water."

### Yocom's Faulty Explanation

In connection with a newspaper report this week that Wyomissing is practically ready to hook up with city water, Councilman Yocom, director of that city department, made an explanation which contradicts itself in a number of places.

Yocom declares that out-of-town users will pay more than city consumers. He then admits that the water will be sold to the Wyomissing industries at the lowest rate—which is 6 cents per hundred cu. ft.—plus 10 per cent.

In other words, Wyomissing industries will pay approximately 66 cents for the same amount of water as the Reading householders gets for \$1.20.

When Yocom went on to state that the Wyomissing industries will not make money by re-selling water to private consumers, the question arose: "How can the Wyomissing industries pay 6 cents and fail to make money if, as Yocom claims, the Wyomissing householders are going to pay slightly more than is paid by the citizens of Reading?"

### Bertoleto For Private Company

While Wellington Bertoleto, as head of the Fusion combine in city hall, is the most powerful arbiter of politics in the city, his real interests are with the private corporations which he serves as attorney.

Bertoleto showed that he is out to help the profit-taking Sinking Spring Water Co. when he proposed that Reading turn its water into the mains of that corporation. If Bertoleto's proposal is acted upon, which is likely to happen with Fusionists in control of the city, the Sinking Spring corporation will be benefiting as the result of Reading's big expenditures in water extension.

### Fusion Lineup Bared

Fusion's virtual gift to the big employer interests of the city and its suburbs in the reduction of water bills explains why those interests are so eager to keep the Socialists from conducting the affairs of the city. Last week the Advocate showed in detail how the big P. & R. Railroad Co. has had its bill cut to the tune of thousands of dollars annually at the car shops alone. The same story can be read of any other industry in the city by an examination of the sliding scale rates.

To keep the many small householders from complaining, the new scale gives them a reduction of approximately 20 cents per month.

An understanding of what the Fusionists have done for the big interests will adequately explain why those interests are always on the list of Fusion contributors. Paying bills for Fusion has proven to be a good investment for the few. But in the end the Fusion victory is likely to wreck the water system of Reading.

## FASCISM CRACKS

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Perhaps it is truer to say that her economic platform was summed up in one sentence in Premier Mussolini's recent speech to the Italian people: "Humidity must repose on a lower standard of living." Throughout fascist countries that is what has been happening; the standard of living has been going lower and lower. Both Italy and Germany have recently slashed wages wholesale.

### Nationalism Hastens Confict

Labor observers point out a "second fundamental weakness in" fascism—its stressing of nationalism means that every fascist nation becomes an enemy of every other fascist nation. Thus we see the death struggle of German fascism (which is called Nazi) against Italian and Austrian fascism. "We see even more strangely Italian fascism turning to democratic Britain and France for added strength against the Nazis."

American workers, who have been watching with grave concern as one trade union movement after another has been crushed in Europe by the fascist growth, are rejoicing today in the confidence that that growth has been smashed.

The American Federation of Labor joined the fight against fascism in an unprecedented fashion when it approved almost unanimously the boycott of German goods and services. This blow was struck in retaliation for Hitler's destruction of the great German trade union movement.

### Soviets Promise Better Times

Meanwhile the issue is hotly debated as to whether fascism can disappear from Europe without engulfing that continent in another world war which might utterly destroy all that we now call civilization. Only the optimists were certain that there would be a strong swing back to the policies of the various labor governments; policies which, for example, caused the Soviet government to announce recently a plan to treble the standard of living of its people in a little more than five years.

### Strike Against Chiselers

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—The entire force of 175 workers at the Gulf state Creosoting Co. of Hattiesburg has gone on strike following the refusal of the company to take back three union officials discharged for labor activities.

The union, organized in June, is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

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## GOV'T SEEN AS ALLY OF LARGE SHIP COMPANIES

Government Funds Flow to Shippers Who Have Spent Half Million to Crush Labor Organization

## OWNERS FLOUT SEC. 7A

All Capital Lined Up Against All Labor in Western Conflict For Industrial Rights

The ship operator and stevedore companies of Los Angeles Harbor expended a sum well in excess of one-half million dollars for police protection during the first nine weeks of the strike. This sum represents a greater expenditure than the total wages of all the longshoremen now on strike would have been had they been working steadily. In addition, there has been a tremendous cost in the hiring of strikebreakers which possibly has amounted to over five dollars per head.

### Other Crafts Watching

All competent authorities agree that it is costing approximately three times the amount which it should to actually discharge and load cargo. The expenditures of such sums of money on the part of the ship-owners can mean only one thing—they are willing to expend large sums to prevent the union from becoming substantial; for they fully realize that the unionization of the waterfront crafts will have a direct influence on all other trades in this vicinity. They know that the teamsters who are in a deplorable condition as far as organization is concerned will immediately join their union and attempt to better their condition; so the fight the longshoremen are carrying on will affect almost every other line of trade unionism.

### Gov't Funds Aid Bosses

But the money which the ship owners are expending has, to a great extent, been received from the Government. Mail subsidies have been indiscriminately awarded and the contracts for the carriage of mail are exorbitant when one considers the service rendered. The Senate investigation of last June brought out the fact that Uncle Sam is being "milked" in a systematic and thorough-going manner by the shipping magnates.

When one considers that the Government first loans the money to build the vessel and then furnishes enough money to keep it operating at a profit to the managing company, it is not hard to surmise why they oppose the unionization of this branch of industry.

Several of the large steamship companies do not even employ American workmen in the operation of their vessels. Chinese steward departments are used almost entirely by one of the largest beneficiaries of Government aid. The only thing the employers have been concerned with is their profit sheet, never giving any thought to their employees.

### NIRA On Trial

It is not known how long the present strike will continue. The Federal Government is exerting all of its efforts to a solution, but even the power of the Federal Government has seemed very impotent wherever the ship operators are concerned; for the Government has not been able to promulgate a code of fair competition for the shipping industry. This strike is a strike of all labor against all capital inasmuch as the most vital factor that all labor has to contend with, namely a right to organize and deal with their employers through their own representatives, is at stake. All labor will now definitely know whether Section 7a means anything or not, but funds are needed to carry this question to a definite conclusion and all contributions should be sent to W. R. Patterson, president International Longshoremen's Association 38-82, San Pedro, California.

### Profits Before Safety

NEW YORK—The driver of the bus in which 18 people were killed and 19 injured recently near Ossining, N. Y., had complained that the bus was unfit, it is reported. The bosses ignored his complaint.

## FOOD SHORTAGE WEAKENS HITLER'S HOLD ON GERMANS

BERLIN (TIS).—The scarcity of potatoes, Germany's most important staple food, has become so pronounced that mass protests and demonstrations are taking place almost daily in the workers' districts of the large cities. The women are especially bitter and openly denounce the Hitler regime which they accuse of bringing them a repetition of war starvation and misery. The number of arrests is steadily mounting.

