

NEW HOKUM AS NRA FLOPS

Wall Street Gamblers Back Priest

Only Mouthpiece Admits Coughlin, Boosting Hearst

By HERMAN WOLF

Eighteen thousand New Yorkers heard Father Charles E. Coughlin flay the Wall Street Money Trust for two hours in Madison Square Garden last week. Coughlin had nothing but condemnation for Wall Street bankers, international bankers and money changers in general.

Eighteen thousand listeners cheered and clapped. "Here at last was a man with guts enough to fight the bankers," they thought.

But this cheering throng, like the millions who hear Coughlin on the air, was deceived.

No sooner did Coughlin finish his address and leave the hall than he went directly to the apartment of a man who has been connected with banks and money exchanges, both domestic and international, for the last twenty years.

There, hidden from the eyes of the millions he was deliberately deceiving, the Reverend Father received more advice and instructions on how to fool the people. He stayed there over night, too, although he was officially registered as stopping in Room 2001 at the New York Athletic Club.

If you want to know what was said in that suite in Hearst's Hotel Warwick you might telephone D1gby 4-6295, or if you get no answer, Larchmont 651, and ask for Mr. Francis Keelon, who registered at the Warwick as Frank Keelon and later checked out to motor north with Coughlin.

Gamblers

Francis Keelon is the latest addition to Coughlin's list of Wall street advisers. He is a partner in Gilson, Keelon and Andrus, with offices at 60 Beaver street in the Cotton Exchange Building. This firm is a member of the Commodities Exchange and of the Oriental Exchange, where they gamble in gold and silver.

Keelon once worked for the Lawyers Title and Trust Company, and then in the foreign exchange department of the Irving National Bank, now the Irving Trust Company.

Keelon later became a member of the National Metals Exchange where he was a floor broker.

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Watch for the Call Debs Issue

The June 15 issue of the SOCIALIST CALL will be devoted in part to the commemoration of the seventeenth anniversary of Eugene Victor Debs' Canton Anti-War speech.

All Labor Standards In Danger

By AARON LEVENSTEIN
Nine black-robed men in Washington have spread the door wide open for reaction.

In declaring the NRA unconstitutional, the Supreme Court has pulled the mask of liberalism off the face of American capitalism. The Blue Eagle, long a corpse, is now given solemn burial by the judges—completing the march to reaction that has been taking place since the enactment of the NRA.

The Supreme Court decision destroying the codes is the beginning of the most intense drive against working-class conditions that the country has ever seen.

Following on the heels of Roosevelt's coolie wages for relief workers which are as low as \$19 a month, the Supreme Court has ruled that "we are of the opinion that the attempt through the provisions of the code to fix the hours and wages of employees of defendants in their intra-state business was not a valid exercise of Federal power." This means that the rock-bottom wages set by the codes are not to be the lowest. They are to fall even lower.

The decision of the Supreme Court
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Progressives in Local 306 Fight For Militancy

NEW YORK.—The International Stage Employees continues to control moving picture operators union, Local 306 of New York, as a result of voting at a mass meeting recently in Mecca Temple.

After ten months of direct control of the union, the international finally called a membership meeting after the progressive group (led by Socialists) had denounced it for its dictatorial methods.

The international reported "progress" at this meeting, revealing that the union's treasury (which had been depleted by the Harry Sherman regime) was being built up again, but that the union was knee-deep in lawsuits, most of them brought by members.

Harland Holmden, international vice-president in charge of Local 306, failed to tell the members, however, what he was going to do about recovering almost a million dollars dissipated by the Harry Sherman regime.

Sherman is still in New York and the international has made no attempts to call him to court. Holmden's excuse was that two members already have accounting actions in court against Sherman and that there was no sense to the international's adding a third.

The progressive elements are continuing to battle for democracy and militancy in the union.

Labor Awakes As Codes Collapse

The reactionary decision of the Supreme Court in the live poultry case finds labor awake, to the challenge of the situation.

Aware that the collapse of the Blue Eagle as a result of the chicken case means an increased assault on working class conditions, the trade unions are girding themselves for battle.

Julius Hochman, general manager of the Joint Board of the Dress and Waist Makers' Union, foresees a "wave of strikes unprecedented in labor history."

Orders have already gone out to the various branches of the Hosiery Workers' Union from president Emil Rieve, to hold themselves in readiness for a fight against wage cuts and lengthening of hours.

Francis Gorman, vice-president of the United Textile Workers, has said: "We want no strikes. We want peace. But our members will be better off fighting for their rights than submitting to slaughter without protest."

With the collapse of the codes, word comes that the United Mine Workers of America is preparing to call out 400,000 miners throughout the country unless some governmental protection is given to the coal-diggers from the attacks of the bosses. The union demands the passage of the Guffey Coal Stabilization bill or some similar legislation by June 16th. Failure on the part of the government will result in the calling of a strike.

John L. Lewis, head of the min-

ers' organization, warned the coal operators against any attempt to force the workers into "economic slavery."

Charles S. Zimmerman, head of the Dressmakers of Local 22 of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, sees in the present situation "a direct challenge to the whole labor movement and to all forward-looking sections of the people. The only effective answer to such a challenge is for labor to declare its political independence, to unite its forces into a powerful labor party able to beat back the rising tide of reaction and assure the workers their most elementary rights."

It is apparent that labor has no faith in the pledges of the employers to maintain present standards. It will be recalled that in 1929, when the depression made itself felt in the Wall street crash, the industrialists promised Herbert Hoover that wages would be maintained and that there would be no contraction of industrial enterprises.

A now thoroughly disillusioned labor movement fully understands the meaning of the statement made by Harper Sibley of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States: "I call upon all employers of labor who are members of the chamber and its constituent organizations to make no immediate changes in hour or wage schedules."

There is little doubt that America is now entering its most bitter period of industrial struggle.

To Honor Gene Debs

17th Anniversary of Famous Canton Speech

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The memory of Eugene Victor Debs, labor and Socialist leader, will be honored on Sunday, June 16, by workers from at least seven states on the seventeenth anniversary of the day upon which he delivered his famous anti-war speech at Canton, Ohio, for which he was sentenced to the federal penitentiary.

The occasion will be observed by an anti-war pilgrimage to Canton where a meeting will be held with nationally-known speakers in Nimsilla Park where Debs made his famous speech. The meeting will be followed by a parade.

Arrangements are being made to transport hundreds of people to Canton by special trains, buses and caravans of autos.

Many labor unions and other labor organizations have already pledged their cooperation in keep-

ing the name of 'Gene Debs alive in the hearts of the men and women he fought and died for.

Scores of letters have already poured into the headquarters of the Debs Anti-War Pilgrimage in Room 605 Prospect-Fourth Bldg., Cleveland, in response to a preliminary announcement.

One letter was from a former cell-mate of Debs who was also sent to prison for his peace stand, Joseph Coldwell, now of Providence, R. I., who signs himself "Ex-Federal Convict No. 10,057."

Mr. Coldwell wrote, "Announcements of such events as this have the same effect on me as the ringing of fire bells have on an old fire horse. I would like to be at the celebration and meet some of the old timers who knew 'Gene and worked with him."

Labor to Honor Dan Hoan for 25 Years of Service

MILWAUKEE.—Organized labor will honor Mayor Daniel W. Hoan for 25 years of city service with a jubilee dance May 29 in the Eagles' clubhouse.

Plans for the tribute to the city's chief executive were revealed by the Federated Trades council at a meeting in Miller's-Hall.

A testimonial scroll will be presented to Mayor Hoan at 9 p. m. A souvenir program containing copies of the testimonial will be given to all who attend.

The tribute to Mayor Hoan will be in recognition of his pro-labor stand during his 19 years as mayor and six preceding as city attorney.

Before he was elected as the city's legal advisor, Mayor Hoan was attorney for the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor and drafted the state's workmen's compensation act.

'Barefoot Boy's' School Absences Saved \$500,000

NEW YORK.—A half million dollars will be saved by the New York Board of Education next year because of non-attendance due to lack of shoes and clothing among children of school age in this metropolis, it was revealed when the board made up its 1936 budget last week.

George H. Cutterfield, director of the bureau of attendance, reported that he had made a test survey of ten typical schools and found sixty-one absences for any given day, admittedly because the children did not have sufficient clothing to go to school.

The half million was duly deducted from the budget estimate.

Priest Spouts Pretty Words, But—

For the Record

Millions Are Fooled By Coughlin While Bosses Laugh At Cheap Bargain

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gambling in gold and silver for himself and his clients.

When the National Metals Exchange merged with three other exchanges into the Commodity Exchange, Keelon automatically became a member in that exchange, where he has continued to ply his trade of speculating and gambling for profit.

On the door to Keelon's office are these words:

**BROKER
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SILVER BULLION**

Silver bullion! The Government has revealed, as we shall see next week, that Coughlin speculated in silver. Yet, he is still hobnobbing with the Wall street boys who are interested in that precious metal, and who stand to make, perhaps along with himself, thousands of dollars if the inflation which Coughlin preaches, comes to pass.

More Bankers

Coughlin seems to have a love for meeting bankers in Hearst's Hotel Warwick, for the New York Times of November 30, 1932, reports:

"Father Coughlin, who will return to Detroit today, after a brief visit here to confer with certain leading bankers at their invitation, was interviewed at the Hotel Warwick."

Let us introduce you to a few of these "leading bankers" who had Coughlin come to New York "at their invitation" in 1932, and who have been leading him ever since.

Meet Robert M. Harriss, who is on the Board of Managers of the Cotton Exchange and whose firm, Harriss and Vose, carries on stock speculations for its clients.

Harriss owns vast cotton plantations in the south where workers are prevented from organizing and live under feudal conditions. He ran the McKee for Mayor campaign in the Borough of Queens in 1933, and is president of the Sound Money League, an inflation group.

Harriss is the man who pulled the boner of opening Coughlin's Hippodrome meeting on November 27, 1933, with these words: "I am from Wall street."

Meet George L. Le Blanc, a director of American Machine and Metals Co., and president of Estate Administration, Inc., with offices at One Wall Street.

A Gold Man

Le Blanc, like Coughlin, was born in Canada. He was New York Manager of the American Express Co., in 1912, and later vice-president and head of the foreign department of Equitable Trust Co. He became president of the Interstate Bank and Trust Co.,

in 1929, from which position he resigned when this outfit merged with the Equitable and Rockefeller's Chase National, the largest bank in the world.

Le Blanc uses his Estate Administration Co. to give people tips where to invest their cash so as to clean up on the market. He gets his cut, of course.

Le Blanc has gambled in gold in Canada, England, France,

neither Wall Street nor Coughlin worries about that.)

Two rumors are current in Wall Street today. One hears them in practically every office in the financial district. They are—

1. That Le Blanc writes a good part of Coughlin's speeches, especially those parts referring to inflation. I do not think even Coughlin would deny this privately.

2. That Harriss, and a speculating group he represents, has put up thousands of dollars to finance Coughlin.

The radio priest has long claimed that "free-will offerings" from his audience were his sole income. Those who knew the huge expenses of weekly radio broadcasts, with coast to coast hookup, and the thousands of dollars

James H. Rand, Jr., president of Remington Rand, and a leader in the National Association of Manufacturers.

Harriss, Le Blanc, and the interests they represent.

