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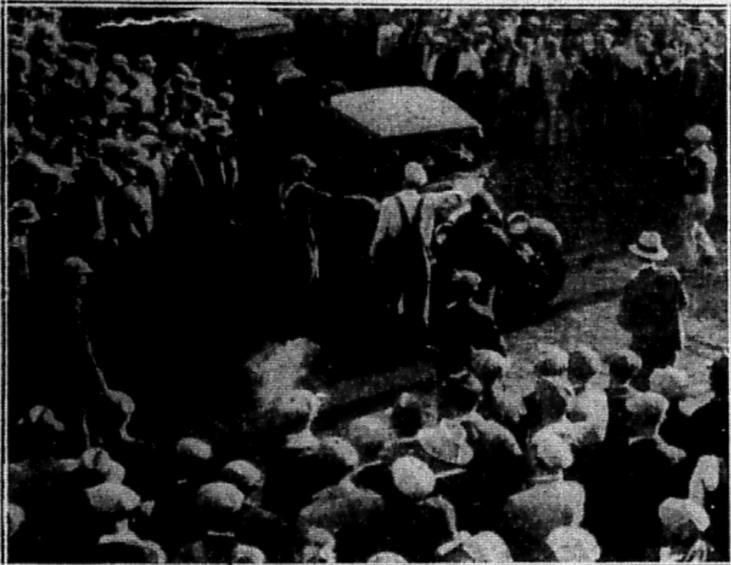
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WORKERS IN SLAVERY AT HOOVER DAM

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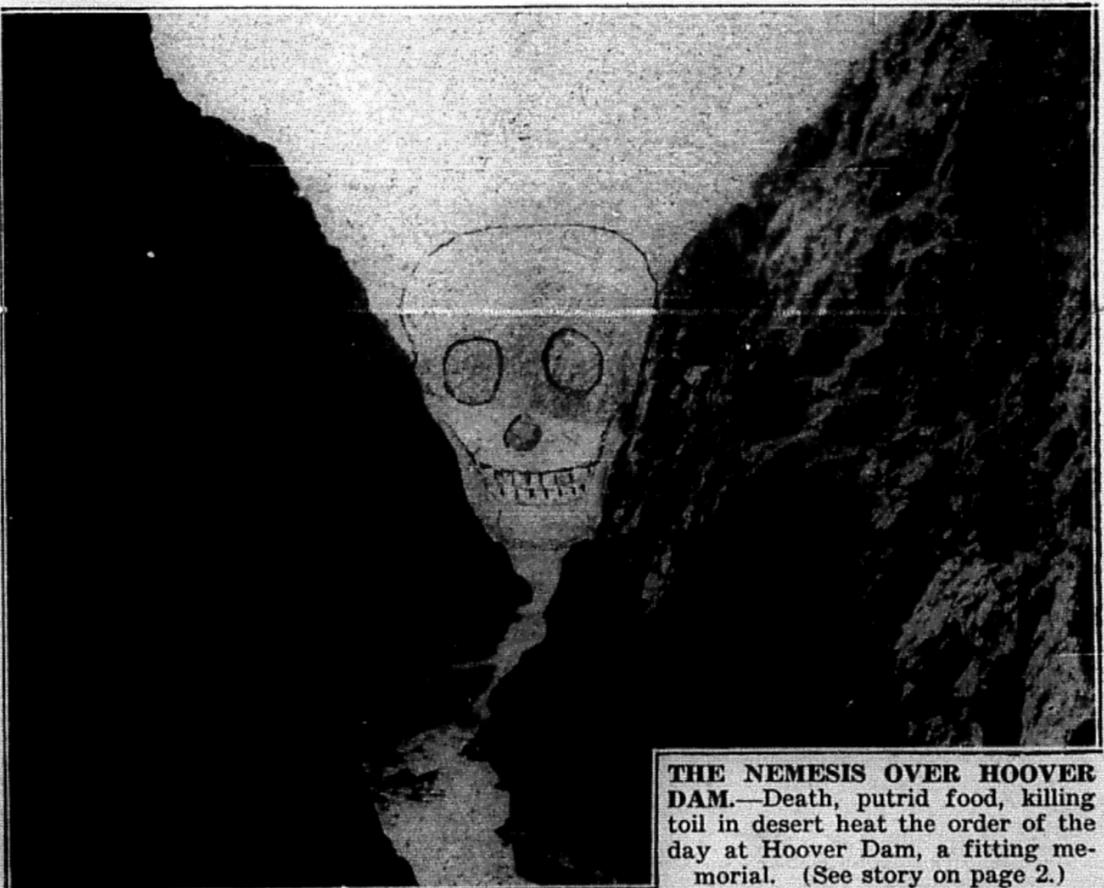
BETRAYED BY POLITICIANS OF BOTH OLD PARTIES and by the capitalist interests of the nation, workers and farmers are taking matters in their own hands. Above, a tiny part of the army of Illinois miners turning back Taylorville miners who tried to work at a reduced pay scale. Miners of many states will confer in southern Illinois this Thursday to plan concerted fight on wage slash in every coal producing state.



BLOODY ATTACK ON HUNGRY JOBLESS by Philadelphia police suppressed by news bureaus. Fifteen hundred Philadelphia jobless, refused a place to meet by Mayor Moore, were given instead the clubs of the police last Thursday. Not a line of the story appeared in the capitalist-controlled press of the nation.