Serious food disturbances are also reported from the industrial sections of Saxony. The grocers are demanding exorbitant prices, and unrest became so widespread that the authorities were forced to take appropriate measures. The potato retail sale price has been fixed at 20 Pfennig (8 cents) per kilo but the storekeepers are asking and receiving 30 Pfennig and often more. Due to these circumstances, the government has been forced to relax its economic policy, and has reduced the duty on imported potatoes from six to two Marks per hundredweight. Agricultural districts have been ordered to dispatch all available food-stuff quantities to the industrial sections.

At Essen, several stores which charged exorbitant prices, were closed by order of the authorities. Signs explaining the reasons of this official act have been posted at the doors. Each customer is entitled to the purchase of no more than one kilo of potatoes, a ruling of the market authorities says.

Plans for the revival of food cards of war days are seriously considered in government circles. It is said that one million cards are already prepared and ready for distribution. They are intended only for flour and bread but will be later extended to other victuals.

## REFLECTIONS

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You've been doing it all your life. You always looked for some way to avoid doing the one right thing, which would be to place Socialists at the helm and organize behind them while they took the means of life for the workers. You accepted makeshifts and were afraid to be called radical. You stuck to Capitalism as long as you could and are only crying now because Capitalism no longer finds a slave's position for you to occupy. Blaming your hardships upon the people who rob you is a cowardly way of facing your problem. Blame yourself; when you do that there is some chance of your acting as a worker should act. Up to the present time you've been a hopeless mess. Reform before Capitalism clamps a Fascist dictatorship upon you, and keeps you from even complaining about your pains."

I WONDER WHETHER a little less sympathy, and a little more condemnation from Socialists wouldn't help to convince many workers of their own responsibility for the evils against which they complain.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT

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\$112,527,000 including those on ERA work program; this compares with \$73,000,000 in April, 1933.

The Federal Reserve Board announced that industrial output had fallen from 86% of the 1923-25 average in May to 84% in June, reflecting a sharp fall in cotton mill activity and lower production

in lumber mills and coal mines. Sharper declines were promised when July figures are released next month.

## ATTENTION, 17TH WARDERS

There is a new Advocate collector in your district who will call on you soon if your subscription is due. Some subscribers are in arrears due to the illness of the former collector who was unable to get around for some time.

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# Activities of the Reading Socialists

## CARD PARTY TONIGHT AT LAURELDALE

The women of the Laureldale Branch again invite their Reading comrades to attend a card party in their headquarters, Yerger's Hall, Laureldale, tonight. Playing will start at 8:30. Prizes will be awarded to winners and refreshments will be served.

## CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

The Northeast Women extend an invitation to all card players to visit their headquarters, 1311 North Ninth street, Saturday night, and compete for the fine prizes which will be there for winning players. Playing will begin at 8:30. Lunch will be served.

## CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHWEST BRANCH

Tomorrow night the women of the Northwest Branch will hold their first Saturday night card party in their headquarters at 143 Greenwich street. Really worthwhile prizes will put zest in the games, which will start at 8 o'clock. All card players are invited to enjoy this party.

## CHORUS MEMBERS, ATTENTION!

All members of both the men's and women's choruses are asked to be at Labor Lyceum, Saturday, at 2 p. m. for a joint rehearsal.

## ORGANIZATION MEETING

A meeting of the organization committee and all city registrars will be held at the Labor Lyceum, Wednesday, August 8, at 8 p. m.

The purpose of this meeting is to instruct the registrars, and have them work with the organization committee for registering voters on the following registration days: Tuesday, Sept. 6; Tuesday, Sept. 18, and Saturday, Oct. 6, and any other plans that will help the party wage a successful campaign this year. All members of the organization committee and registrars are urged to attend this

meeting and bring their questions with them. Blank forms of the registration books including all questions asked each voter registering have been secured for the use at this meeting. Do not fail to attend.

## SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT MEETING

A meeting to discuss plans and carry on active campaign work in this district was held at Gensemer's Hall, 1158 Broadway Blvd., Kenhorst, Tuesday, Howard Moser of the Kenhorst Branch was elected chairman and Walter E. Brown of the Jacksonwald Branch, secretary. Sixty-five members of the various branches were present. Discussion followed talks given by Jacob Halderman, candidate for the legislature of this district; Howard Moser, Burgess, and Ralph Bigony, county organizer, and a number of other comrades present. Among the important questions discussed were: "How to promote branch activity," "To increase membership," "Distribution of literature," "Holding campaign meetings," and "House-to-house canvass of voters, with special efforts in getting the women voters in the rural districts to go to the polls and vote."

It was decided to have the branches of this district elect two members from each branch to serve as an executive committee and to meet at the call of the chair. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 15, at 8 p. m. at the West Reading Branch headquarters, 233 Kline street.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

All members of the executive committee are urged to be at Labor Lyceum next Thursday at 8 p. m. for the consideration of important party policies.

## LEBANON BRANCH

The Lebanon comrades are continuing their outdoor meetings; a number have been planned for several weeks in advance. Next week's meetings are: Wednesday, Aug. 8, Gravel Hill School House, Palmyra, and Schaefferstown, in the Square. Thursday, Aug. 9, Campbellstown, William Schwenen, speaker, and West Lebanon. Meetings of Aug. 1 at Third and Chestnut, Lebanon, Fredericksburg and Jonestown were addressed by Walter Hollinger, Mark Brown and Harry Alexander of Reading.

## Cotton Strike Continues

BURLINGTON, Vt.—The six-week strike in the Queen City Cotton Mill of Burlington is continuing as a result of the mayor's failure to receive help from the cotton textile industrial board. He is now trying to bring about a settlement through arbitration by forming a local arbitration board composed of representatives of the company, the union and the city. The management of the plant had previously resisted efforts to end the strike through outside intervention.

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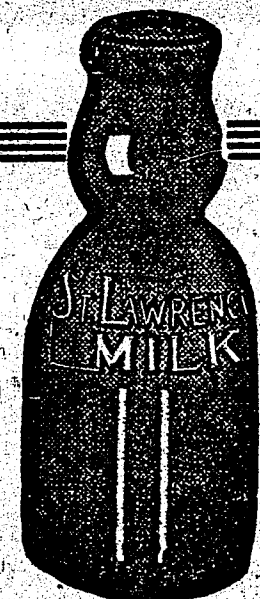
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## NRA WEAK ON LABOR'S RIGHTS

Mediation at Expense of Strikers — "New Deal" Reveals Preservation of Capitalism as Sole Aim.