A number of other leaders of American finance and industry, whom the CALL has not yet enough proof to name publicly, but who were powerful enough to influence ten U. S. Senators and 75 Congressmen to petition Roosevelt to appoint Coughlin as an economic adviser to the U. S. delegation to the London Economic Conference.

And Hearst!

Father Coughlin has been pretty closely tied to Hearst's apron strings for the last three years. Both Coughlin and Hearst continually attack communism, and work for American nationalism. They have waged a joint campaign in recent months against U. S. adherence to the World Court and for passage of the "Patman bonus bill."

Not only would Coughlin's banker friends benefit in their silver speculations if the priest's inflationary views were adopted, but Hearst would make millions because of his gold holdings. He owns the world's largest gold mine.

Coughlin gave due credit to his pal, Hearst, in a radio speech on February 3, 1935, when he said: "On this occasion it is only fair and just to share the credit for victory (in defeating the World Court in Congress) with many newspapers, especially the Hearst papers. . . . Whether or not you agree with many other principles and policies advocated by the Hearst organization, credit is due it in this instance for its noble and exemplary stand."

You note that in defending his friend, Coughlin had to be very cautious because of the boycott against Hearst by various bodies in the American labor movement.

Success Story

On April 3 and 4, 1931, Hearst's New York Evening Journal printed one of the first "success" stories about Coughlin. Hearst's feature writer, under orders from his superior, praised Coughlin and boasted that the district which first resented the coming of the radio priest, "now recognizes the Shrine of the Little Flower as its biggest 'industry,' and Father Coughlin as its leading 'employer.'"

Seven "exclusive" photographs were included, one of which showed leading employer Coughlin unpacking a stone, to be put in place by the non-union men building his church.

A year later, on May 10, 1932, the Journal carried a picture of Coughlin and his mother, with the caption:

"You see them together, after their return from a visit to the coast, where they were entertained on the ranch of William Randolph Hearst."

Very Close

Coughlin, just returned from the million-dollar Hearst ranch in California, was photographed at Hearst's Hotel Warwick. This is Coughlin's favorite New York

Professor Hauptman, head of the German department at New Jersey College for Women, celebrated his return from Germany by firing an anti-Nazi teacher, Professor Bergel. Now Professor Hauptman is on the spot. There is a law against Fascist propaganda on the New Jersey statute books.

For all that we are not betting that Dr. Bergel gets his job back.

Henry Ford is getting a lot of free publicity out of the new six-dollars-a-day rate that he says he is going to pay his men.

But he is saying nothing about his anti-union activities or about his importation of men from the back-woods, or about his dismissal of men over forty, or about the impossible pace that his factories set, and about the men they wear out.

Mussolini isn't going to war with Abyssinia yet. The rainy season is on in Eastern Africa. So he's letting the League of Nations play at Arbitration. When climatic conditions are better he'll unlimber his guns and launch his 900,000 men.

The death of Jane Addams recalls the fury of indignation that was raised when she said that the boys in the trenches in France were given whiskey or dope before going over the top. Her statement spoiled the beautiful vision that the church ladies had of pure boys dying for democracy.

The finest thing we can say about Jane Addams was that her name headed every "dangerous Red list" compiled in this country.

Does Father Coughlin come under the new anti-nudist law favored by that good Catholic, Al Smith, and signed by that other "Catholic," Herb Lehman? He certainly exposed himself indecently the other night in the presence of 23,000 people of both sexes.

14,000 teachers came out the other day against all forms of state insurance against sickness. Thereby they hope to insure their pocketbooks.

But it's no go. What can a worker pay the doctor on \$19 per week?

hangout, and it was here, according to Common Sense, that he was once interviewed in the apartment of Marion Davies, "intimate" of Hearst.

It was during 1932, according to Fortune, capitalism's dollar-a-month magazine, that Coughlin "lengthened his payroll. On it he put his own secret group of Washington correspondents."

One of these was an ex-Hearst reporter named John Dookerty.

According to private Washington newsletters sent weekly to businessmen throughout the country, letters which I have seen, but which I cannot name or quote publicly because of the copyright laws, Coughlin would like nothing better than to be disciplined by the Catholic church, after which he would supplement the Hearst press with his radio broadcasts.

Another newsletter from Washington points out that everyone in the nation's capital knows that Coughlin's alliance with Hearst is very close.

Words—Words—Words

Coughlin puts on a good show but when it comes to action he prances off to Wall Street.



Germany, and the United States. Louis Ward, Coughlin's official biographer, boasts that Le Blanc has traded "more gold among foreign nations than, perhaps, any other living man."

And Coughlin says he hates international bankers!

Coughlin met Harriss and Le Blanc in October, 1932, and has been close to them ever since. Le Blanc and Harriss are lucky. They are devout Catholics, interested in advancing the Catholic church. By associating with Coughlin, they can be divinely virtuous at the same time that they are making money.

Money Men Split

Wall Street men with whom I have talked are resentful that Keelon, Le Blanc, Harriss, and others, on the Committee for the Nation are backing Coughlin for their own profit. There is a split among the money men. One group wants to rake in profits without inflation, while the other crowd craves inflation.

To the second group, who bet on Coughlin, inflation will mean a rise in prices, and a consequent rise in the value of gold and silver, and the other commodities in which they speculate.

(Inflation will, of course, mean more rent and higher food costs for the workers, and a higher price for agricultural implements and clothing to the farmers, but

needed for all Coughlin's traveling, postage, and long distance phone calls doubt this.

Louis Ward once admitted that "Mr. G. A. Richards, president of Station WJR, has been the most generous financial supporter of this nationally known radio hour throughout these years of broadcasting."

Lately, Ward has been more discreet. He now says, "It is necessary to keep their (Coughlin's backers) identity secret. They are very influential and don't want to be known."

The Big Shots

Coughlin, himself, following his Detroit mass meeting of April 24, told Joseph Cookman of the New York Post:

"There again (at his next Sunday broadcast), I shall be serving as a mouthpiece, for the decisions have been made by others. But I shall take the responsibility as I have in the past."

Among these "very influential" men, for whom Coughlin admits he serves as a mouthpiece, are—William Randolph Hearst, America's foremost suppressor of free speech.

Tom Farrell, president of Youngstown Sheet and Steel Mill, who gave Coughlin steel for his huge church.

High officials in General Motors, who have contributed heavily to Coughlin's bank account.

A Prediction Come True!

Last week the CALL stated:

"Although they were absent from public view at Madison Square Garden, there could be little doubt that behind the scenes, advising Coughlin, as they have done for the last three years, were Harriss, Vanderlip, and others of the big business inflationists in the Committee for the Nation."

This week the CALL proved this prediction true!

Do You Know—

Why Roosevelt had his Secretary of the Treasury "get the goods" on Coughlin?

Who used to phone Coughlin long distance every Saturday night and tell him what to say in his Sunday broadcast?

When Coughlin began his anti-Semitic campaign?

How closely Coughlin is tied to Rand, Vanderlip and other big capitalists?

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Call For Offensive Against Reaction

Protect Labor Now Is Socialist Demand

(Following is the statement of the Public Affairs Committee of the Socialist Party, issued late Tuesday afternoon:)

The recent decisions of the Supreme Court, especially the decision in the NRA case, means that Congress is all but powerless on a nationwide scale to legislate for the welfare of the workers with hand and brain who produce our wealth.

The Socialist Party has been insistent in pointing out the shortcomings and dangers inherent in the NRA. We have said repeatedly that while the NRA did give a desirable impetus to labor to organize and mitigated some evils such as child labor, unless labor got power to go beyond the NRA it would become a straight-jacket for labor.

That is still our position: But we never desired to see the NRA summarily and chaotically ended by a court decision without substitute legislation for the protection of labor on the statute books.

What makes this decision worse is that apparently it makes all but impossible a genuinely effective labor disputes bill or a 30-hour-week bill, or any other type of legislation dealing directly with the welfare of the workers. Its effect will be the worse because the President has set an example by fixing tragically low subsistent wages on relief work.

This situation means government by the dead hand. It makes it extraordinarily difficult in times of rapid change, of crisis and of emergency to use the peaceful and orderly processes of democracy. It establishes a judicial oligarchy such as no nation which calls itself democratic possesses anywhere in the world.

That judicial oligarchy which forbids Congress power to regulate hours and wages only a year ago found federal power to order Local 167 of the Teamsters' Union to desist in its efforts to regulate hours and wages in this same poultry industry and under a similar set of facts on the ground of interference with interstate commerce.

Under these circumstances the Socialist Party summons the workers of America, all those who love genuine democracy, and true self government, not only to push labor organization, without which the workers are powerless, but also to rally at once to the following program:

1. The immediate adoption of a constitutional amendment which will give Congress clear and undisputed power to pass legislation necessary for the social and economic wellbeing of the people.

It is a fantastic impossibility to

expect economic forces to be mastered by 48 separate states when practically every major industrial and economic question crosses state lines. Great industrial communities like those around New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, while economically homogeneous are governed under the laws of two or more states, insofar as they are governed at all by any other power than the direct power of an owning class. This situation is intolerable and must end. The Socialist Party again renews its campaign against government by judges.

2. Pending the passage of this general amendment, pressure must be brought on enough states to complete the ratification of the anti child labor amendment.

We now see how specious was the argument that the anti child labor amendment was unnecessary because of the codes. The singular combination of the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, extreme business reactionaries, and a handful of professedly liberal intellectuals like Nicholas Murray Butler and Walter Lippman, which has blocked the child labor amendment thus far must be defeated.

3. The most important lesson of all is obvious on the face of this decision. If Congress cannot effectively regulate our economic life while the means of production lie in the hands of private owners, there is one more reason why the people must own these tools of production.

The whole New Deal program of regulated state capitalism which has been economically unsound in itself and immensely disadvantageous to the workers is now rendered politically impossible of fulfillment. There is no desirable alternative but the social ownership of the great means of production and distribution and a planned economy of abundance.

To the struggle for these great ends we summon the American people.

Norman Thomas, Chairman, and Max Delson, Public Affairs Committee, Socialist Party, U. S. A.

Diplomacy



Wearing a clammy smile and a warning finger, U. S. Ambassador to France Jesse Straus chides a Paris cameraman. Europeans say it's a typical American diplomatic gesture.

That's Different

The vicious kidnapers of the nine-year-old Weyerhaeuser boy in Tacoma are being hunted down by Federal G-men.

And rightly so.

But did you notice any difference in the zeal of detectives in Gallup when Minor and Levinson were kidnaped?

Philly Bag Makers Win

PHILADELPHIA. — A significant victory was scored by the Suitcase and Bag Makers Union in its strike against Samuel Brier and Company, largest manufacturer of luggage in this area.

The firm, which had resisted organization for many months, was finally forced to sign an agreement granting full recognition to the union, hiring of help through the union and other demands.

Reading Socialists Name Stump To Head Municipal Campaign

By LARRY ROGIN

READING, Pa.—Former Mayor J. Henry Stump was unanimously named to head the municipal ticket of the Reading Socialists at a county caucus, Sunday, in Odd Fellows Temple.

A cigarmaker by trade, and for many years president of the Federated Trades, Stump served as Mayor from 1928 to 1932, when the Socialist administration of Reading brought nationwide attention to the city.

His running mates will be: for council, Howard McDonough, now a school director; Stewart Tomlinson, an active party worker; and Charles Sands, an old time Socialist, who has been active in the labor movement; for city treasurer, William C. Hoverter, former city councilman, and for controller, Walter R. Hollinger, who had served in that position.