FARMERS STRIKING; PICKET IOWA HIGHWAYS to keep their produce from going to exploiting middlemen at starvation prices. Photo shows farmers distributing milk free to Sioux City, Ia., working people, rather than sell it to the wholesalers.



THE NEMESIS OVER HOOVER DAM.—Death, putrid food, killing toil in desert heat the order of the day at Hoover Dam, a fitting memorial. (See story on page 2.)



VOTING TOGETHER TOO.—The nation-wide revolt against starvation is uniting workers in political action as well as in strikes. Thousands in every city cheer Norman Thomas, Socialist presidential nominee, in his fight to "repeal unemployment" and make the rich pay to feed, house and clothe the jobless. Here is a section of the audience of 2,500 that heard Norman Thomas (inset) speak at Tarentum, Pa., last week.

Crazy Capitalism

Baltimore (A.P.)—Paresis, or softening of the brain, Dr. Albert E. Roussel of Philadelphia told the annual convention of the American Therapeutic Society here, turned one of his patients from a conservative business man into a Wall street plunger who made several hundred thousand dollars before an administrator could be named to take charge of his affairs.

✓ER DAM

and Slavery Mark Biggest Federal Job Since Panama

By M. H. HEDGES

BEGIN with the good middle class doctrine that politics improves in proportion to the number of educated men who enter it.

Then consider the Honorable Ray Lyman Wilbur, President Hoover's Secretary of the Interior, erstwhile college president and physician. He more than any other one man is responsible for the feudal conditions at Hoover Dam where wage standards have been smashed, and working conditions brought to a point of degradation and slavery.

For more than 10 years prior to the passing of the Swing-Johnson bill, organized labor struggled to secure the consummation of the great power project. Electricians especially asserted themselves in behalf of a job described as the biggest undertaking by Uncle Sam since the Panama canal. Workers fully expected the job to be operated on a fair basis. Disenchantment now rules.

DRINKING WATER SOLD

Eye witnesses have reported incredible things. Injuries and deaths have been caused by accidents due to incompetencies of foreign crews on the job. Men have been sent back to tunnels 15 or 20 minutes after a dynamite blast when the general rule is that an hour should elapse to allow the nitro-glycerine fumes to evaporate.

The Six Companies, Inc., have not properly ventilated tunnels, have not kept safety men at the headings, and have not provided change rooms for the workers to dry themselves before going out into the air. Trucks used to take workers from Boulder City to the dam site have been so closely packed that the men must stand while riding under the burning sun.

During the early part of the undertaking men slept under filthy blankets in tents near open latrines, and drank from the yellow Colorado river where they also had to bathe. Wild mice jumped upon their beds with incredible agility and the men had to be stupefied by weariness before they could sleep at all. In many instances water has been sold to thirsty families. Speak-easies have flourished.

26 KILLED BY HELL HEAT

Lunches sold to the men have quickly decomposed. Heat cases which caused the general strike of the job last summer have been repeated. During ice-water on the victim. Doctors have not been spared. Temperatures have reached the astounding top of 140 degrees. The first 26 deaths at the camp were the result of heat prostrations.

Behold the great American worker under the beneficent rule of Hoover the Engineer and Wilbur the Good. Driven by hunger, he has hiked across the desert under a blistering sun to Las Vegas—he and 5,000 others. He is not permitted in his lordly right of American citizenship to see "Hurry Up" Crowe, superintendent of construction for Six Companies, Inc. He applies to an employment agent of the federal government. This is a federal job, be it understood. He is lucky. Only 160 of 5,000 applicants are hired today.

Behold him now a worker—a man with a job, rising at 5:30 in the morning to be picked up at the dirty bunkhouse at 6:15 by the company truck. He helps to load material, and by 7:30, exercising his free and untrammelled right to work when and for whom he chooses, he is laboring under the blistering sun—yes for only eight hours, then he is brought back to the bunkhouse 11 hours after leaving it.

This goes on furiously, until one fine day, due to heat and overwork he keels over, to be revived by a heavy baptism of ice water. Two days later, he is discharged for incompetence, or what you will. No longer is he a worker. Gone is his princely \$6 a day, \$1.60 of which went back to the companies who hired him. Gone is his job, and for him the desert yawns, or perhaps forcible deportation by Las Vegas police.

U. S. MARSHALS PATROL ROADS

Through it all the Six Companies, Inc., have had the friendly co-operation and protection of the federal government. State laws have been violated with impunity on the ground that this is a federal job. Federal marshals have guarded the roadways to the dam site. The wage scale has been about \$2 per day lower than the accepted scale on other jobs. The men have been paid once a month in scrip, and it is estimated by several authorities that 65% of their meager earnings finds its way back into the company's coffers.

Monthly bulletins from the department of the interior in Washington have clothed the Six Companies, Inc., with a halo of radiance. Pictures show company welfare measures, and the impression is created that the job is a boon to the American working man. As a matter of fact, the job has been carried on with all the cold cruelty with which open shop employers work.

A tremendous surplus of unemployed has been created, and, as men are discharged wholesale on one ground or another, their places have been taken by new industrial fodder.