The government has failed to make good its New Deal promises regarding civil liberties and workers' rights where "economic issues of power and privilege" are involved, according to "Liberty Under the New Deal," the recent published annual report from June, 1933, to June, 1934, of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The areas of the country where the record shows civil liberties most steadily violated," the report says, "remain practically unchanged — California, Pennsylvania, the Illinois coal fields, New Jersey industrial towns, and the South."

"Unparalleled resistance on the part of employers determined to maintain the open shop" and refusal of the New Deal administration "to make good its implied support of trade unions" are cited in the report as the important factors in the amazingly widespread struggle in the industrial field.

## Employers Given Advantage

"Government mediation," the Union declares, "has usually been at the expense of labor's rights. The government has not intervened to stop employers' interference with union activities. It has not outlawed company unions. It has tended to restrict the right to strike. It has discriminated against left-wing and independent trade unions."

"The role of the New Deal in relation to labor's rights could easily have been forecast by those who understand that its main purpose is the preservation of the existing economic system. The Administration is frankly the ally of business. Codes are made by trade associations and administered by them."

Four conclusions are reached by the Civil Liberties Union regarding the status of liberty under the new deal: "First, we have had no wholesale suppression because there is as yet no significant opposition to suppression."

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"Second, the central struggle involving civil liberties, between capital and labor, has been greatly affected by the New Deal—

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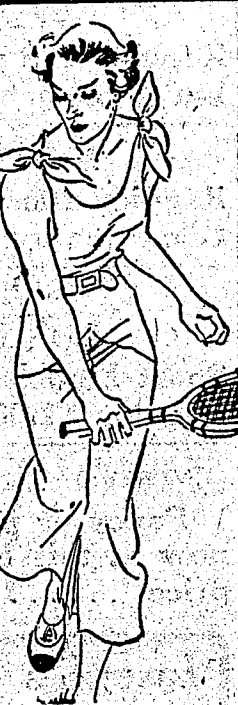
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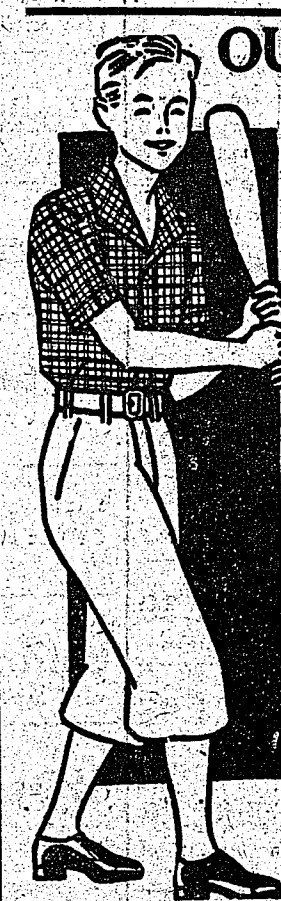
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FRESH **Pork Hearts . Pork Kidneys . Pork Liver . . 9c lb.**

FRESH **SPARE RIBS . . . . . 7c lb.**

SUGAR-CURED SMOKED **BOSTON BUTTS . . . 22c lb.**

HOME DRESSED FULL CUT **FRESH SHOULDERS . 13c lb.**  
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MINCED HAM BOLOGNA . . . . . 16c lb  
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first, by encouraging the formation of trade unions, and second, by not vigorously backing up that encouragement in practice.

"Third, in the great channels of communication, the New Deal has not moved, contrary to the charges of its critics, to restrict the radio, to censor the movies, nor to gag the press."

"Fourth, the encouraging aspects of the New Deal in relation to rights and liberties are the more tolerant policies toward aliens, toward Indians, and the President's amnesty on Christmas restoring civil rights to those convicted under the Espionage Act during the war."

Won't Hurt Profits  
"It is obvious, therefore, that in those fields where economic issues of power and privilege do not involve its policies, the New Deal makes for a larger exercise of civil liberty. But when those policies affect the profits and power of the ruling economic class, it is timid or ineffective. Despite the unparalleled power of the federal government, effective control over the exercise of civil liberties in the United States rests where it always has been—with the masters of property."

The report discusses political prisoners, pending court cases, the work of the Union in the fight against police brutality, and cites

campaigns against censorship for academic freedom, and for civil rights for Negroes. Copies of the report may be secured without charge by writing the Civil Liberties Union, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Equipment costs ate in addition to the estimated loss by the port and employers of a million dollars a day for each day of the strike.

The office pessimist says: To find how free you are, divide your inalienable rights by the number of people in your community.

## 'FRISCO GENERAL STRIKE COSTLY TO BOSSES

SAN FRANCISCO (FP) — It cost the Industrial Association more than a half million dollars for equipment to open the port of San Francisco.

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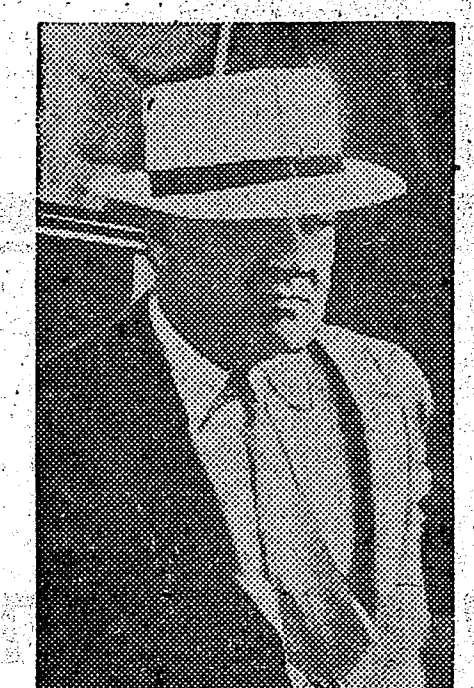
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Tough Gen. Johnson, strike-breaker, is shown as he gave the signal for the attack on union halls and pickets throughout California, in what he afterward described as the breaking of the general strike. He has suggested deporting three million aliens. — Federated Pictures.

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This includes New Summer Suits, Sizes 34 to 38 only. Odd garments. Light shades mostly. Hurry for best selection.

Group 2—\$15.00 Values

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Spring Patterns—Sturdy Fabrics. Sizes 34 to 42.

Group 3—\$19.75 Values

**\$12.90**

Spring models, including sport styles. All wool. Variety of colors. Sizes to fit every build.

Group 4—\$23.50 Values

**\$15.90**

Selected wools. Hand tailored, close lined. Latest Spring styles. New styling and other sport models.

Group 5—\$30.00 Values

**\$19.90**

Nationally advertised Monroe Clothes and other garments that sell regularly up to \$30.00.