A full slate of candidates for Berks County office was also nominated with the expectation of breaking into the county court house. It is headed by Darlington Hoopes, Socialist legislator, as candidate for judge.

Expectations of victory in the Fall elections made for keen competition for the city and many of the county offices. The defeat of Fusion candidates for legislature last Fall by Darlington Hoopes and Lillith Wilson, makes it exceedingly probable that the Socialists will sweep Reading, whether or not the two old parties combine. An anti-Fusion bill now be-

ing considered by the state legislature has already passed one house, and will very likely become law. If this is the case, a Socialist city victory would seem to be almost a certainty.

The city candidates have long been active in the labor movement here. Three of them, Stump, McDonough and Hoverter, are graduates from the ranks of cigarmakers union. Sands is a machinist by trade, and has been blacklisted for his activity in a 1919 steel strike in Reading. Tomlinson is a patternmaker, and has been interested in workers' education.

While the Democratic party is still by far the strongest in Berks County, the Socialists are right on the heels of the Republicans, and expect to take from them many of the minority offices provided for in the state constitution.

Only a few hundred votes separated the Socialist and Republican candidates for county commissioner in the election four years ago, and Socialist gains in both the urban and rural centers are expected to wipe those out.

News Guild Convention To Consider A. F. L. Link

The national convention of the American Newspaper Guild at Cleveland this week-end will draw the attention not only of newspaper men but of the labor movement throughout the country.

The most important matter to be considered is affiliation with the American Federation of Labor.

By a vote of 543 to 232, the New York Guild, largest unit in

the organization, instructed its delegates to vote at the convention for affiliation.

A survey made by the Guild Reporter showed that the majority of the delegates have been instructed to vote for affiliation.

The Lehigh Valley Guild reported 90 per cent of its members in favor; North Carolina, 89 for, to 31 against; Twin Cities Guild, 77 to 35. Southern Minnesota, Washington, D. C., Boston, Cleveland, and numerous other units have voted for affiliation.

A number of units, including Akron, Philadelphia-Camden, St. Louis, are opposed.

Edward Levinson, labor editor of the New York Post and member of the SOCIALIST CALL Board of Directors, was head of the committee in the New York unit in favor of affiliation.

A Dose

Fascism seizes destiny, says II Duce. And gives it castor oil?

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Hathaway Dumpty Sat on a Wall; Why He Fell?—The Socialist Call!

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast." "Never say die." "If you fail, try, try again."

Such and similar moral lessons have been rolling through our mind in the past week, since first we published the news that the SOCIALIST CALL has been trying to corner Clarence Hathaway, of the Daily Worker, into debating with Ben Gitlow. You will remember that Clarence called Ben a nasty thing for criticizing the foreign policy of the Soviet Union.

We have finally succeeded in getting rid of the emotions occasioned by being offended. And this in spite of the fact that we have not yet succeeded in getting the debate arranged.

For the past few days we have been rummaging through the closet to find the proper editorial

emotion to suit the situation. Which is most proper?

Alas and alack, we have no Emily, Post to give us counsel. Shall it be indignation, amusement, scorn, dignity, exasperation, regret, lamentation, or dejection? Which will become us most in this, our day of trial?

Just think! All of this trouble, this disturbing of our equanimity—merely because we wanted, and still want, to arrange a debate between Hathaway and Ben Gitlow.

But let us not think of failure. We shall not be denied. We must go forth to his lair with the bold cry, "Come out, come out, wherever you are."

Hosiery Workers' Convention

The 1935 convention of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers will be held in Philadelphia beginning July 8.

One Strike—You're Out



This striking truck driver in Philadelphia was declared out on the first pinch. When the drivers struck, they tied up the whole produce market district. And then the cops tried to tie up the strike by arresting pickets. They got this fellow—but the strike went on.

World Socialism

The Socialist International Brussels Resolution

By HERBERT ZAM

The Bureau of the Labor and Socialist International, meeting in Brussels, May 6 to 8, adopted a resolution on the present world situation and the danger of war.

There were present the officers, Chairman Louis de Brouckere, Secretary Friedrich Adler, Treasurer Joseph Van Roosbraeck, and the following delegates: Leon Blum, France; Otto Wels, Germany; Joseph Compton, William Gillies and Walter R. Smith, England; G. E. Modigliani, Italy; J. W. Albarde, Koos Vorrink, Holland; Theodor Dan, Russian SDLP; and Ricard Lindstrom, Sweden. Representatives were also present from Austria and Czechoslovakia.

After condemning the Nazi regime as the oppressor of the German people and the driving force for a new war, the resolution adopted welcomes the cooperation of the Western democracies with the Soviet Union to prevent war.

FOR ARMAMENT— ALSO FOR DISARMAMENT

The resolution reiterates the demand of the LSI for general disarmament, and it calls for the immediate resumption of its work by the International Disarmament Conference. At the same time, however, the resolution implicitly supports increased armaments when it declares:

"The danger of war in Europe will be averted only when it is known and understood that every act of aggression will be confronted by a collective strength powerful enough to overcome it and promptly to restore peace. To this end it is necessary for every member of the League to cooperate loyally and effectively, to an extent compatible with its MILITARY SITUATION AND GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, in support of the Covenant and in resistance to an act of aggression."

Here again is expressed the idea of "arming to preserve peace" which we criticized last week when propounded by Stalin and Pravda, and which must be criticized none the less severely when coming from the LSI.

WORKERS MUST ORGANIZE AGAINST WAR

The resolution is further weak in that it gives no lead to the masses for action against war. Not once is there a mention of the course the Socialist Parties or the trade unions must follow in the fight against war. Here and there we find an abstract mention of socialism—nothing more. On the other hand, all attention is directed toward the capitalist diplomatic maneuvers as the sole means of averting war.

"In order to prevent war, it is essential to restore faith in the sincerity of the declarations of the Briand-Kellogg Pact and in the reality of the Collective Peace System."

"It will be necessary within the framework of the system of regional pacts to guarantee peace in Central Europe. . . ."

"WE SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PREVENT WAR."

These quotations amply indicate the dangerous illusions contained in the resolution. The capitalist governments are no more trying to prevent war now than they did in 1913-14. They are maneuvering for advantageous positions. The working class cannot support them, but on the contrary must rely on its own powers to organize and fight against war, fascism and the capitalist system.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY OPPOSES WAR

Last week, the Labor Party delegation in the British Parliament voted against the Government's bill to increase the air forces by two hundred per cent. This vote is very significant,

coming on the heels of the above resolution and of the misleading advice emanating from the Russian Communist leaders. While there was considerable hesitation in the delegation, and some peculiar arguments given, the final decision is very welcome.

It will help destroy the suicidal notion that the workers should support the arming of a capitalist government as a means of fighting fascism. The only government which will really fight fascism is a workers' government.

ELECTIONS IN ALSACE

The election in Alsace presented a crazy-quilt of conflicting policies. Every important city had a different combination of forces.

The main point of interest was Strasbourg, where in the final election two blocs confronted each other: the "People's Front" made up of Independent Communists, Peasants Party and Autonomists and the "Bourgeois Block" made up of the bourgeois parties and the Socialists (!).

Because of the adherence of the Alsatian Peoples Party which had previously been in the Peoples Front, to the Bourgeois Block, a victory for the latter was foreseen, with the Peoples Front not obtaining a single seat. But the Peoples Front upset all predictions and scored a sensational victory, increasing its vote from 10,000 on the first ballot, to 16,000 on the second. Most of the gain came from the Socialist voters who refused to support the bourgeois block.

The municipal council stands as follows:

Table for Alsace—	
Independent Communists	10
Democrats	8
Alsatian Peoples	5
Socialists	5
Peasants	4
Autonomists	2
Miscellaneous	2

The Alsatian Peoples Party holds the balance of power. After the failure of its venture, it will very likely return to the Peoples Front. It is to be hoped that the Socialist Party will also break with its bourgeois allies, and in accordance with the wishes of the workers associate itself with the anti-imperialist, anti-fascist Peoples Front.

A noteworthy sidelight of the election was the support of the Peoples Front by the official Communists for the first time since 1928. In that year the Alsatian Communists were expelled from the Communist International for rejecting the slogan "class against class" and refusing to leave the Peoples Front. In 1934, Brandler and Lovestone expelled them from the International Communist Opposition for the same reason!

FASCISTS AGAIN IN DUTCH ELECTIONS

The municipal election in Holland showed the growth of the Fascist danger in that country.

The Fascists obtained 39 mandates against 0 in 1933.

The Socialists and Clericals held their own. The Liberal Party lost to the Fascists. The Communists increased from 9 to 12 and the new Party (Revolutionary Socialist Workers Party) secured 4 against 2 held previously. Its total vote decreased, however. In 1933 the two parties which later united obtained 70,000 votes together. This time the united party secured only 50,000 votes.

Ethiopia Grab May Mean End Of Mussolini

Many competent observers are predicting that Ethiopia will prove to be for Mussolini what Morocco was for Primo de Rivera. They ascribe Italy's acceptance of the League of Nation's compromise resolution to severe unrest, both at home and among the troops stationed in Africa.

A dispatch to the New York Herald-Tribune declares that "anti-Fascist activities at home prevent Premier Mussolini from actually starting a war."

To combat these activities, Mussolini has begun a new campaign of terror against suspected opponents. Among the more prominent individuals recently arrested are: Paolo Pierro Treves, son of the famous Socialist Claudio Treves; Bruno Marsi, well known liberal; Luigi Salvatorelli, noted historian; Julio Enaudi, economist; Umberto Cosmo, journalist; Signor Carrara-Lombroso, daughter of the famous educator and psychologist.

Troops Restive

Enthusiasm among the troops being prepared for transportation to Africa is not running so high these days as in the first burst of artificially inspired patriotism. The reports about the conditions of the troops in Africa are very gloomy. They are said to be suffering from dysentery and various tropical diseases. They are stationed in hot, arid desert country, with insufficient water and poor food, working daily under a blazing sun. They are finding actual campaigning to be somewhat different from the glowing speeches of Mussolini when they embarked.

Their discontent is bound to express itself in open acts against the Fascist government sooner or later.

This information is gradually filtering through to Italy with the result that at one recent embarkment of troops, the Fascist militia had to be called to force the soldiers on board the ships. This incident expresses the growing opposition to the Ethiopian adventure and to the Fascist regime.

Less and Less

Official federal reports reveal the fact that 3,000,000 children went without lower-grade schooling last year because of slashes in educational budgets.

Maxton, Brockway Retain British ILP Leadership

By V. SHARP

The outstanding feature of this year's national conference of the Independent Labor Party of England, recently concluded at Derby, was the complete victory of the Maxton-Brockway leadership and policies over all opposition.

The organizational report showed a membership of over 10,000 in some 300 cities. This is a decline over the previous year, of several thousand, and is only a shadow of the membership once possessed by the ILP. The British New Leader circulation showed an increase of 2,000 over the previous year, reaching a total of 31,000.

Jewish Charities' Hospital Workers Aided in Strike

NEW YORK.—Labor unions rallied to the support of 120 hospital workers locked out of Beth Moses Hospital since Saturday, when they walked out in a two-hour strike protesting the firing of seven members of their shop committee.

The workers include porters, elevator boys, kitchen help, cooks, dieticians, pharmacists, nurses, and social workers organized in the Association of Brooklyn Federation Workers, a union of employees of organizations belonging to the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities.