One would expect that Mr. Wilbur, the physician, would cry out against such unhygienic conditions. One would expect the great humanist to rebel against man's inhumanity to man. But apparently the years of collegiate training given Mr. Wilbur have quickly succumbed to the politician's cold appraising nature. At any rate, Mr. Wilbur appears to have underwritten the whole tragic mess at Hoover Dam.

THOMAS ACCEPTS NOMINATION OF UNEMPLOYED

NORMAN THOMAS, Socialist candidate for president, has accepted the designation of the Unemployed Councils as the candidate of the jobless for the presidency of the United States.

When Thomas approached the Hotel Oliver in South Bend, Ind., Saturday morning, he suddenly found himself in the center of a swirling, cheering delegation of 2,000 men and women who had come to offer him the nomination. Hundreds of banners pronounced anathema on the two old parties and pledged support to the Socialists. From the front of the hotel a 30 feet signed blazoned forth, "Welcome Norman Thomas, Candidate of the Unemployed." William Getzel, national president of the council with a more than 50,000 growing membership, tendered Mr. Thomas the nomination.

4,000 at Ball Park

The Socialist leader, moved by the warmth of the demonstration, responded with a pledge to use the last ounce of his strength to carry the case for the jobless from coast to coast. Some 4,000 members of the council gathered at the baseball park in the afternoon where Thomas developed the Socialist program to "repeal unemployment." It was one of the largest meetings in his month-old campaign, though held in one of the smaller cities.

Over 4,000 workers cheered Thomas in a triumphant tour in Chicago that evening. Three indoor meetings, two of them calling for addresses to overflow audiences in the street, presented an eloquent contrast to the comparative apathy which met Thomas in Chicago four years ago. It was an exhausted candidate that took the 10:45 p. m. train that night for Omaha, as the strains of "The Internationale" led by lusty voices from the Oak Park neighborhood rang through the night.

It was not a one-day triumph for the Socialist leader. The fast express for Omaha swept him into a day of Socialist campaigning such as Nebraska has never seen. A state convention of 850 held in Grand Island insured the party a place on the ballot. Nebraska radio stations—three of them—vied in making it Socialist day over the air. Within an hour after the convention, the nominating petitions were filed with the secretary of state.

Overflow audiences and radio addresses on Thursday and Friday preceded the great day in South Bend. Thomas spoke Thursday in Fairmont, W. V. Here 1,800 men and women heard him where but 300 had gathered four years ago.

Radio Talk Censored
Friday night a capacity audience at Tarrentum, near Pittsburgh, Pa., and an overflow crowd brought 2,500 to hear the Socialist message. A censored but, nevertheless, effective four-minute talk was delivered over the powerful station, KDKA, in Pittsburgh. Repeal unemployment and an attack on the Pennsylvania sales tax featured Thomas' two Pennsylvania addresses.

Thomas Pledges Aid to Miners; Declares Deputies Gunmen

By NORMAN THOMAS, Socialist Candidate for President.

The bloodshed and hideous violence in the Illinois coal fields is an outrage for which Gov. Emmerson must share most of the responsibility. The miners have a perfect right peacefully to picket. They have a right to the highways.

Not only did Gov. Emmerson fail to insure the use of these rights, but he countenanced the use of state highway police and the activities of county officials to suppress these rights. He is silent in the face of murderous attacks on the peaceful army of miners carried through by so-called deputy sheriffs who are nothing but deputized thugs and gunmen recruited from the dregs of society.

The Socialist party stands with the miners 100 per cent in their fight to keep a decent American wage scale.

When they mass their ranks for a new picketing crusade they may count on the Socialists and their hundreds of thousands of supporters in the nation to give all moral and financial assistance possible.

We call on the miners to rally around the Socialist party as the only party which opposes the use of governmental agencies to keep them in the slavery of low wages and gunman rule.

Thomas to Broadcast Over N. B. C. Sept. 14

Norman Thomas will be heard over a coast to coast network of the National Broadcasting Co. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 New York daylight saving time. This is 9:30 p. m. eastern standard time, 8:30 p. m. central standard, 7:30 p. m. mountain standard, 6:30 p. m. Pacific standard. In all cases, daylight time will be one hour later.

To assure broadcasting of this speech over local station, it will be necessary for local people to take the matter up with the program manager of the station. NBC will offer the program to all its member stations, but each is free to take it or refuse it.

Where You Can Hear Norman Thomas

- Sept. 5—Detroit, Socialist picnic, 4 p. m.
- Sept. 6—Indianapolis, Cadle Tabernacle, 326 E. Ohio st., 8 p. m.
- Sept. 7—Dayton, Memorial Hall, 8 p. m.
- Sept. 8—Akron, The Armory, 8 p. m.
- Sept. 9—Cleveland, Public Auditorium, 8 p. m.
- Sept. 10—Erie, Pa., Public Auditorium, 8 p. m.

Where You Can Hear James H. Maurer

- (See local papers for place and time, if not given here)
- Sept. 7—Couer d'Alene, Ida.
 - Sept. 8—Spokane, Wash., Old Woodmen Hall.
 - Sept. 9 and 10—Seattle.
 - Sept. 11—Portland, W. O. W. Hall, 8 p. m.
 - Sept. 12—Eugene, Ore., Armory, 8 p. m.