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## ANOTHER SLAIN STRIKER



Veterans and workers have erected this memorial to Henry Ness, a slain Minneapolis truck striker, at the place he was shot down by police. Nearly 100,000 took part in his funeral in protest against murderous police fire and in honor to him. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.—Federated Pictures.

## Activities On The Local Union Front

By EARL WHITE  
Federated Trades Organizer

### LANDY AND PURITAN LAUNDRIES STRIKE SOUND

Striking to enforce their rights under the National Recovery Act, the workers of the Landy and Puritan laundries have been out and carrying on active agitation for the past two weeks.

Questioned from various sources the management never tells the same story twice. The striking workers have organized a committee and are systematically calling upon the Landy and Puritan trade informing them of the intolerable conditions existing in the plant. Almost invariably the people approached immediately their cooperation in discontinuing the service.

As a result of aggressive activity about the plant last Friday evening, three persons were arrested, looked up over night at city hall and railroaded to ten days in jail on Saturday morning in magistrates court by Alderman Harry Wolf. In passing sentence the magistrate declared "this thing must be broken up and we will not hear your side." In effect, no matter how just or innocent, pickets will be sent to jail.

### READING BREWERY ON UNION'S "FAIR" LIST

The Reading Brewery was removed from labor's unfair list as a result of conferences arranged and agreements secured from the management by Francis Klemmer, business agent of the Building Trades Council, and the writer.

Agreeing to have everything done requiring building trades men on the premises or otherwise where they have control, all around cooperation was assured. To start off in good faith union bricklayers secured the job of relining boilers at the plant starting next week.

### THREE GROUPS OF UNION ELECTRICIANS

Organized labor generally is unaware of three organizations of legitimate electricians being in existence in this city. They are the old established local of building

and inside electrical workers, utility men employed by the Metropolitan Edison Company, and the men employed in electrical signal maintenance on both railroads. The latter covers the entire Reading Company and Pennsylvania Division in eastern Pennsylvania. In a conversation with the business agent Saturday afternoon I was informed they are just now receiving agreement providing for recognition and expect a substantial increase in wages and improved working conditions.

### WORKERS NEED TWO JOBS TO EXIST

Holding two jobs in this progressive day of the "New Deal" seems to be a necessary requisite and by far more significant than most persons realize. In the past week a score or more persons came directly to this office to complain, or I learned about it indirectly, that innumerable persons are holding two jobs and want to do something about it. As a matter of fact there don't seem to be anything in the "New Deal" to prevent that sort of thing. We are inclined to believe that such provisions were deliberately omitted from the act. The writers of the bill and their supporters plainly visualized that it would be necessary for persons to hold two jobs if they were to avoid the necessity of seeking supplementary vouchers on the relief rolls.

Manufacturers and reactionary businessmen who discharge workers, unable to make minimum wages on a production basis, encourage that sort of thing.

Far be it from me to take steps of preventing some poor unfortunate soul who attempts to keep body and soul together by working on two jobs. What I should like to do of course is to be able to convince all working slaves that two jobs is not what they need, but common sense enough to unite, stick together and demand a larger share of their product.

### TRADES COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY

The Federated Trades Council meets on Tuesday, August 7, at 8 p. m. in the Labor Lyceum. All delegates are urged to attend since matters of importance are to be disposed of.

### BAD TREATMENT FOR INJURED SERB WORKERS

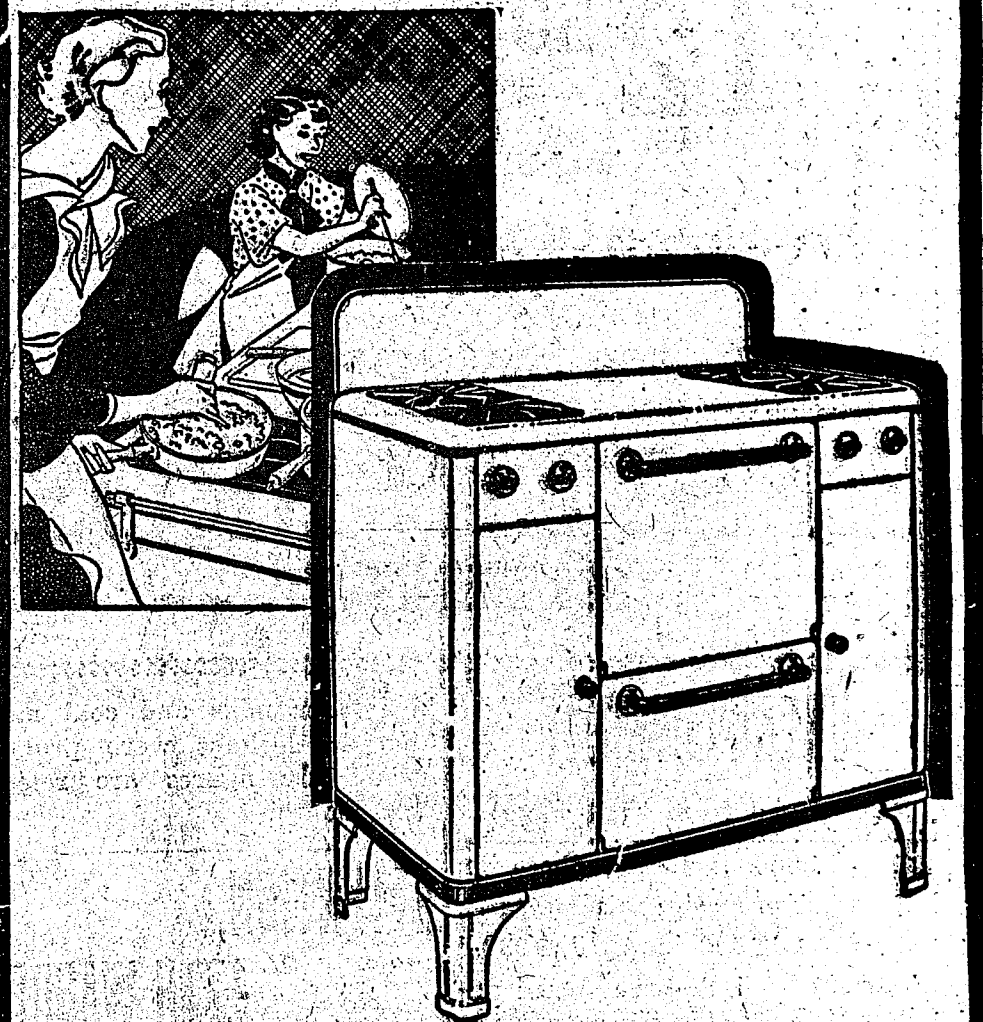
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"A more important moment than the present could hardly be found for arousing public confidence in the Guard," declares the Illinois militia's official organ in commenting on a recent parade of 5,000 guardsmen through Chicago streets.