Beth Moses Hospital's workers were organized just one month ago, and recently presented a set of demands to Dr. Dryfus, the hospital superintendent, through their executive committee. The demands were that salaries be paid when due instead of from one to three weeks late, that vacations be given with pay, that free suppers be resumed, that employees be permitted sick leave, and that they be paid for overtime since they are fined for tardiness.

The response of the hospital board was to fire seven members of the executive committee immediately. The workers then organized their two-hour peaceful stoppage, leaving behind a skeleton staff so as not to endanger the patients, but found the doors locked when they attempted to return.

The Association of Brooklyn Federation Workers immediately turned to the big labor organizations for assistance. They received pledges of support from sections of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, including the Dressmakers' Joint Board, Local 22, and the Knitgoods' Workers' Local, as well as from the Workmen's Circle, the Socialist Party, the SOCIALIST CALL, and the Young People's Socialist League.

The central question discussed was international relations. Three main viewpoints were presented; that of the Revolutionary Policy Committee, which finally came out openly for affiliation to the Communist International; that of the Trotskyist adherents, in favor of the formation of a new International; and the position of the national leadership for a united revolutionary International. (This position was reported in detail in the SOCIALIST CALL April 20.) The last position was approved by a large majority.

Trotsky's Influence Nil

The influence of the Trotskyites was insignificant. The influence of the RPC had declined enormously since the last conference, and is now confined to London. This is due to the fact that the RPC's advocacy of affiliation to the CI and its general policies have caused the Party generally to look upon it as a Stalinist instrument inside the ILP. The Conference also voted to retain membership in the Committee for International Unity.

Another important matter considered was the attitude to the Labor Party. (This is really the life and death question for the ILP, but the leadership refuses to realize it.) The Trotskyists submitted a resolution calling for conditional support of the Labor Party in the coming general elections in order to help put another Labor government in power so as to "disillusion the masses." (This was Lenin's advice to the British Communists in 1921.)

No Re-Affiliation

There was, however, no proposal for re-affiliation to the Labor Party, as all those favoring affiliation are by now out of the ILP. The Trotskyite proposal was overwhelmingly defeated.

An important change was made in the relations between the Party and the youth organization (Guild of Youth). The latter had hitherto been completely independent, organizationally and politically.

It now loses its political independence, but increases its influence in the Party. Every Guild member will automatically be a member of the Party, every branch will send regular delegates to the conventions and conferences, etc.; and in addition there will be a Guild representative on the National Committee.

Guild Maintained

The Guild as an organization is maintained, but it cannot adopt policies contrary to those of the Party. (Last year the Guild had affiliated to the Young Communist International, while the Party remained independent. It has since disaffiliated.)

The national leadership also scored a decisive victory in the elections of the new National Committee. Maxton and Brockway were re-elected Chairman and Secretary respectively. Of the former RPC'ers on the Committee, only Goster (London) was re-elected.

School Days

Over 12,000,000 young people have reached working age since the beginning of the depression, but the great majority are deprived of both school and work, according to John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

Nazi Tactics



Here are some of Hitler's Czech followers practicing his gospel. They're throwing a dissenter out of a meeting.

"No Strike Here,"

**INSIDE INFO REVEALED
IN RECENT NBC STRIKE**

(Though the strike of the National Biscuit Company workers is over, the attitude of the company towards the employees has remained unchanged. The consuming public, which is still maintaining the NBC boycott, will undoubtedly appreciate the facts.)

By JOEL LLOYD

NEW YORK.—"THERE IS NO STRIKE HERE," says Mr. MacKay of the National Biscuit Company. I am not naturally a skeptical person, but I have marched in a mass picket line with 2,000 NBC strikers in New York. I have visited the strike relief tent opposite the Slim Jim Pretzel plant in York, Pa., and I have seen 1,000 striking bakers in Philadelphia.

Perhaps it was all an illusion, but to settle the matter I presented myself at the executive offices of the National Biscuit Company on 14th street, New York. After a routine matter of identification I was taken to William MacKay of the legal department. We decided that he would tell me about the dispute and then I would ask questions.

Swell Boss

Mr. MacKay explained that in Philadelphia July, 1934, the company acceded to the union's demands for a wage increase, with a clause in the agreement that no further wage increase was to be asked for until July, 1935. In January, however, the union violated the contract by again asking for an increase.

But MacKay forgot to mention that the initial increase was only granted to full time employees. Under the system used by the National Biscuit Company in Philly, the great percentage of the company's output is produced by "peak season" workers who were not covered by the increase. The second demand was for these men only, a demand for an equal wage scale up to the terms of the first agreement.

Then Mr. MacKay told me about the sudden success of the company's new crack (Ritz). An influx of orders that had to be met. While a Ritz oven was being installed in the Philadelphia plant, a non-union bake shop was utilized. The men refused to unload two carloads of the cracker and then struck. New York, having no grievance at all with the company, went out in a sympathy strike.

New York had no grievance with the company! They had succeeded in gaining an equal wage, but the Eleventh avenue plant was operating only two or three days a week, ten months

out of a year; while two hours away in Philadelphia a newer plant with modern machinery was running all year under artificial "peak season" conditions, with peak men earning 10 and 15 cents less than New York bakers.

O Yeah!

The Regional Labor Board, according to Mr. MacKay, decided there was no violation of the NRA code involved in the dispute.

But the Regional Labor Board NEVER HAD THE CASE. Conferences were held before the board, but a hearing was never granted.

A suit has been brought against the union for breach of contract—illegal boycott—publication of false and malicious statements—unwarranted violence.

"They say we have scabs working," said Mr. MacKay. "As a matter of fact I don't know what a scab is. Do you know what a scab is? I don't. There isn't even a strike here. These men quit their jobs."

Well, Mr. MacKay, according to Webster a scab is "an incrustation formed over a wound." According to labor a scab is "a low order of louse who refuses to join a strike or takes the place of a working man who is out on strike."

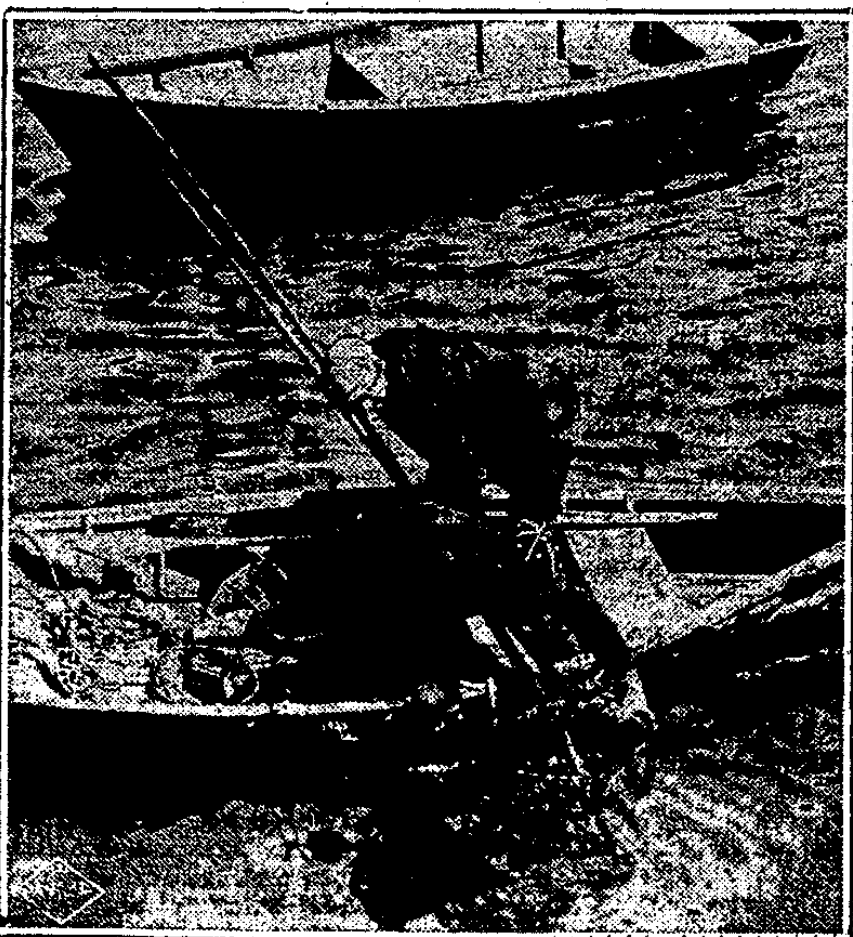
Police Protection

I asked about police violence and elicited this very interesting statement:

"We have to have a police line from the plant to the subway to protect our boys, but they are only there for protection. The other night Norman Thomas came down with the union and a gang of Socialists and they tried to break through the police line and beat up our people. Thomas was yelling 'Police brutality,' but there was no brutality. I could see from my window that the police were keeping their clubs behind their backs."

On my way out I noticed two cops sitting in the lobby of the building, coats open, clubs swinging, smoking their cigarettes. I noticed again the radio cars that kept circling the building, and the "beat pounders" that looked like a small army on the street. But "there is no strike." The police, too, must be illusion.

Industry Reaches New Low



These jobless men in New York get their meager living by searching the bottom of the harbor for junk. With long fishing poles they scour the sunken mud flats for treasure—and try to eat on the proceeds of their sales.

AT THE FRONT
by
Norman Thomas



**Dictatorship of the Dead
in 'Constitutional' Reaction;
Court Challenges Workers,
Socialist Program Answers;
Revolutionary Movement Hit
by Franco-Russian Alliance**

THERE is at this moment one question, and one only, which overshadows all else. Will the workers of America, organized and unorganized, in this critical period permit themselves to be governed by an ancient constitution infallibly interpreted by a Supreme Court? Has the supreme legislative body in America no power whatever to legislate effectively for the social and economic welfare of the whole nation?

This is the challenge. If the workers do not meet it, America is doomed to the dictatorship of the dead hand, a dictatorship so effective that it may not be necessary for a capitalist class to accept any form or variety of Fascism to perpetuate its power until it hurls us into worse crises.

These words I have just written do not exaggerate in the least the consequences of the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court in the NRA and the Frazier-Lemke law cases. The NRA decision completes the chain of legal opinions which permit Congress under the Interstate Commerce law to ban the Louisiana lottery, but not to end child labor or effectively to legislate concerning hours and working conditions.

Possibly the lawyers may find a way to frame a 30-hour-week bill or a labor disputes bill which will have a limited and precarious application, the extent of which can only be determined after long litigation.

Labor can never be satisfied with that. It will not even get such partial and imperfect legislation except as it rises in its might and demands the right to govern itself in accordance with the demands of an age undreamed of by the authors of the Constitution.

It must not be forgotten that the unanimous decision in the case declaring the Frazier-Lemke law unconstitutional, written by the liberal Justice Brandeis, makes it plain that the fifth amendment requiring that private property shall not be taken without just compensation is to be interpreted in the light of prevailing capitalist standards of compensation. Congress may, indeed, by wholesale inflation recklessly destroy property values; it cannot write into law a candid attempt by reasonable processes to reduce indebtedness. Let there be no mistake about it. This decision puts new difficulties in the way of constitutional transition to Socialism.