GREAT DRIVE BEGUN TO AID ILL. MINERS

By ARTHUR G. M'DOWELL

Springfield, Illinois—With 30,000 Illinois miners on strike against reduction in their wage scale and faced with one of the most flagrant reigns of terror in Illinois history, the Socialist party of Springfield has taken action to set up the Midwest Striking Miners' Relief Fund of the Socialist party.

Rev. Douglas Anderson of Illiopolis is chairman and Joseph Brinocar of Springfield is secretary of the administrative committee. Other members include Harold Kelso of the national office of the Socialist party, treasurer of the fund; Hugh Tally, John Tracy and Ed Maby, members of Springfield miners' locals, and Ben Larks, state secretary of the Illinois Socialist party.

Food and Funds Needed

Duncan McDonald of Springfield, a former president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, will head up a national advisory committee to be formed of labor and liberal leaders all over the nation, to support the striking miners, "the flower American labor."

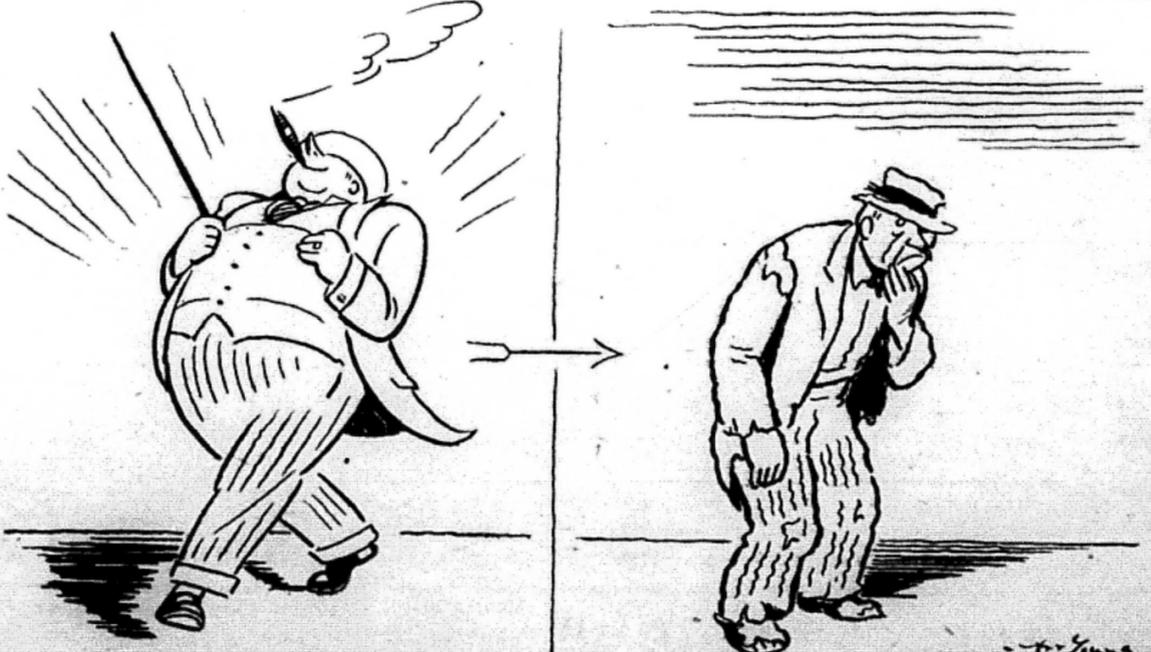
Food and medical supplies which are the urgent need, will be gathered at the Springfield headquarters of the Midwest Striking Miners' Relief Fund, which has been established at 1031 So. 11th st., Springfield, Ill. Cash contributions should be addressed to Midwest Striking Miners' Relief Fund and made out to Harold Kelso, treasurer, at 549 Randolph st., Chicago, Illinois. An initial contribution is being made by the Emergency Committee for Strikers' Relief, Norman Thomas, chairman to organize the relief machinery.

As a result of the Socialists' industrial director of the Young Peoples' Socialist league, with strike leaders at Gillespie, Norman Thomas has been asked to appeal to the Iowa farm strikers to demonstrate their solidarity by directing their surplus to the striking Illinois miners. The Midwest relief fund would arrange to care for carrying charges on food stuffs sent to the strikers.

Boss Terror Rages

An official terror is raging in Franklin and "Bloody" Williamson county, where the sheriff has forbidden the assemblage of more than two persons in the streets of West Frankfort. Sub-district President Edmondson in the name of John L. Lewis, against whom the miners are in revolt, has forbidden all union locals to hold meetings for an indefinite time. The miners interviewed everywhere expressed themselves prepared for a labor political as well as industrial revolt.

Socialist trade unionists throughout Illinois are taking a leading part in the miners' brave struggle against coal operator greed and official tyranny.



The Story of the Middle Class From Rugged to Ragged Individualism

Drawn by Art Young

A PICTURE OF AMERICA

By Charles Cross

A camera looks at America. And the astounding results are set down in a book called "A Picture of America." Here is a picture-study of capitalism—and of its remedy, Socialism. By kind permission of the publishers, Simon and Schuster, New York, we present every other week a series based on the book, arranged by its author, Mr. Cross.

3—A Hundred Years of Hardship.

Here is History—but not as the history books wrote it.

It is History—as the Average Man lived it.

Here are 14 newspaper stories. They were written down as they happened. They tell the unhappy tale of the last hundred years.

Read the story of 1837. "Excess of production"—and starvation.