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### SOVIET PRODUCTION BOOMS AS WORLD'S SAGS

GENEVA (EP) — Industrial production in the U. S. S. R. rose 100% while it was slumping 37% in the rest of the world (46% in the U. S.), according to H. Butler, director of the Intl. Labor Office of the League of Nations.

With industrial production in 1928 representing 100, in the world outside Russia the index of industrial production in the third quarter of 1932 was 63.3; then it rose, reaching 86.3 in July, 1933, but fell again to 73 in December last. On the 1928 base, the index of industrial production in the U. S. fell to 54 in March, 1933, rose to 90 in July, but fell back to 66 in the fall, with some recovery since.

The comparative index for Russia was 200.7 in June, 1932, 229.4 in December, 1932, and 237.1 in September, 1933, and it has continued to increase.

In Japan, with a high degree of state capitalism dominated by a dozen feudal families, the industrial production increased after the first onslaught of the depression; the index being 103.6 in June, 1932; 124.5 in December, 1932; and 139 in November, 1933, with increases since.

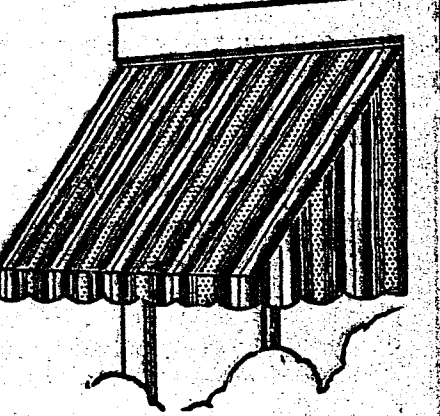
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### COMMENTS ON CAPITALISM

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wages, it is a fact that most of the industrialists who supported the Fusion element of that body in their campaign against the Socialists are dead set against paying the \$1.20 per hour which PWA has established as a mechanic's pay. Our labor exploiters, locally and elsewhere, do not want workers to get big ideas in their heads. They are still cherishing the hope that by beating down labor costs surpluses may be produced so cheaply that they (the exploiters) will be able to sell those surpluses in foreign lands and thus revive the dying Capitalist system.

We don't know whether the Fusion school directors have the same thought in mind. But we do know that Klemmer's suspicion is justified by the company Fusion keeps, the orders it obeys and the interests it serves. Moreover, we also know that just as a means of playing entirely safe, workers should stop using their votes to put Fusionists in office.

### WORK OR STARVE

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all the evidence is in just the on-site direction.

#### Unemployed Eager For Work

We all remember last November, when CWA had its inception. The workers milled around the door of the State Employment office by the hundreds trying to get one of the jobs. Newspapers carried pictures of it. A statement

was given out that the employment office was glutted with applications, that their efforts were being seriously impaired by the number of applicants. A policeman was assigned, and a long line, sometimes reaching down as far as the post office, was formed. All day long, for weeks and weeks, this line was maintained, and still they came. Finally, to prevent the workers from standing in the cold, the Army was acquired, and still they came. CWA couldn't possibly absorb all of them. Many applied but only a comparative few were chosen. The disappointment was great. Several suicides left notes behind, stating that the cause was inability to get a job. So we can see, out of our own experience, that the unemployed are trying, not to escape a job, but to capture a job. People don't line up at a fountain unless they want a drink.

On the other hand, it isn't contended that there are no drones among the unemployed, but the number is infinitesimally small. There are some prisoners in jail who are innocent but the great majority are guilty. There are perhaps a few grocers who put sand in the sugar but the great majority of grocers are honest. So it is with the unemployed. There probably are a few who never worked and never will, who are now better off than they ever were, but the great majority, 99%, are energetic, ambitious, American men and women who always have worked and who are now out of

### POVERTY AND MILLIONS



Right in the center of Wall Street, where millions are tossed around as mere nothing, an eviction took place recently, as this picture shows. So Wall Street got a dose of its own medicine.—Federated Pictures.

work through no fault of their own, and to impose a compulsory work test upon them, ostensibly to weed out drones, is like liberating a thousand prisoners because two of them have proved their innocence. There must be some other motive.

#### History Shows the Purpose

In searching for the real motive let us look to Great Britain who has dealt with this problem for hundreds of years, and who, for a long time has used the method which apparently we are now adopting. Prior to the time of Queen Elizabeth poverty was taken care of by the Church. Elizabeth recognized the problem by passing the first Poor Laws, which, through poor administration, were rendered ineffective, so that by the year 1700 the country was groaning under a plague of roving vagabonds and beggars.

In 1796, about the time of the Napoleonic struggle, an act was passed which doubled the annual cost of relief and it remained at over seven million pounds a year for 30 years. To keep their people quiet at home was the first thought of all the neighbors and enemies of France. The act had good points and bad points. The notorious features of Poor Law administration at that time were due, not to wholesale doling giving, but to the besetting desire to require some task of work from the recipient. By no means the worst device adopted was to collect the unemployed each day and direct them to sit and do nothing; or to confine them in a gravel-pit. Most Parish authorities went all lengths to secure that work, any work, was at least nominally performed by the recipients. They harnessed the unemployed men to Parish carts, and an overseer in Kent made unemployed shepherds walk 26 miles every day for their vouchers. In effect, Parish or municipal work was hard to create or order, and was always expensive in performance.

In Norwich the Relief Board was paying out relief to about 750 able-bodied men. These men were required, as a deterrent, to attend at certain depots more than three miles outside the city. There the men were not put to do any work, but were locked in from 9:15 a. m. to 4:15 p. m., four days a week. A depot consisted of a rough shed without seating of any kind. The men simply stood about for the seven hours of their detention. In all of the above-mentioned examples the object was not to get any work done, but to make the performance of the task so disagreeable that they would endure it for only a short time. Every day the number was reduced by those who failed to show up, who, on the charge of being lazy, lost their relief as a consequence. No work, no relief.

#### Like Old Workhouse Test

In due course the famous Poor Law commissioners of 1832-34 took drastic measures to bring Poor Law administration around to the path of even greater economy. Then was the full flowering of the rising Capitalists' greed. By their action both farmer and laborer were cut off from the dole. One main principle they established was that relief should not be offered to the able-bodied and their families except in a workhouse or poorhouse. This deterrent was known as the workhouse test, and was an extension of the work test. It meant that in order to get relief you first had to agree, as a condition of relief, to leave home and live in the poorhouse.

Not that they expected the wholesale entry of workers into the poorhouse. That would indeed have brought the whole plan to ruin. But the deterrent effect of the poorhouse could be relied upon to discourage any applications for relief, except from social outcasts and those who had sunk to the last stage of indigence and despair. Only destitution was provided for; unemployment was ignored, and the genuine unemployed were left to shift for themselves. It just shows how far a Capitalist nation will go to save the profit takers.