On the other hand, it must be remembered, the decision in the NRA case, like the decision in the Railway Retirement case, by making regulation impossibly difficult for Congress logically points in the direction of public ownership. If Congress can't regulate what private individuals own the more reason that society should do its own owning.

New Amendment Necessary

The obvious remedy for this situation is immediate aggressive unrelenting pressure for the passage of the amendment which Socialists long have favored, an amendment which Morris Hillquit put in writing many years ago, which would give to Congress power to pass all legislation necessary for the national economic and social wellbeing without interference from the Supreme Court or hindrance from the state.

This type of amendment is infinitely preferable to an attempt to limit the power of the Supreme Court to declare legislation unconstitutional. What we want is a positive affirmation of the national right, not only as against the oligarchy of a judicial super government but also against the chaos and confusion of 48 conflicting state laws.

It cannot be made too clear that labor can find no redress by flying from the national government to the state government. It is a psychological, economic, political and practical absurdity to expect to deal with nationwide economic forces and nationwide industry by 48 different sets of laws governing hours, working conditions, and the like, of many corporations bigger than the states in which they work. Most of the great industrial areas like those around New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis which are economically homogeneous fall within the boundary of two or more states.

The history of America is one long lesson that states' rights in this field mean workers' wrongs.

A Challenge to Workers

This challenge to the workers and to any genuine idea of democracy which the Supreme Court decision presents is not primarily due to the fact that NRA or the Frazier-Lemke law has been knocked out. As far as the latter goes, it has not been much use in dealing with the problem of farm debt. To declare it unconstitutional may give some impetus to the movement for inflation and it will certainly give an impetus to the pressure upon the government through farm credit loan facilities to take over most farm indebtedness.

As for NRA, the manner of its death ought not

to make us unduly sentimental about it. Originally it gave an impetus to labor to organize and mitigated some evils such as child labor.

It was, however, becoming far more a combination of partial futility with a legalized business syndicalism in which business imposed its own profit-making standards on producers and consumers. If NRA had continued with real life it would have more and more tended to become a strait-jacket for labor. Profits increased far more than average wages under NRA—indeed the latter in terms of purchasing power were actually declining—and the role of NRA in putting unemployed back to work was greatly exaggerated by its advocates.

What we did not want was simply a sudden execution of NRA without any better provision for stopping child labor and for dealing with hours and working conditions. We wanted the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill if possible in an improved form. We wanted the 30-hour-week. The crisis of the present situation is to be found in the fact that the Supreme Court decision makes it hard to get these measures in any effective form. Moreover, without the codes or any substitutes, the destructive effects of the President's shockingly low relief wages on the wage structure will be worse.

Labor Must Fight

It is entirely too simple to say that a united business world used NRA when it needed it and then used the Supreme Court to scrap it. It is true and significant that things were managed so that the Supreme Court decision did not come until NRA had met an emergency situation fairly to the satisfaction of the more enlightened business interests. Nevertheless the stock market went down rather than up after the Supreme Court decision.

Probably the more enlightened and the stronger businesses would have liked to keep NRA, especially if they could have got assurance that they needn't worry at all about Section 7A. The stronger businesses certainly will continue to profit by what they have learned in association in order to maintain their power. The question is has labor been enough strengthened to learn the same lesson and to fight for itself. We've got to help answer that question in the affirmative.

A Socialist Program

The situation created by the Supreme Court decision demands a three point program:

1. The immediate ratification of the child labor amendment. The poor excuse that it is unnecessary because of the codes has been removed.
2. The immediate preparation and ratification of an amendment giving Congress power to act in behalf of the social wellbeing of the nation.
3. The intensification of the struggle to permit workers with hand and brain to own that which they clearly cannot regulate very well so long as it remains in the hands of private owners; that is to say, we must struggle as never before for Socialism and the Cooperative Commonwealth.

A Continental Congress Now

Is not this the time to reconvene the Continental Congress? It did a good job just before NRA came to birth. It brought together representatives of organized worker, of the unemployed, of the farmers. It kindled genuine enthusiasm. It wrote a new Declaration of Independence.

Now that NRA has been put to death in the fashion that it has, let the Congress reassemble. This is the demand of Socialists from every part of the country. I believe that the Continuations Committee of the Continental Congress will act and act promptly. Readers of the Socialist and labor press will help to make the reconvening of the Continental Congress, if and when it is announced, an event of historic importance.

Armaments and Stalin

The Supreme Court decisions require so much comment that I have not time nor space to give to such importance matters as the passage by the Senate of the naval bill without any amendment calculated to curb the rapacity and corruption of private profiteers in munitions. This cynical and hysterical big navalism is a disgrace to America.

Neither have I space to comment on the serious and disastrous influence of Stalin's endorsement of the military establishment of bourgeois imperialist plans, the natural aftermath of the Franco-Russian military alliance. Explain as you will the necessity which drove Russia to the alliance, the thing that Stalin has done illustrates the great harm that is done to a truly revolutionary working class movement which should by its very nature be anti-militarist when it is rigidly controlled by the seeming interest of one nation. Of this more later.

On Consistency

The New Leader of May 25th through one of its writers who uses the pseudonym of John Powers (Continued on Page Eight)

Editorials

The Lackeys of Capitalism

ONCE more the Supreme Court shows itself to be America's most reliable bulwark of reaction.

The decision of the Supreme Court, nullifying the NRA, is clearly anti-labor, in its immediate effect and its ultimate implications.

Bosses, in the giant steel mills and in the coackroach garment shops, will take new courage from the court decision. They will unleash a wild fury of wage-cutting and union smashing, both out of economic interest and personal revenge.

Bosses, for many years to come, will use the legal precedent established by the court to choke every bit of national labor legislation.

Under the shock of the heavy body blow delivered to labor by the Supreme Court, only one group of labor unions will stand up. These are the unions which put least faith in capitalist legislation, no matter how New Dealish, and placed most faith in labor's organized strength.

The only sections of the working class which will be able to rescue themselves from the deluge of economic oppression will be those who realize that their only weapon of defense at present is their own union.

The action of the Supreme Court is not to be understood in the light of a mean action on the part of nine old men. It is essentially the most forceful and concentrated expression of the capitalist will.

From the day that a few militant labor unions threatened to make of the New Deal legislation something worthwhile to the workers of America, capitalism launched its counter-offensive. It worked through economic sabotage, organization of manufacturers' associations, creation of company unions, disgusting chiselling. It then brought all of its influence to bear upon the political machinery to halt strikes, to write miserable codes, to legalize division in the ranks of labor by plans of proportional representation. It then forced through a coolie wage plan for relief workers. And finally, it gave the legal stamp to reaction through the mechanism of the supreme court.

Workers! Don't curse nine old men. Prepare to fight the system that breeds them, that breeds their political brethren, that breeds their capitalist overseers.

Curse capitalism and build a world that is yours, with your industries, your laws, your courts.

Build a workers' world, build socialism.

The Canton Pilgrimage

CARAVANS of labor and Socialist groups are setting out for the city of Canton, Ohio, to pay homage to the memory of Eugene Victor Debs, one of the greatest leaders the American workers have had the good fortune to possess. From all over the country men and women will gather on June 16th in Nimisilla Park, where Debs delivered his great oration against war which resulted in his arrest and conviction.

Never was there a more appropriate moment to honor the great battle that Gene Debs waged against war. The embers of imperialist conflict, left from the war which Debs so vigorously opposed, are beginning to glow once more. The world sits in dread today, not knowing what little event will serve to fan them into an all-consuming flame that may devour all of civilization.

The words that the great Socialist spoke then are needed today. The energy and devotion with which he fought to protect the masses from the ravages of imperialist capitalism must be re-born in the soul of the American worker.

The men and women who will foregather in Canton on the spot where the great leader of American labor spoke his words of defiance into the face of lustful capitalism will come away with spirit strengthened and hope renewed.

Build the Socialist Call

THE prime duty of every worker today is to spread far and wide the importance of moving fast towards the establishment of a Socialist commonwealth. As never before, the working-class in America is confronted by reaction and the danger of having its conditions completely undermined.

A storm-tossed labor movement has need of a guiding-star to keep it on its course and to direct it toward its goal. Such is the service that the SOCIALIST CALL can render to the workers of America.

On every hand, the workers are beset by dangers. Quack statesmen like Huey Long vending his cure-all, and Father Coughlin hawking his pieties, make it imperative that Socialist knowledge be placed in the hands of all who are disillusioned with existing things. The SOCIALIST CALL is the medium to accomplish this end.

Every new reader of the SOCIALIST CALL is a potential fighter for labor's demands; every new subscriber is a new recruit in the army of the working-class, equipped with the weapons of understanding and knowledge by which alone a workers' world can be built.

At this time, when the resources of labor must be enlarged to meet the new burdens placed upon it, you can do a good deal to help--by building the SOCIALIST CALL and giving to labor a militant servant in the great struggle.

Re-AX-tion



Lockout, Not Strike, at Hospital

To the Editor:

In several instances, apparently unintentionally, gross injustice has been done the employes of Beth Moses Hospital, Brooklyn, who on Saturday, May 18, were discharged from that institution for participating in a two-hour protest meeting. The meeting was called following the firing that week of seven other employes because they had aided in the organization of the Beth Moses Hospital Workers Council.

Despite the fact that more than 100 employes were locked out from that institution, news stories have repeatedly referred to them as "strikers." The situation at Beth Moses Hospital also has been referred to as a "strike."

It seems to us important that the reading public know the true facts of the matter. Employes of Beth Moses Hospital are not striking; they are the victims of a lock out ordered by the authorities of that institution.

Beth Moses Hospital Workers Council, Association of Brooklyn Federation Workers. New York.

The letters appearing in this column do not necessarily express the point of view of the SOCIALIST CALL. This column is intended to present a cross-section of the opinions of Socialists and sympathizers.

ABOLISH CAPITALISM!

To the Editor:

The United States Supreme Court decision voiding the NRA furnishes a great opportunity to militant Socialists.

It demonstrates the impossibility of fundamental change in the present-day capitalist political, judicial, and economic set-up. Our slogan should be: "Abolish the Supreme Court! Abolish capitalism!"

Recent events furnish our opportunity. The reports of Norman Thomas show that the Mid-West is alive to the fact that the frontier is no more and that the grand old days of individual opportunity have given way to class efforts born of class necessity.

Thomas' speech before the Railroad Trainmen's convention, the increased strength of the Socialist Party in the Mid-West, the details

of Socialist activity in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and the unemployed unions there, the favorable reaction of the students of the University of Wisconsin in support of Monroe Sweetland, victim of Fascist manhandling on its campus, the monster Debs Memorial at Canton on June 16, all should thrill us and inspire us to renewed activity.

Now or never is our opportunity. Let's use it.

JUSTUS EBERT. New York.

PERSONAL OPINION

To the Editor:

Last week's issue carried an article by myself on organization theory. It must be understood that the viewpoint expressed is wholly personal and not the position of the Young People's Socialist League.

ALEX RETZKIN. New York.

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Turn to The Left

By S. A. De WITT

BEING a columnist in even so tolerant and broad-minded a paper as the SOCIALIST CALL is no carefree excursion in self-expression.

You simply cannot go berserk, slapping here, socking there, and throwing a few good punts in for good measure.

There are subscribers to the West of us, readers to the South of us, and a few to the North of our volleys and thunder. And some are dismayed whenever factional quarrels are reported or editorialized. Others are afraid there is too much emphasis on culture when poetry appears too often and too lengthily. And a few have even mentioned something about too many columns and no roof . . . like attic ruins.