A slight difference in words, the same meaning!

Pick any news item out of the fourteen depressions of the last hundred years. It will do as well for the depression of the future. 1837's story may fit 1939. 1847's may fit 1946!

But depressions don't "just happen."

We can prevent them—if we wish. How? First, we must study closely the very inefficient way in which we live—the way called capitalism. Then we will understand how greed for more profit stops the machinery—again and again and again. We will understand, too, how we may hope to remove greed and put in its place the common good. That is to say, how we may substitute Socialism for capitalism.

These are, actually, simple matters to grasp. We can study them in terms of people we know—peasants working in factories, on farms, on shores.

Next Installment—What Makes Capitalism Work.

1837

THE LAST STORM ALWAYS THE WORST.—The Albany Daily Advertiser states that money was never scarcer in that city than at the present moment.

1842

Not long after the opening of the present session of congress, the unprecedented and extraordinary difficulties that have recently embarrassed the finances of the country began to assume a serious aspect.

1847

RETRENCHMENT—That is a great word meaning nothing. Our new Whig Corporation, elected by the spirit of propriety and reform, have gone so far as to appoint "A committee on retrenchment."

1857

Washington, Sept. 7, 1857
Now that the money market is depressed and corporations are going by the board, it would be well to relieve this pressure by reducing the United States stock that may be in the possession

1860

THE KANSAS FAMINE
Call for a Public Meeting in Aid of the Starving

1869

THE PANIC YESTERDAY
HEAVY FAILURES REPORTED

1875

THE THIRD AVENUE SAVINGS BANK
The failure is more especially lamentable as it will fall almost entirely on the poorer classes. It is estimated that

1884

FORCED TO SHUT THE DOORS
SEVEN FIRMS AND A BANK SUSPEND.

1894

Many Families Have Been Evicted and More Cases Are To Be Heard To-Day.

1896

COAL POOL CUTS WAGES.

1903

DEPOSITORS IN PANIC
START BANK RUN

1909

POLICE STOP BATTLE
OF 700 FOR 200 JOBS

1914

"NO WORK" SHAMES
CITY, SAYS BRUERE

1921

3,473,000 MORE
ARE OUT OF WORK

GRANTHER MAC REMINISCES ON THE WAR OF 1932

By McALISTER COLEMAN

IS EVERYONE going haywire? Everyone that is except the couple of million sane folks who are going to chuck in their votes for Norman and Jim this fall.

It sure looks that way. Here Old Fudge, I mean unhappy Herbie, gets a bunch of money-bags together down at Washington and tells them the depression is all over. "Hoover Tells Trade Chiefs Crisis Is Ended." And they print that on the front pages of the papers. This is beyond that "Oh, Yeah" stuff. It's gotten to be "Oh, Hell."

He should have told that to the late B. E. F., the Iowa farmers and the Illinois miners. Or some of the 200,000 of our own "Wild Children" who are living on garbage, in packing boxes.

The Liberal Militarist

And just how much saner does that great Liberal Militarist, Franklin D. turn out to be? His mob votes for one of the highest tariffs ever, and then he hollers around about reducing the tariff and will the "forgotten men" please give him a quarter for his campaign?

Boys and girls, what George Bernard Shaw once said is right. The old, bearded Socialist said: "If the other planets are inhabited, they must be using this earth for an insane asylum."

The War of 1932

Well, we suppose that after all we've written about our war-time exploits and how we broke the Hindenburg line and all, some nasty little grandchild of ours will crawl up onto our lumbagish knees and say, "By any chance, was yo uin the Great War?"

Then we shall take him aside and say to him:

"Sonny, I was in that war. I was inducted into it with the thoughtful assistance of the draft board. But let that pass, the war that hurt me most was the war of 1932."

"And what war was that, Granther?" the lad will lisp (and if he lisps, he's going to get a sock in the jaw from Granther, I'll promise you that).

"That was the famous War Against Poor People, started by the public utilities, the steel companies, the textile and clothing works, the coal operators and the banks and carried on by the police of small towns and large, the sheriffs of various counties and the standing army of the United States, commanded by that heroic baby-killer Gen. Douglas Mac Arthur."

That Was a War

"That was the Class War, Sonny, their class against ours. They won at first, all along the line. They chased the veterans out of Washington with tanks and tear gas bombs. They killed a veteran and a little baby, and then had their picture taken for the movies. They gassed striking farmers and left the roads of southern Illinois strewn with cars of coal-diggers whom they were trying to get back to work at starvation wages.

"But that didn't last forever. Our crowd got some brains. They first voted for Thomas and Maurer and rolled up a vote for Socialism, the like of which has never been seen in this country. Then they got together, these poor people, and by demonstrations, general strikes and farmers' holidays they busted open this United Front of capitalism and won the final conflict that gives you peace, plenty and security today. You are in luck because we were out of it. You are one of the real sons of the American Revolution, the revolution against profit, interest and rent which began in the fall of 1932."

PAID CIRCULATION OF AMERICA FOR ALL
August 20th 49,377
August 27th 55,696
Net gain last week, 6,319.

The Socialist Proposal for a Sane America

Where Industry Will Be Run for All the People

SOCIALISTS propose to change the present capitalist system into a co-operative system, dedicated to the service of the community rather than to the profit of a few.