This deterrent policy of 1834 enjoyed a great immediate success in keeping down the figures and cost of rural relief, but it broke down in the cities. There, unemployment was a genuine economic disease. Special permission had to be given to London and other towns to resume the payment of home relief. Not that it was given for nothing. The test of work in the labor-yard or the stone-yard was still required and was in itself a deterrent. But, for the most part, the administration of the labor-yards was lax, and to a gradually increasing extent, the enforcement of this penal labor became something of a sham. Each man did as little as he could, and nothing at all if he was not being watched. Picking oakum and stone breaking are not elevating tasks, and it is not surprising that the output of a labor-yard in a given week should be found to have cost the State anything from 5 to 10 times as much as it would have cost in the ordinary market. But the high cost of production was more than offset by the economy effected through reduced relief rolls.

The labor-yard dragged out a long life, until they were exposed by the Poor Law commission report in 1909, and abolished. Nevertheless, those were some of the deterrent methods which society in the last century was willing to use in order to keep people off relief. The English situation has been reviewed, not to show which methods failed and which succeeded, but simply to show that they were used; that they were used, not to get work done or to fill up the poorhouse, but as a deterrent to cut down the number on relief.

In some ways the English situation is like ours and in some ways it is different. We, with the inception of this new plan of no work, no relief, are just starting out on the long road traveled and abandoned by England. They handled it for just what it was, a permanent problem, chronic; we still consider it an emergency, and are now about to adopt some permanent measures. They were frank about the use of a work test as a deterrent, they made no bones about the fact that its only use was to cut down the number on relief rolls and further the economy of the State; here, we're not so frank. We usher in the plan, not with the expressed motive to further the State's economy to the detriment of the unemployed, but

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"But," someone will object, "if this new ruling is the inception of a plan to make relief so disagreeable that it will force many off, as it did in England, doesn't it follow that there must be some reason for this change? Why is it made at this particular time? Surely we have a rich country." This is a rich country, but we live under a money economy, and the change is made at this time because at this time the State treasury is broke. The National Government has issued an ultimatum that no more funds will be furnished unless Pennsylvania matches the national appropriation, dollar for dollar, and this the State is unwilling and unable to do. To convince the State Legislature to take it out of the owners of industry is extremely repugnant to the Chamber of Commerce, so they're going to take it out of the unemployed, the same as they did in England, and this new ruling is the first step in that direction.

Therefore, it can be seen that the cause for this change lies in the attitude of the Government, the executive committee of the owning class, who, in order to relieve the suffering capitalists, are now launching a plan, tried and proven, of providing a work test as a deterrent in order to reduce the number on relief rolls, using as an excuse the popular idea among the misinformed that the unemployed are lazy.

### FRANCE PLANS 11-4 MI. ANTI-AIRCRAFT TOWER

NEW YORK (FP) — An anti-aircraft tower 1 1/4 miles high, five times the height of the Empire State Building!

This is what French engineers are planning to tugment the wall of steel fortresses which girds their country's borders. The project, as yet unofficial, is described in LeGenie Civil, a leading engineering magazine, and has caused a sensation in American engineering circles. Henry Lossier, engineer, and Faure-Dujarric, architect, who prepared the plans, are two of the leading men in their respective fields, it is said. Their connection with the affair makes the matter extremely interesting and significant, American engineers and architects say.

The plan has been submitted "for investigation by competent authorities," according to the magazine. Five Times Tallest Building  
About 6,000 feet high, the reinforced concrete tower is to carry three platforms, each about 1,500 feet in diameter, at levels of 2,000, 4,800 and 5,900 feet above the ground. The Empire State Bldg., 1,248 feet high, the highest building in the world today, would be only one-fifth as high as the proposed tower, not even reaching the first of the three platforms. Each platform will be protected by a huge umbrella-shaped, steel, bomb-proof cover, reaching 700 feet above the platform. Hugh elevators will service all three platforms from the quarter-mile-wide base.

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### Machinists Make Gains

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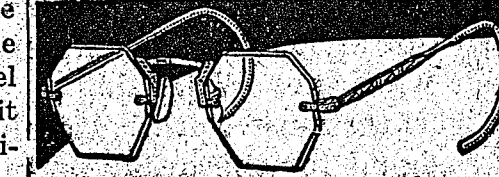
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## TAKE OVER IDLE INDUSTRIES

Our "New Deal" administration is confronted with a problem which may tax the diplomatic skill of Capitalist officialdom.

When a strike verdict is rendered which is not to the liking of an employer, it is becoming the custom for said employer to close his mill and announce that the government is driving him out of business. This act of defiance by profit-seeking corporations was first embarked upon by the hosiery mill exploiters of Harriman, Tenn., and other rugged individualists are following suit.

Naturally, the result of such a procedure is to break the morale of the strikers. In a one-industry town especially the effect is devastating. Workers blame the administration and turn against union officials. A number of strikers appeal for the re-opening of the mill on almost any terms. And, finally, there is another meeting of officials and another settlement. The workers return to their jobs with all the fight frightened out of them and the one-industry town becomes an industrial dictator's paradise.

When such a course is taken by a corporation it may appear more defiant than it really is. In fact, the failure of the government to properly rebuke such a maneuver makes the thing look more like a conspiracy to force the strikers to return at the owners' terms.

There is but one way in which the administration can effectually answer mill owners who close their mills following a strike settlement. That way is—

By the government taking over all idle industries and saying to the owners: "If you won't employ the workers we will."

That is what the federal government should do—but won't. For such a policy would strike a blow at the institution of private profit—which is the one thing which the "New Deal" aims to preserve.

## UNITE FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK

When Gov. Floyd B. Olson of Minnesota called out state troops to prevent motor traffic during the period of the truck drivers' strike he appeared to have hit upon a way to use of state power in the interest of strikers. However, traffic has been resumed; scabs are working; violence is again imminent; the strikers appear to be in danger of losing what they are fighting for.

Probably Olson's heart was in the right place when he called out the troops. But he lacked the power to go all the way with a program which will serve the working class. What he did not have was the ability to order the resumption of industry under conditions favorable to the working class.

As we commented in the case of the Frisco General Strike, striking is a negative sort of action; strikers merely say what they WON'T do, not what they WILL do.

To maintain civilization workers must work. Merely stopping human activities is a signal for the decay of society. To attain prosperity the business of life must be continued without interruption.

It is with the manner in which industry SHALL BE OPERATED that Socialists therefore concern themselves. They declare that the productive and distributive resources must be operated for the welfare of people. They declare that no group of owners should have the privilege of reaping profit from the labor of workers. They declare that all the inventions and discoveries of science shall be used to give greater security, higher culture and more leisure to everybody.