You sit before the typewriter, therefore, full of repressions, and a growing desire to write in to the editor that this world is too full of newspapers, too full of printing presses, overcrowded with authors and columnists, all of them full of ideas that cry for expression, and who cares what is said, written or done, now or forever? Where is it written that one must say something, where there is nothing to say?

Beware of Libel

Aha! There is a great deal to express that is important to you. But the laws of libel, and what your audience desires, prevent you from speech of importance.

There is that letter of Comrade Kelley of Flushing to be answered for example, in which he expresses his confusion on Socialist tactics and Communist dynamics, and asks for light.

Why not fill up this space with a discussion of differences so that the uninitiated reader will understand why two groups of people, believing in the same ideal, can hate each other so completely, because they differ on methods for attainment?

What! No Humor?

For one, I have ceased being facetious about Communists. Firstly because I consider them real actors in an American tragedy of their own creation. And secondly because they are too utterly lacking in a sense of humor.

You cannot be a Communist and take a joke. And since comedy is ugliness without pain, and since every Communist believes his world of beauty can only be achieved through a thorough process of blood-bath and suffering, the very contradiction in my subject matter prevents this article from being shot full of laughter for your entertainment this week-end.

I can only deplore their capacity for hatred. I can only distrust their sincerity when they call me to a "united front." I can only say to them . . . "Lenin was a great teacher and undoubtedly a great leader. But he was human."

"It is quite possible that he erred when he instructed you to treat Socialists who believed in achieving revolution through democracy in other lands, as enemies of the workers. It is also quite possible that he was wrong in his decision that all means, mostly foul, must be used against the enemies of the masses. And since Socialists were such, then deceit, slander, lies, theft, and even murder are justifiable for the infallible defenders of Socialist faith and the Soviet Union to use against us. It is also possible that Socialists have a right to question whether Lenin or you or any of your committees are God. Even though you have recently associated yourselves with Father Divine."

Once upon a time I evolved that the difference between Socialists and Communists was just a question on how to reach Washington, D. C.

We Socialists believe that the established means of transportation such as the bus lines and the railroad are an adequate and sensible method; and that it would be highly desirable to take over the ownership of these means of traveling by democratic methods.

Communists also desire to get to Washington, D. C. But they claim it would take too long to take over the railroads and bus lines. The present owners would fight desperately, and use violent methods to prevent losing them. It were better then to take some of those high-speed army tanks and juggernauts through every obstacle and take the capitol by storm.

Which Is the Road?

All Comrade Kelley and thousands like him see in this whole jamboree of opinion and pragmatism is emotional hullabaloo and practical paralysis. Every radical is so busy on disagreeing about how to get to the Capitol, that no real time or energy is left to see that some of us actually get there. And I shouldn't at all be surprised to learn that the most vehement of the irreconcilables are neither Communists or Socialists altogether. The story of Azef and the pre-Soviet Russian revolutionary activities is still fresh in my mind.

How to unite on a Socialist Front is today's vital question. How to stamp out dreadful hatred and distrust, and bring comradeship and sincerity to the surface in their place is the task before us. . . . Without these there can be no hope for Socialism in our land.

COUGHLIN FIRES A DUD

By DAVID P. BERENBERG

Father Coughlin has come. He has spoken. Has he conquered?

There can be no question of the effect his words had on those who heard him. The impression of those who listened critically and who watched the reactions of the audience, however, is that the response was not to the

ideas the priest expressed, but to his voice, to his personality. It is so unusual to see a Catholic priest in the role of leader of a popular revolt that spectacle alone is enough to awaken an imaginative and sympathetic response among the millions who have felt themselves betrayed and abandoned in the last few years.

There were critics of Father Coughlin in his Madison Square Garden audience on Wednesday night who scanned the audience to discover who were the thousands who had turned out to hear him, and who heartily applauded his words. They report that it was a respectable, middle-class assembly. Genteel poverty was there. Frustrated ambition was there. Romantic hope was there. But the workers were not there.

Cold Type

Father Coughlin's speech was reported in full in a number of the New York dailies. It would have been better for him had it not been reported. Impassioned words that, because of gesture and tone, carry conviction to men and women emotionally ready to accept them, become empty and foolish in cold print.

It is evident that the Reverend Father has read extensively the recent literature critical of capitalist society. He can speak glibly of "social production," of the national wealth and of its "unjust distribution." He calls the United States a plutocracy, he speaks of the corruption of the newspapers, of powerful lobbies that influence legislation. He attacks the \$19 to \$24 monthly wage scale adopted by the Roosevelt administration in its public works program.

Familiar Ground

In all this he is treading familiar ground. This is the material LaFollette, Wilson and the two Roosevelts have popularized. It has at times palled on those who heard it; it seemed obvious, and yet those who used it to stir up public resentment seemed to be headed nowhere. If it has renewed power now it is because a priest uses it.

Is he different from his predecessors? Does he know what to do with the antagonism to the plutocrats that he is certainly awakening? He knows he must have a "constructive" as well as destructive program. He has one. He presents it in the second part of his Madison Square Garden speech. He says:

"Following the thought expressed by the greatest churchman of our age, Pius XI, and in harmony with the written word of our American Constitution, social justice teaches that the people or Congress has the right to coin and regulate the value of money. This is Christianity, not communism; for never once did Karl Marx attack the international bankers and their satellites who were more responsible than any other class for generating the misery which we have experienced. This is sound Americanism conceived by the framers of our Constitution, although it has been denied by those who have perverted our democracy."

A Socialist, of course, will find this amusing. The picture of the church opposing capitalism is as funny as the suggestion, borrowed from Hitler, that Karl Marx had a peculiar tenderness for his fellow-Jews, the international bankers. Perhaps Father Coughlin himself remembers Socialist opposition to the war on the ground, in part, that it was a banker's adventure. For the moment, these considerations are beside the point, except in so far as the words quoted show the dangerous influence on the priest's mind of the

Hitler propaganda.

More important, if just as funny, is the suggestion that Pope Leo XIII was an exponent of inflation. Maybe he was. Certainly Father Coughlin is. His remedy for the evils that bedevil capitalism is social credit.

There are nine billion dollars of gold and silver in the vaults of the United States Treasury. The total currency in the banks is only \$750,000,000. What is needed is more currency. Why not print more money? This, says Father Coughlin, would not really be inflation, because back of the money would be the billions of gold and silver in the Treasury.

Ancient Sport

This is his solution to our problems. Tinkering with the money is an ancient sport in American history. It is the way out for those who want to preserve private property and private competition. Can it work?

Father Coughlin overlooks the fact that the currency has already been inflated. The devaluation of gold, and the partial re-monetization of silver have brought this about. He forgets that one step in inflation leads to another; even though he repudiates the type of inflation that rescued Germany, his program would lead us down the same road.

He is for inflation. He wants credit socialized. Does he imagine that this would create more purchasing power? Does he not know that in a period of inflation it is precisely the workers and small business man that suffer worst? Their wages become uncertain quantities. Whatever savings they have, become worthless. Property, when there is inflation, always drifts into the hands of the rich. Even the farmers relieved as first of their debts, find themselves worse off than before because of the huge prices of manufactured goods.

No Inflation?

But, protests Father Coughlin, he is not for inflation. He merely wants more currency issued against the gold and silver in the Treasury vaults. Here he betrays his economic ignorance, no matter how often he invokes that "great churchman, Leo XIII."

Something in excess of five billion dollars in paper (not \$750,000,000) is already in circulation. Issue more, and the value of each dollar drops. This is inexorable law. The gold and silver in the vaults cannot help us there, unless the new money is redeemable in metal. That would tighten, not loosen currency.

Father Coughlin makes much of bank credit. He is opposed to what he properly calls a banker's inflation. He wants the government to issue credit. This means socialized banking. It means, so long as the system of private property remains, the tyranny of capital over labor. Unless the bank structure of society is first changed, so as to break the power of capital, government banking becomes fascism, open or potential.

But we are told, and I think credibly, that Father Coughlin's audience grew restless when he began to expound his banking theories. It did not care about them. He had promised to lead them out of the wilderness and they were ready to leave the rest to him.

There, and not in his economic fallacies, lies the danger of the man. Yet it is very impressive that the priest is infinitely less dangerous after his Madison Square Garden speech than he was before. He has disclosed his artillery, and touched off a dud.

All Mixed Up

With McALISTER COLEMAN

BEFORE I join the happy dancers on Wall Street in celebrating the victory of the nine old Dodos of the Supreme Court who shot the Blue Eagle, I want to look at the animus behind that slaughter.

Let's grant all that the oddly assorted foes of NRA have said against it. Bill Borah and Ben Stolberg, Bob Minor and Thomas N. McCarter, reading from Right to Left and back again—these and similarly weirdly mixed, and not infrequently mixed-up, critics, have one and all been sniping at the NRA since its inception.

I never thought it was any great stunt to point out that NRA was obviously a compromise, a rather desperate attempt to stabilize the profit system and at the same time make vague gestures of a liberal nature in the direction of labor. Evidently it was so regarded by those who had the direction of the codes in hand.

Where Is Consistency?

So in my opinion it was no great mental shuck for critics of the Right or of the Left to underscore the obvious. Ironic now, however, is the situation in which the latter find themselves. To be consistent they must be out giving long cheers for the Supreme Court and its hifalutin' language about the preservation of the Constitution and the menace of centralized government and the fact that hours and wages are no concern of the government.

As far as its rubbing out of the codes went, the decision was merely a post-mortem. But when it came to messing around with interstate as opposed to intrastate commerce and attacked the principle that underlies any sort of social legislation, the NRA Supreme Court decision was as vicious a piece of class angling as has come within our purview.

Stripped of its fancy verbiage what this decision says is:

"Lay off business and industry. Laws attempting, no matter how feebly, to set standards of ordinary decency are out from now on. We must return to the dog-fight days as prescribed by a Constitution written in the Eighteenth Century and make no further efforts to set any limits whatsoever upon the greed of our exploiters."

Of course, if you believe in the cheerful theory of "increasing misery," this is your meat. Fly to it. But may we add, we hope you choke?

New Jersey Nazi

With these profundities off our chests, we may now turn our attention to the case of Dr. F. J. Hauptmann, head of the German department in the New Jersey College for Women at New Brunswick.

There have been rumors floating around our State to the effect that Dr. Hauptmann tossed Dr. Lienhard Bergel out of the faculty because Dr. Bergel raised mild objections to the teaching of Nazism to the young ladies of New Jersey. Doc Hauptmann was quick to set these rumors at rest, by explaining to an investigating committee that while he and other Nazis in his department had been circulating Nazi literature around the campus, they resented Dr. Bergel's anti-Nazi attitude. Whereupon Dr. Bergel said: "This is a free country and I can say what I please."

Then according to his sworn testimony, Dr. Hauptmann, "decided to let the matter drop and I haven't touched it since." He hadn't touched it, you understand, except by "purging" Dr. Bergel.

It also developed that Dr. Hauptmann himself had in him something of the Hitler genius. He was canned out of Gettysburg College for over-educating a young German girl whom he wished to adopt. His Pedagogical methods consisted of locking the gal in her room whenever he went out of the house. Finally the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, not understanding the new educational concepts of the totalitarian state, crashed in and the Professor crashed out.