They propose the social or public ownership and democratic management of the socially necessary means of production and distribution of the natural resources; of the railroads, telephones, telegraphs, electrical industry and other public utilities; of the banking and credit structure; of the principal manufacturing and distributive industries.

Socialists do not believe in the abolition of private property in consumption goods. They urge public or social ownership of land and capital goods used in the production of further wealth, but the private ownership of homes, clothing, books, furniture, and other goods utilized by the individual in his quest for the good life.

NO INDUSTRIAL OLIGARCHY

Socialists do not believe in centralized autocratic control of the publicly owned industries by irresponsible politicians. Socialists believe in democratic control of industry. They would have the public industries administered by public corporations, with the title to the property in the hands of the community, and with boards of administration in which the worker, the technical staff and the consumer were adequately represented.

Socialists favor as much decentralization in control of industry as is consistent with efficiency. Local industries would be under local control, industries national in scope, under national control. Frequent partnerships would be worked out between local, state, regional and national industries. In Ontario, Canada, for instance, the province owns the hydro-electric generating plants and the transmission lines from these plants to the borders of municipalities, while the municipalities take charge of the job of distributing electricity to the housewives at cost. Similar partnerships could be entered into out all along the line.

FOR A PLANNED WORLD

Socialists believe in national and international planning. They would organize economic councils to co-ordinate the national and local industries. They would organize statistical bureaus to gather the facts about our industrial life that must be obtained as a basis for scientific and efficient social planning and they would develop as soon as possible international organi-

zations to co-operate with other nations in the thrilling adventure of world planning.

Socialists would not urge that all industry be run by the community. They would encourage many consumers' and producers' voluntary co-operative organizations, particularly on the farm, in retail distribution and in educational, journalistic and artistic ventures.

WAGES UNDER SOCIALISM

Socialists do not urge under Socialism an absolute equality of wages and salaries, irrespective of one's service to society. They do not object to a difference of compensation for services if that difference is based on a difference in ability and industry and is necessary to promote the common good. They favor the giving of those forms of reward for services which may lead to the best social results.

In later stages of development of the co-operative order the principle of equality or of needs may be applied to compensation. Those systems will be utilized which seem best adapted to the needs of the times.

A THRILLING WORLD

It should, of course, be realized that Socialists are not Utopians. They have not closeted themselves in their studies, worked out a detailed plan for the conduct of a future co-operative commonwealth and then sought to superimpose that plan upon society.

Society, they maintain, is in a process of ceaseless change. It evolved through long ages of evolution to a system of slavery, from slavery to serfdom, to primitive and more advanced capitalism. The next logical step will be that in the direction of Socialism.

That step will not be taken if those who suffer from the present evils sit passively by and allow things to run their course. Such inactivity will but lead to destruction, not to the upbuilding of the society of the future.

The forward step will be taken only as a result of the effective organization of the masses of workers by hand and brain on the economic, the co-operative, the educational and, above all, on the political fields. And after Socialism has been attained, after the chief industries have been transferred from private to social ownership and democratic control, progress will not cease. Constant changes, constant adjustments will go on, ceaselessly, remorselessly, thrilling.

For such is human life.

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NORMAN THOMAS

For Vice-President



JAMES H. MAURER

TAKE THAT MASK OFF

You're not talking economics, Mr. Roosevelt. Economics deals with the way working people make their living. You're not talking about that. Your "forgotten man" is the dupe who happened to get caught in Wall street. And you wouldn't even do anything for him. You had a chance to tame Wall street when you were governor of New York. You never lifted a finger. The real "forgotten man" is the working man. The Socialists are only ones putting up a fight for him. Take your mask off, Roosevelt. You're only capitalism's spare tire ready to be put on big business' car if Hoover blows a puncture.

Mrs. Jones Starts Thinking

By MARY HILLYER

MRS. BILL JONES kept house. Every penny of Bill's wages was spent before it was earned. It was hard managing, all right, but Mrs. Jones was a smart and knew how to make a dollar go a long way. When the depression came Mrs. Jones worried. Bill was sure to have his wages cut. For three years the depression progressed in a terrifying manner. Bill was put on part time, then part time with a 10 per cent cut, and now for 15 months Bill had been without work.



She talked about a new world, too, about no kids working in factories, but staying in school and being trained for the kind of jobs they wanted, about workers having their own homes that no one could take away, about food that was pure and unadulterated, clothes made well from strong materials, without any shoddy; about household necessities lasting a lifetime—because in this new world everything would be made for use—not for profit. No more bank failures, she said, because they would be owned by the government. Gas and light, street car and telephone—all the great industries would be owned by the people, so everything would be cheap and better because the workers would be running them for their own use and not for the private profit of the capitalists. She said people in America already knew something about Socialism because the post office, the roads, bridges, and usually water, were all owned and operated by the government—why not everything? No more war—for Socialism was international. Socialists cared just as much for workers in Germany, Italy, India and China as they did for workers in their own factory, mine or office.

A Brand New World
There would be no capitalists—no more classes—persons would not be judged by what they owned, but by what they did for society. It would be a world of comradeship and brotherhood in a world of peace. When the applause stopped a man with iron gray hair was introduced. Mrs. Jones remembered him. For years he had been a Socialist and was always trying to get Bill to join the party, but Bill said he was afraid the boss wouldn't like it. As if that was a reason! He spoke with courage and hope. He told how the Socialist party started in the United States and what Socialist parties are doing throughout the world. You felt the tremendous strength workers had when they united. He proved that such a stupid system as capitalism could many people not last much longer. That was why so were joining the party—and if they worked with energy we could all look forward to achieving Socialism in our time!