Neither Gov. Olson nor the Socialists have the power to end the profit system which breeds the evils against which workers strike. The reason they lack that power is because the great majority of workers have always voted to place the powers of government in the hands of representatives of the owning, profit-taking class. It is up to workers to capture political power for themselves. When they do that they can stop striking and continue working—for their own benefit.

## LOOKS LIKE FASCISM

Fascist minds, as well as great ones, travel in the same channel.

We are moved to the above observation by the week's ballyhoo about President Roosevelt's plan to decentralize industry. Briefly, the idea is to have many small factories instead of not so many large ones, to have them in many places instead of in or near a few cities, to have them where land is plentiful enough to enable factory workers to raise their own vegetables and perhaps care for a cow and a few pigs during that portion of the year when their services would not be needed by the factory owners.

If the plan works out well—which it won't—American exploiters can pay their wage slaves so little that the cost of production will be low enough to enable American

industries to compete successfully with the industry of other low-living standard countries. Then American Capitalism will be able to continue at the old game of producing for surpluses and selling the surpluses for the profit of owners.

That is what appears to be in the mind of our "New Deal" president. It was also the objective back of the German industrialists who boosted Hitler to power. Furthermore it was what was in Mussolini's mind a few weeks ago when he warned his subjects that the Italian people must prepare to accept lower living standards.

The minds of Capitalist statesmen in all countries are all bent in the same direction. They aim to preserve the Capitalist system, which means to make it possible for their owning classes to exploit workers at home and sell the loot in the markets of the world. If that is what the workers of this nation want they will get it for a while. But at the end, international rivalries will again plunge the nations of the world into another bloody war in which the dupes of Capitalism will again sacrifice their lives and the lives of their sons in another competition for markets.

That's how Capitalism works and that's how it MUST work. Only Socialism proposes that goods shall be produced for the welfare of producers. Only Socialism has the welfare of workers as the goal of industry. Workers who don't want to become peasants part of the year and wage slaves when their Capitalist masters need them should turn to the only political party which proposes to produce for use and not for profit.

## A DANGEROUS PROPOSAL

One of the most dangerous proposals now being made is offered in a full page editorial of the United States News. Because of the general strike in San Francisco David Lawrence, the editor, writes:

"Did it ever occur to anyone in the Federal Government of the NRA that maybe the Blue Eagle might be taken away from a labor union? Did it ever suggest itself to the powers-that-be how workmen who refused to obey the edicts of the NRA might be blacklisted by the simple process of forbidding employers who have the Blue Eagle from employing such workmen?"

Lawrence finds authority in Section 6 of the N. I. R. A. for such a policy. It authorizes the President "to prescribe rules and regulations designed to insure that any organization availing itself of the benefits of this title shall be truly representative of the trade or industry or subdivision thereof represented by such organization. Any organization violating any such rule or regulation shall cease to be entitled to the benefits of this title."

Finding this authority, this "liberal" considers such a policy in detail, a policy that would make the unions of the country conscripts of the Federal Government. "Public Control of Unions Is Logical Now," reads the caption of one section of the editorial. Nowhere is there the slightest suggestion that idle industries shall be conscripted for the use of idle millions of workers. The organized workers in one local general strike have demonstrated their power four days, demonstrated with a self-discipline and courage that are admirable, and this assertion of organized strength brings this reactionary proposal.

The United States News is generally read in Washington and its proposal should not be taken lightly. The organized workingclass must be on guard or the NRA may become the tomb for their organizations.—The New Leader.

## MISPLACED SYMPATHY

President Roosevelt sent to President Miklas of Austria a message which read as follows:

"It is with horror and deep regret that I learn of the assassination of Engelbert Dollfuss, minister of foreign affairs and chancellor of Austria. I extend through you to the Austrian people sincere sympathy in my own name and on behalf of my fellow countrymen. Mrs. Roosevelt joins with me in expressing to Madame Dollfuss our deepest sympathy in this great sorrow which has come to her."

This—so soon after the February massacre of women and children!

Will he also send a message of horror, regret and sympathy to the father of John Dillinger? John, whatever else may be said about him, did not go in for the slaughter of women and children in their own homes.

It was to be expected that Mussolini would weep over the death of a fellow dictator and the plight of his wife and children. The wives and children of persecuted and murdered Socialists in Italy receive only the tears and sympathy of the lowly. The widows and children of murdered Socialists in Austria are starving, while the first act of the cabinet was to provide financially for the widow and children of Dollfuss. Where is the aid and sympathy for those who really need aid and sympathy?

While it was expected of Mussolini, it was not expected of Roosevelt. He was not under any obligation to send a message. If he had been, he has been known to break precedents, and he could have broken that one—in the name of humanity. We trust that he does not, as he says, speak on behalf of his fellow countrymen. We believe that the sympathies of the majority of Americans are with the survivors of the February massacre.

This may be the most revealing act of Mr. Roosevelt, up to the present time.—Milwaukee Leader.

## PRAISE MILWAUKEE SOCIALIST ALDERMEN

Socialist members of the Common Council of Milwaukee were congratulated this week by the Civil Liberties Union for their opposition to an ordinance requiring the licensing of the distribution of hand bills. The Union received word that such an ordinance had been introduced by Alderman Matt Mueller and wrote, urging its defeat, to Mayor Hoan. The reply from Milwaukee reported that the administration had already taken a

strong stand against the proposed ordinance.

"Such ordinances," the Union explains, "are almost invariably used to prevent minority political parties from distributing political literature. They are a real threat to the freedom of the press. We congratulate the Socialist members of the Common Council for their excellent stand on this civil rights issue."

TACOMA, Wash.—Employees of the Spokane United Railways have defeated the company union by a vote of 160 to 120 conducted under the NRA auspices.

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By J. I. S.

## THE AUSTRIAN PUTSCH

The attempt by the Austrian Nazis to seize power and their subsequent defeat by the Heimwehr is of little significance from the point of view of the workers of Austria. The Austrian form of fascism grades less on world opinion than does the German, but its aims are identical, its methods are similar, and its fruits are just as evil. The triumph of fascism in both countries, as in Italy, has meant the destruction of the economic and political movements of the working class, the end of democracy and of all civil liberties, and the erection of a state that keeps workers in a state akin to serfdom.

The assassination of Chancellor Dollfuss has rid the world of the man chiefly responsible for the murderous attacks upon the homes of Austrian workers early this year. Dollfuss got what he richly deserved, and his passing will be regretted by no one who holds dear the liberties of the working masses.