Nazi Preachments

When he got to the New Jersey College for Women, he went after one of his girl students who objected to some of his Nazi preachments. He testified that it was all wrong about throwing a book at her head as she had sworn he did. Nein, nein. The Herr Doktor had merely "knocked a book" on his recalcitrant student's head.

Q. "How hard did you knock that girl with the book?" A. (by Dr. Hauptmann) "She didn't faint." So that explains that incident. If they don't faint in the class-room it doesn't count.

But here is the prize feature of this story. Give a guess, girls and boys, as to what organization is most active in investigating Dr. Hauptmann and denouncing his Nazism? You give up? Well, it's the most influential post of the American Legion in all New Jersey.

And leaving you to ponder over the thought of Bob Minor whooping it up for the Supreme Court and the American Legion fighting for academic freedom, we totter down to the Secaucus Home for the Feeble Minded to have a little intelligent conversation.

Reaction Again Invokes Supreme Court

Workers Answer The Bosses With An American Labor Party

By AUGUST TYLER

The Supreme Court decision against the NRA will be the signal for a vicious attack against labor. This decision is a victory for the most reactionary elements in the capitalist class. The Hearst press hails the decision with an almost fiendish glee; "Thank God for the Supreme Court," it sings.

What is the meaning of this decision?

THE CAPITALIST OLD GUARD TRIUMPHS

The Supreme Court decision is the victory of the Old Guard against the New Dealers in the capitalist class. This battle has been going on ever since the inauguration of Roosevelt. And the battle revolved around the question of ways and means to preserve capitalism.

The New Dealers sought to save the present system by stabilization; i.e., by price fixing, by wage fixing, by codification, by governmental interference into business and even the life of labor unions. The Old Guard, on the other hand, chose to follow the beaten path of the rugged individualist, of chaotic competition.

Roosevelt, himself, has tried to steer a midway course, veering constantly from right to left.

The full force of the capitalist class was turned against any pro-labor interpretation of the New Deal. Through economic sabotage, political pressure, and finally judicial action, the capitalist class weakened and at last destroyed any potentially progressive features of the NRA.

THE FIRST LINE OF BATTLE—ECONOMIC

The first line of struggle between capital and labor is in the economic battleground, in the shops, the mines, the mills.

It was here that labor first sought to utilize the NRA to its advantage and it was here that capital first sought to turn it to its advantage. The first struggle was direct!

A few large unions, notably the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union, the United Mine Workers and a few others, seized upon the psychological opportunity provided by the NRA to launch a vigorous campaign of union organization.

When these unions came to the government for a code, they came with the influence of organized masses behind them, in some cases with the influence of already victorious masses behind them. The International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, which struck first and NRAed after, made its victorious agreement the basis for the code.

These unions were successful for only one reason: they knew that the working class could not expect better conditions to fall like Manna from Heaven. They knew that, in the final, analysis the organized strength of the workers was their only reliable defense.

The opposition of capitalism's Old Guard to the NRA was great but weakly organized and cowardly expressed. The closing of the banks had struck a momentary terror into the hearts of finance capital and the great industrialists. They chose to lie low—for the moment!

While expressing a silent acquiescence in the NRA, the capitalists launched a quiet conspiracy against every one of its progressive features, either sabotaging or perverting them.

First, the capitalists utilized the codification authority to carry through an almost one hundred percent perfect organization campaign of the capitalists into employers' associations.

Second, they utilized the collective bargaining clause to create a

mass movement, far greater than the A. F. of L., for the organization of company unions.

Lastly, they began to whittle away the maximum hour and minimum wage provisions of the NRA by an irritating and wearying campaign of chiselling.

THE SECOND LINE OF BATTLE—POLITICAL

As time went on, the capitalist class grew bolder. It began to roll heavier artillery into action. It began to wage its war on the second line of battle, the political line.

The full political influence of the government was now turned against the chief threat to the capitalist class; namely, the organization of labor. This tendency on the part of labor to utilize the hope awakened by the New Deal for organizational purposes constituted a greater threat to the capitalist class of America than did a few slight wage increases, usually offset by a price increase.

Under the great hullabaloo raised by the capitalist class that

the government was encouraging strikes, the Roosevelt regime decided to use its influence to settle strikes. Textiles, steel, autos—America's crucial industries—saw three great organization campaigns sadly dampened by false hopes extended by an arbitrating Roosevelt regime.

What the personal reasons of Roosevelt may have been in using the red tape of his boards to tie labor hand and foot in so many instances is more the job of the psychologist than of the sociologist. But of one thing we may be certain. Any government, which has as its first and primary interest the continuance of production and the maintenance of profits, will be compelled by the very logic of its premises to turn into an anti-labor force.

In the long run, it may consider the labor movement one of the NECESSARY forces for the stabilization of capitalism, as does a large section of the British bourgeoisie. In the short run, however, it will use all its power to prevent any particular strike.

In this second offensive of the capitalist class, it worked not primarily around and under the NRA machinery, but through THE NRA MACHINERY itself.

Two great cases stand out in this connection.

First, and towering above all others, was the automobile case. 7A was so interpreted as to become, in the words of William Green, an "instrument of persecution of labor." The labor movement and the government came to open blows.

It was with a great deal of timidity that labor turned against the New Dealers. Although Wolman, in charge of the auto board, was called a traitor, Washington, at first, was left unmentioned. When, however, Richberg upheld Wolman, Richberg was called a traitor. When the President was appealed to against his "evil advisers," and then HE HIMSELF upheld Richberg, labor gnashed its teeth.

This was followed almost immediately by the vicious tobacco code. Now labor began to talk

about the treachery of "the White House."

The other great offensive carried on by capital, through the governmental apparatus was the very recent low wage scale for relief workers. This constituted a direct assault upon the standards of labor.

THE THIRD LINE OF BATTLE—JUDICIAL

American capitalism now saw its chance to complete the counter-revolution. The codes were being defied. Worse codes were being written. The New Deal machinery was being discredited in the ranks of labor. Now was the time to kill it entirely.

Capitalism now moved on to a third line of battle, the courts. In a series of decisions in the lower courts capital had won striking victories over labor. The American courts had always been the mightiest weapons of reaction. The nine old reliable men, the Supreme court, were now called in by capitalism's Old Guard to pronounce the New Deal as dead.

First the Supreme Court gave its hint as to what it would do with the NRA. It gave its hint in the reactionary Railway Pensions Decision. Then it carried through its threat with its burial of the NRA.

A LABOR PARTY:— THE WORKERS ONLY ANSWER!

This decision of the Supreme Court is both a warning and an exhortation.

It warns. It warns that in the next few months every little niggardly boss will take courage to cut wages and to defy labor organization.

It warns that no faith can be placed in capitalist legislation, in capitalist courts, IN THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

IT WARNS LABOR THAT UNLESS IT BUILDS ITS OWN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IT HAS NO PERMANENT DEFENSE AGAINST REACTION.

This decision is an exhortation. It calls upon labor to gather its own strength. It calls upon labor to organize. It calls upon labor to build its unions, to BUILD ITS OWN POLITICAL PARTY. It calls upon labor to build a new system, to build Socialism.

American labor! Remember, it was the Taff Vale decision in England, an anti-labor decision of the British Courts, that launched the British Labor Party.

Workers of America! You have seen your Taff Vale decision. Will you take it lying down?

Labor Standards Endangered As High Court Nullifies NRA

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Court rids the country of the illusion that the administration had been fostering in the minds of the people, an illusion which has become a source of embarrassment. The workers, said Roosevelt, are being protected by the NRA; decent conditions are being maintained; workers may organize. At the same time, Roosevelt was fighting the workers in the basic industries—in steel, in automobiles, in textiles. While preaching "increased purchasing power" for the workers, he was setting wages on government relief at sums as low as \$19, and assuring employed workers that their wages would not be depressed to that level because of the "barrier" set by the codes.

Every worker knew that the NRA was not being enforced. Even the New York Times admits editorially:

"The Recovery Act had done its work, the chief benefit of which was to stir the people into hopeful activity and had come to be almost universally regarded as a piece of legislation now obsolete and ineffective. Nowhere will the opinion of the Supreme Court in the matter now provoke angry resentment. The judges simply pronounce to be dead a statute which the great mass of the people had already decided to be dead."

Labor had little reason to love the NRA. In essence it was an anti-labor act with a little sugar-coating, a few sops thrown to labor. But the Supreme Court decision is aimed particularly at these small concessions.

The decision is a victory for the most reactionary of capitalist forces—not because the NRA was liberal or progressive from the point of view of the workers. The decision is the embodiment of reaction because it makes the struggle for labor legislation by the workers a thousand times more difficult than it has been, and because it limits the possibilities of such legislation to an amazing extent.

The avowed purpose of the NRA had been to stabilize a tottering capitalism. It failed to do that in spite of its efforts to keep wages at uniform low standards. Now capitalism will seek to drive them further down and to stretch out the working day. Unions which had utilized the

NRA as the occasion for organization drives will now have to defend themselves against the bitterest attacks they have ever known.

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, has declared: "This is a great victory for big business and the reactionary forces of America. It is enough to arouse the bitter resentment and the resistance of both organized and unorganized labor."

He observes that the answer of labor must be the organization of its own party: "This development is the strongest argument for independent political action by labor."

Government Feeds Poison Beef to Unemployed

NEW ORLEANS (FP)—One 3-year-old baby is already dead and scores of children and adults are suffering from poisonous beef

Catholic School Head Sees 'Too Many Radicals'

VILLANOVA, Pa. — "Catholic colleges and their students have been conspicuously absent from practically all recent student demonstrations in behalf of world peace," the Very Reverend Edward C. Stanford, president of Villanova College, proudly informed a conference called by the Catholic Association for International Peace.

The president declared that such demonstrations had "too often been sponsored and led by those radical tendencies."

being distributed by the Louisiana ERA.

So rotten was one consignment of the stuff that 20,000 cans exploded in the Arabi warehouse. The cans of poison meat bear this label: Produced and Distributed for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

The affair was hushed up, the destroyed cans were dumped into the Mississippi, and the ERA continued to serve the remaining beef stew to hungry families.

AT THE FRONT by Norman Thomas

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praises a local Czech Communist group for returning to the Social Democratic Party of Czechoslovakia in the interest of the unity of the workers and of political freedom as against Fascism. It was on the same basis that the NEC invited individuals, not groups, to come to the Socialist Party in America, and I suspect that some of those whose coming has alarmed the New Leader could have subscribed to the Czech statement the New Leader applauds.

By the way, the same issue of the New Leader is mistaken on a couple of points. The vote to accredit the SOCIALIST CALL by a referendum to NEC members was held up by a preliminary tangle caused by motions to table or postpone action. Actually the vote to accredit stood 5 to 4, with two not voting, and of the four two made it plain that they liked the paper and voted as they did at this time for tactical reasons. Unquestionably the CALL will soon appear on any accredited list that the NEC may maintain.

Likewise the New Leader is mistaken in announcing that the CALL has censored my column. It has not. It has, with my permission, dropped many paragraphs for lack of space, among them two which were later reprinted from another paper. Papers which use my column regularly have a right

to make their own choice of what is to be omitted if the column is too long, unless I myself indicate certain paragraphs which must be carried. And this I have not done in the case of many paragraphs which the CALL has not been able to carry.