Mrs. Jones stopped rocking; the auctioneers had come. She had better walk briskly or she would cry—it was perfectly awful. She knew she couldn't find a job, but maybe she could learn more about Socialism in that class at the Socialist Branch. Then she could talk to the other women at the lodging house and come back and talk to her old neighbors—maybe there would be Socialism before Jennie grew up! She would certainly work for it.

The Last Straw

In despair, Mrs. Jones rocked slowly, for the last time, in her favorite chair. The auctioneer was coming. All their worldly goods were to be sold for bills long overdue and the mortgage which had been foreclosed. She was so hardened that no sentimental tears trickled down her cheeks—too many had flowed in the last three years. First, when every cent of their savings went in the bank failure; second, when Bill's father and mother lost their home and came to live with them—they so loved their freedom and independence—and finally when Bill was fired—that was the last straw.

Pa and Ma had died; Bill had drifted; not a word from him for three months; she hated to think of little Jennie going to the Children's Home and herself to the municipal lodging house—better not think of that—the stories you heard were too awful. Instead she thought about what those Socialists said in the park last night. The unemployed who lived in shacks by the river side came up to listen; my, there was a crowd!



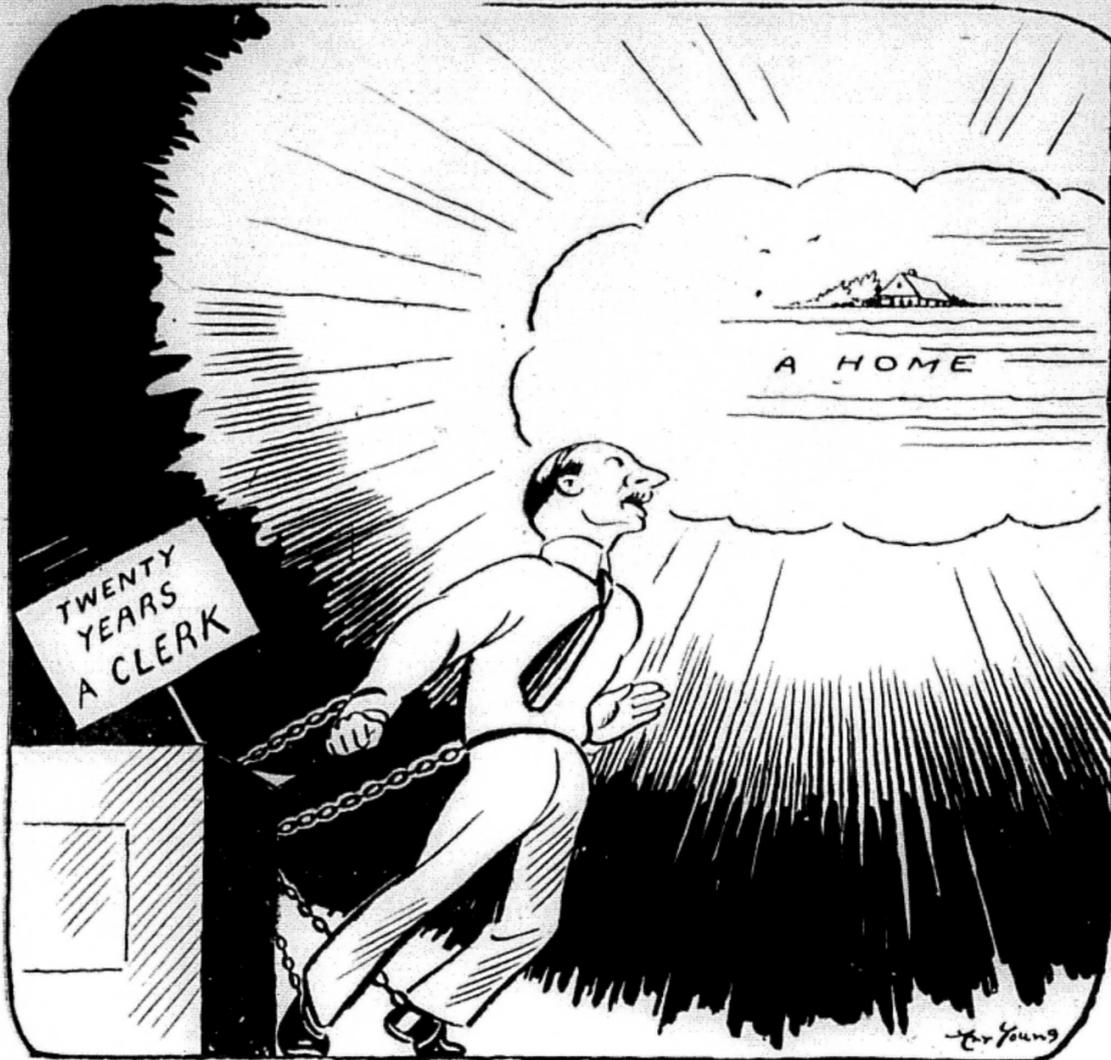
Three fine speakers talked with sincerity. The first, a young chap, was a little bitter. He said young men and women in America saw no future. The rulers of America had neither enough heart nor brains to work their way out of the depression—the direct result of their own blind, greedy desire. But you can bet your life the young men and women are not going to lie down on the job. No, sir! Something is being done in Russia that sounds intelligent. We are going to change our capitalistic, competitive system to a Socialist, co-operative system American plan! We are going to bring security to the mass of workers. Isn't it crazy that people starve in the midst of plenty—sleep in the parks, with great apartment houses empty, and shiver in rags with the stores full of clothing! We're going to build a new world and YOU have to help!