Warfare between fascist groups, both within Austria and in Germany, can only hasten the eventual triumph of the socialist movement. The fact that fascists rise in arms against each other is but additional evidence that reactionary capitalist régimes are powerless to bring any degree of economic improvement to the countries in which they hold sway. The lowered standard of living of the working masses under fascism, evident in Italy, Germany, and Austria, will inevitably bring a revolutionary upsurge of the workers against their oppressors.

Mussolini stabilized his regime and was able to win widespread support among the people because he was fortunate enough to achieve power as the world entered upon a period of prosperity. Hitler was less fortunate, and his popularity has already been undermined. Dollfuss' successor will probably suffer a similar fate.

## ROOSEVELT MILITARISM

One of the most dangerous tendencies of the Roosevelt administration is its emphasis upon armament. The Vinson bill, which authorized the building of a billion dollars' worth of fighting ships, is followed by the proposal of the War Department to build within two years a force of fighting planes second to none in the world. England's recent announcement that it, too, would build a large number of airplanes is evidence of the dangerous armament race in which these two alleged peace-loving nations are engaged.

Nor is it true, as it has often been said, that Roosevelt approved the Vinson bill merely to put the United States in a strong bargaining position at the proposed naval conference of next year, now virtually abandoned. The bill carried no appropriation. It is true, but Roosevelt diverted several hundred million dollars from the public works fund to naval construction. In his recent speech to the navy in mid-Pacific he pledged the building of the navy up to treaty limits—which means that the warships provided for in the Vinson bill will be built during the present administration, however scarce funds may be for unemployment relief and similar purposes.

## THE LABOR PARTY'S PROGRAM

It is heartening to read the program prepared by the British Labor Party as the basis of its next campaign. Gone is the program of minor reform to which the party was committed in the days of MacDonald. In its place is a vigorous program of immediate socialization of banks and key industries, with revision of Parliamentary procedure to permit prompt approval of measures of socialist reconstruction.

The next general election in England, which must come within the next two years and which may come much sooner, will register sweeping gains for the Labor Party and may give it control of the government. Nothing will help the socialist movement throughout the world so much as the prompt socialization of essential British industries, with an attendant sharp decrease in the number of unemployed and considerable raising of the standard of living of the English masses.

The triumph of the Russian Bolsheviks, though it demonstrated the superiority of socialist to capitalist economics, could not immediately provide a high standard

## THE GENERAL STRIKE



Frightened little folk—bankers, industrialists and their press, pulpit and radio. "Why—why, it's preposterous! . . . UNAMERICAN! . . . If he doesn't get back to work, how shall we feed the police and soldiers we must use to suppress them? . . . Maybe if we all shout 'red' and 'bolshevik' loud enough we can frighten him back on the job!"—Federated Pictures.

## WINGS OVER WASHINGTON

By HARVEY O'CONNOR  
Federated Press

WASHINGTON (FP).—Official Washington breathes more easily now that the San Francisco general strike has been crushed. No wonder Gen. Johnson and Sen. Wagner rushed to strike scene to help the Dollar Line, William Randolph Hearst and the Industrial Association break the first general strike in this country since 1919. They were scared stiff that the general strike would spread to other Pacific Coast ports and then perhaps roll eastward to Minneapolis and other cities where striking workers are fighting doggedly for the right to organize and bargain collectively, rights promised so cheerily in the early days of the "New Deal."

Gen. Johnson and his colleagues were especially grateful to President Green of the American Federation of Labor for his denunciation of the whole idea of general strikes. There will be no further general strikes if orders from Washington labor headquarters are obeyed. Such an order was sent to a Minneapolis cleaners and dyers' Federal union which had voted to strike with the teamsters. The A. F. of L. threatened to revoke the union's charter.

U. S. merchants of death are shipping munitions to Bolivia and Paraguay despite the official State Department embargo, declares Sen. Nye, head of the committee investigating the munitions racket. Nye is particularly interested in Standard Oil's part in preventing peace between the two nations. It holds wide oil areas in the Gran Chaco, where the war is being waged.

Nye was sarcastic about the DuPont charge that the Third International is behind his investigation. "Well, if our profits," he remarked, "were increased from \$6,000,000 a year prior to the World War to \$58,000,000 a year during the war—which happened to the DuPonts—and some one undertook to prevent a recurrence of that sort of thing, I suppose we would see red, too."

Harriman, Tenn., Local 1757 of the United Textile Workers is plenty disgusted with the recent NRA sellout by which the blue eagle was returned to the Harriman bosses. In an official statement, the union says that the settlement "clearly shows that we cannot expect any help from the NRA. In other words if a strike is called by your union, to hell with the Labor Board."

It was the National Labor

Board that gave soothing syrup to the Harriman strikers while slapping the bosses on the wrist for violating every word of Section 7a. It took nine months from the time of the strike for union recognition for the case finally to get ground through the NRA mill. Result: Harriman, bitterly anti-labor, was officially whitewashed for killing a bona fide union. "Our union is crushed," state the Harriman strikers. "Save yours!"

The big navy crowd is jubilant over President Roosevelt's speech on board the cruiser Houston pledging construction of a "treat navy" by 1938. It means that a billion dollars or so—nobody really knows how much—is to be spent on more warships, to duplicate the new warships of the British and Japanese navies.

Another note on the next war: Affairs, the expensive little weekly Washington news digest, states: "Probably the most destructive blow to the cause of disarmament since Germany withdrew from Geneva came last week when Great Britain announced an increase in her air program and when the Baker Air Committee in the United States later advocated a tremendous increase in American army aviation."

Get ready, cannon fodder!

Another act in the war drama is being staged in Hawaii for the benefit of Japan. President Roosevelt reviewed 15,000 troops at Schofield Barracks, on the island of Oahu, in what officers said was the most impressive peace-time military demonstration in U. S. history. Later he inspected strongly-fortified Pearl Harbor naval base, next to Honolulu. Japanese papers, please copy!

The "New Deal's" lawyers have lost nearly every case tried in the courts affecting Section 7a and labor's supposed rights. Why? The latest case is in Baltimore where the federal judge sided with the notorious sweatshop Greif firm, men's clothing manufacturers who have been defying code wages. Labor men think a good bit of the trouble lies with the government lawyers who go into the fight sure they'll be licked. Gen. Johnson himself has complained that the big corporations take advantage of every loophole in the law.

In the biggest court test of Section 7a, that of the Weirton Steel Co., the federal judge went so far as to cite the Norris-LaGuardia Act, intended to shield unions from injunctions, as a reason why an employer should not be enjoined from violating Section 7a.

Everybody dreads another war in Europe, but some think they will know which stocks to buy this time.

## Mooney Again Asks Pardon

SAN FRANCISCO.—Tom Mooney has applied for a pardon to Frank F. Merriam, the fifth governor of California since he was sentenced to life imprisonment for the 1916 San Francisco preparedness day bombing.