A Woman Speaker

The next speaker was a woman.

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Drawn by Art Young

That Vanishing Hope

The Press Versus the Truth

By W. E. WOODWARD

IF THE truth about capitalism were known to a majority of the American people, the capitalistic system would not last six months. Its methods, its personalities, its inefficiency and its stupidity were understood clearly by the great mass of our citizens, there would be no further argument.

But why aren't these facts known? Because capitalism in America is supported by a nation-wide, all-pervading scheme of propaganda. It surrounds us as water surrounds a fish. Everything that reaches the public is colored and distorted.

Consider the newspapers. Do you think they print the truth? If you do, all I can say is that you need expert treatment to cure you of being simple-minded.

All capitalistic newspapers are a mass of lies, yet it must be said that it is often the intention of their proprietors and editors to tell the truth. They are so unaccustomed to real news—to plain facts—that they do not recognize the truth when they see it.

Besides this unconscious distortion of news, there is an enormous amount of consciously planned lies—and, of course, a suppression of news so vast and powerful in its effects that no governmental censorship could equal it.

They are not telling the truth about unemployment. A shoe factory in Maine with 300 hands—let us say—resumes operations, and a tinware factory in St. Louis gets a large order from Mexico. The newspapers tell us that the worst of the unemployment crisis is about over; that work is increasing. That's a lie. The actual statistics show that at the end of July the number of men and women out of work is greater than at any previous period.

Why do the newspapers lie like that?

The purpose of it is to make people feel better about the grand old capitalistic system. The financial interests that stand behind the newspapers and direct their policies dare not let the truth be known.

They have always lied about Russia, and the success of the great social experiment in that land is now proving them to be liars.

The public has never known the truth about affairs in Germany. The newspapers praised the childish Dawes plan so highly that the American public was induced to invest more than two billion dollars in German loans; most of which will be lost.

Do you think, for a moment, that you can learn from the newspapers

what goes on in congress? No, you can't; don't be silly. Yet, in this case, the correspondents in Washington are well-informed. Just sit around with them for two hours one evening and you'll hear a lot. They will tell you a book full of facts about the control of both the big parties by Wall street.

"Why don't you print that?" I said to one of them, who had told me an earful. He laughed. "If I sent that story in, my paper would fire me."

The result of all this is that the great American public is continually thinking about unrealities, and

discussing them. When we vote—unless we vote the Socialist ticket—we have our choice of voting for a set of Democrat lies, or a set of Republican lies. Both platforms express the same thoughts, said in different words. You might as well shut your eyes and vote blindfolded.

But Socialism consists entirely of realities. When you vote for Socialism you can walk away from the polls with the consciousness of having performed your duty as an American citizen. You will, at any rate, have voted for something that has guts and a backbone.

X-Rays

Voting Against Yourself

By JOHN M. WORK

IN HIS Socialistic novel, "A Traveler from Atruria," William Dean Howells made one of the characters, a banker, say of the workingmen:

"How preposterous they are when you come to look at it! They are the majority, the immense majority if you count the farmers, and they prefer to behave as if they were the hopeless minority. . . . If they choose, it would take only a few years to transform our government into the likeness of anything they wanted. But they would rather not have what they want, apparently, if they can only keep themselves from getting it, and they have to work hard to do that!"

Exactly! So far, the workers have refused to "consent to be the majority."

They have most of the votes. They can elect anybody they choose. They can secure the adoption of any principles they believe in.

Up to the present time most of them have voted for their enemies, in all national, state and most local elections.

They said they wanted jobs, but they voted for joblessness.

They said they wanted plenty, but they voted for poverty.

They said they wanted security, but they voted to keep themselves in a continual stew of uncertainty.

They said they wanted all they earned, but they voted to let exploiters gouge them.

The banker was right: the toilers have to work hard to keep from getting what they want. They could have got what they wanted at any time by voting for their own candidates instead of voting for the enemy candidates.

The exploiting class is one side, with its two parties, the Republican party and the Democratic party, both standing, as usual, for the interests of their moneyed masters.

The Socialist party is on the other side, standing for the interests of the useful workers.

The question is: Will the workers again refuse to be the majority?

Or will they at last consent to be the majority, quit keeping themselves from getting what they want, and vote their own ticket, the Socialist ticket?

If it happens that you, reader, are a workingman who has hitherto voted the Republican or the Democratic ticket, can't you see that you have voted against yourself?

Can't you see that William Dean Howells, expressing himself through the lips of the fictional character he created, was right in saying that the workers are preposterous because they grouch about conditions, but refuse to better the conditions, although they are overwhelmingly able to do it if they want to.

Will you be one of those to cast an enlightened ballot this year, by voting for Thomas and Maurer and all other Socialist candidates?