Support the YPSL

Space prevents my telling how important it is to support the Yipsels all over the nation and particularly in New York. Despite the controversy in New York and the small dual organization set up by the New York Local, the Yipsels are on the job and the Local has appealed to them for help in Party activities. It is particularly important that the Yipsels be in a position to do a good job in the American Youth Congress which promises to bring together a very significant group of youth organizations at Detroit at a time when we must win these organizations for peace and for labor against war and Fascism.

Don't Forget

Here's an important date! June 16th—the Pilgrimage to Canton, Ohio, on the anniversary of 'Gene Debs' great speech. Let Robert Dullea, Prospect-Fourth Bldg., Cleveland, State Secretary, know if you want more information or if you plan to be among the Pilgrims.

Books

Harry Laidler on Socialism

"Socializing Our Democracy, A New Appraisal of Socialism," by Dr. Harry W. Laidler. Harper & Brothers. 330 pages. \$3.

Even if America were not experiencing a scarcity of good books on socialism, Dr. Laidler's book would be a mountain-peak in radical literature. It is the most complete and best-documented text that we have yet had, containing up-to-date information, the facts cited being as recent as March, 1935.

The whole scene of contemporary working-class problems is covered here. The new cloak of American capitalism, the "New Deal," does not escape the thoroughgoing dissection of which Dr. Laidler is so capable. The achievements of the Soviet government are constantly used to paint the contrast with existing capitalist institutions and methods. The quick remedies of ramshackle capitalism, in various forms of "economic planning," are made to face the test of science and fact.

Stock Arguments Nailed

Nor are the old cliches leveled against socialism overlooked. Dr. Laidler, using the most recent data of economic current history, dispels the illusions that lurk in many minds about socialism. The ghosts of ancient anti-Socialist argument are permanently laid to rest, never to stalk in the world of enlightened political controversy. The problem of incentives for a cooperative society is clearly resolved by Dr. Laidler's exposition, made doubly effective by the obvious lack of incentive in the modern age which offers no motive for enterprise but only unemployment, insecurity and starvation.

For persons perplexed by the new face of bourgeois development—by fascism, the menace of war, the increasing sharpness of the class struggle—the most important chapters of "Socializing Our Democracy" will be those headed, "Will There Be a Revolution?" and "Plans and Tactics of Transition."

Dr. Laidler has hopes for a peaceful change from capitalism to socialism in the United States, though he is not unaware of the forces that may compel a violent upheaval.

The Detroit Declaration

Reviewing the experiences of Germany and Austria, he describes the heroic struggle that revolutionaries must wage. He points out that Socialists want to bring about the social revolution as peacefully as possible. He quotes the Detroit Declaration of Principles of the Socialist Party, adopted in June, 1934, in which "the party declared anew its faith in economic and political democracy" and declared that, in its struggles for a new society, the Socialist Party seeks to attain its objectives by peaceful and orderly means.

He goes on to point out that "it maintained, however, that, 'if the capitalist system should collapse in a general chaos and confusion' which would not permit of orderly procedure, or in case of a genuine threat of fascism in which the present political means of social advance were denied it, the movement would not shrink from the responsibility of organizing and maintaining a government of the workers. Nevertheless, where the democratic road to power was still open, it would choose that road."

Fascism Not Inevitable

Dr. Laidler comes to the conclusion that, though there is latent in America a set of conditions that might produce fascism, "that does not mean, however, that fascism in America is an inevitable development. An objective analysis of the forces in this country for and against fascism must lead us to the conclusion that many of the forces which favored its de-

velopment in Central and Eastern Europe are not operative, at least to the same extent, in the United States."

"While it is impossible to prophesy with certainty," says Dr. Laidler, "whether the change from capitalism to socialism will be a peaceful or a violent one, there are many forces at work which point to a genuine possibility of peaceful change in this country, and the revolutionary movement should strive with might and main to make this possibility an increasing probability as time goes on."

Dr. Laidler expresses his belief that the present ruling class, when confronted by the actuality of a social revolution, will be too weak to use armed resistance and will read the hand-writing on the wall.

Bosses Illogical

Unfortunately, it has not proven so elsewhere, and with reference to the hand-writing on the wall, the reactionaries have shown themselves in the past to be either blind or illiterate. Logic will not dictate the conduct of a class facing expropriation, for it knows no reason but only its own greed. Persuasion can do little under such circumstances, except as it is the persuasion of power, with the threat of force.

As Carlyle wrote of the French nobility faced by the coming revolution: "Eloquence can do much, but not all. Orpheus, with eloquence grown rhythmic, musical (what we call poetry), drew tears from the cheek of Pluto; but by what witchery of rhyme or prose, wilt thou, from the pocket of Pluto, draw gold?"

Throughout the book, there are considerable references to the viewpoint of left Socialist groups, particularly the English Socialist League, headed by Sir Stafford Cripps, and the New Beginning Group of Germany. The book thus possesses a completeness that few other volumes on the subject display.

For the propagandist, Laidler's book is a relief from the necessity of repetitious speeches. Its pages furnish new, more effective ammunition for the Socialist barrage at capitalism.

AARON LEVENSTEIN.

SEVEN POOR MEN OF SYDNEY,

by Christiana Stead. D. Appleton-Century. \$2.50.

The seven poor men of Sydney are a peculiar lot; yet not so peculiar that one does not recognize in them types that are likely to crop up in the radical movement, not only in this Australian city, but in fair-sized industrial towns almost anywhere in the world.

I imagine that the average class-conscious worker who reads this book will be as confused as was Joseph Baguenault when he was drawn into the "circle"; and, like Joseph, he will be glad that his life is woven to a simpler pattern. For most of the characters who people this novel are lost souls, come too late to make their way in the bourgeois world to which they doubtlessly belong, and too early to find satisfaction in the new world that is only in the making.

A. K.

Hearst Hunts Red—Paper Loses Ads

CHICAGO—(FP)—The Chicago American, afternoon paper, was the only daily paper to lose in advertising in April, compared with a year ago. The Hearst sheets have been conducting a sensational crusade against alleged reds.

Hearst papers in Boston, New York and Pittsburgh also lost in advertising linage. Most daily papers gained over a year ago.

WORKERS! SUPPORT YOUR PAPER

Hearst-Davies Link Tabu, Movie Stars Warn

HOLLYWOOD, Cal.—(FP)—"Better leave Hearst's or Marion Davies' name out of that book."

This was the warning Max Knepper, author of "Sodom and Gomorrah," movie expose just published, received from a number of famous movie people recently while visiting Hollywood, relates The Epic News. The warning came too late.

Knepper was reminded of the fate of Movie Director Ince, killed on a yacht. As one person put it, "Ince died of pneumonia with a bullet hole in his back."

Cripps Sees Need Of Realistic Policy

By STAFFORD CRIPPS

(President of the Socialist League of Great Britain and Member of Executive Committee of the British Labor Party.) I send my best wishes to the SOCIALIST CALL in its contribution to propaganda and instruction in the United States.

A realistic Socialist policy, which is not merely vague Utopianism, must, I believe, be put before the people in all the capitalist countries in the world where democracy still survives, in the hope that by reason and persuasion democratic forms may be utilized for Socialist ends.

This reality of policy must be accompanied by public action of such a nature as to focus the minds of the workers upon the constructive alternative to the present disintegrated economic system.

The determination of the workers to attain power can only become effective when sectionalism disappears and all those who desire to reach that goal sink their differences and personalities in the united attack upon their opponents.

There are not many countries left where Socialism may still come through democracy, while that chance still survives I believe it the duty of every Socialist to work disinterestedly and unitedly for that end.

Send-A-Dime Letters

Latest Quick Riches Gag

The growth of the "send-a-dime" chain letter mania reflects at one and the same time the economic ignorance of the country and the pathetic hope of finding an escape from economic uncertainty.

Nobody in his senses imagines that you can make something from nothing. Yet many seemingly sensible people fail to see that precisely this is the fallacy in the "send-a-dime" scheme.

In view of the spread of this mild insanity it is not hard to see how hordes, probably of the same people, are taken in by Huey Long's or Dr. Townsend's scheme for creating something out of nothing.

Apparently there are many people who must first try out all manner of economic panaceas before deciding that the cure for all the evils from which they are suffering lies in their own hands.

Join the Student League for Industrial Democracy

New Patterns in Lives of Patternmakers

By MORRIS SCHWARTZSTEIN

(Manager, Dress Patternmakers Union, Local 31, ILGWU)

The pattern-makers of the dress industry of New York are an illustration of why workers, however well-paid, must look to their united strength as the only assurance of security.

For years the pattern-makers were the cream of the dress industry, their wages ranging from seventy-five to a hundred and twenty-five dollars

a week. Aristocrats of the dress factory, their sympathies were largely with the boss and not with the cutters, operators and other workers.

But then came the depression, the hard master who has taught many things to many people. Wages of pattern-makers fell

secretary of the Socialist Party of New York, Judge Jacob Panken and Matthew M. Levy, they obtained a charter from the ILGWU as Local 31, in January of this year, and now maintain offices at 570 Seventh avenue, in the garment district.

Growing Membership

Already the pattern-makers local has won victories. Its membership is constantly growing. It is militant in fighting for its members. The records of the union are filled with accounts of workers protected from their bosses, reinstatements won for discharged pattern-makers, equal distribution for pattern-makers where more than one is employed, and agreements signed recognizing the union.

There is much to be done yet; problems still remain to be solved. Some difficulties are encountered because some pattern-makers hold books in the cutters local, but it is expected that the General Executive Board of the ILGWU will soon adjust the matter. The pattern-makers are refusing to do marking of goods, stretching and cutting, leaving these operations to Local 10. In return, Local 31 is requesting jurisdiction over all pattern-makers.

The pattern-makers are now preparing a big drive. They will demand of the Dress Manufacturers Association that their union be recognized, that they be given a collective agreement. Refusal of the demands would mean undoubtedly the calling of a strike.

The pattern-makers are proving that they are real workers, with the courage to protect themselves through the building of a vigorous and militant union.

Chicago Building One-Eighth of Normal

CHICAGO—(FP)—Building construction in Chicago was 12.4 per cent of normal in April, the state department of labor finds. Most of it was repairs and remodeling.

SUGAR PILLS

THE FAKE social security proposals which are flooding Washington are so many "sugar pills" shoved down the throats of patient and doctor alike.

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On Tuesday, June 4, at 7 P. M., the Dress Patternmakers Union, Local 31 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, will hold an organization mass meeting at the Hotel Delano, 108 West 43rd street. The union is the youngest local in the International.

like a bird, shot full of bullets. Hours became longer, and for forty dollars a week in a seasonal trade the pattern-maker toiled for sixty and seventy hours. The high-hat pattern-maker began to realize that he was a worker too.

He began to think. Low wages and miserable hours were the reward for his services, without which the whole shop would come to a standstill. He was the key-man in the industry. Only because he was able to take the expensive styles bought by the boss, and convert them through the patterns that he made into forms suitable for cheaper dresses and the limited materials provided for such modes, was the manufacturer able to derive his profits from the functioning of the shop.

Time Teaches

But it took time to learn the lesson. Meanwhile the other workers in the shop had gone through their general strike of 1933; they had taken part in the writing of a code, they had achieved an agreement through collective bargaining. The pattern-makers, however, had nothing.

They began to organize. First, they formed, not a union but an association, the Dress Pattern-Makers Association. Then they affiliated with Local 10, the cutters branch of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The connection, while encouraging, did not prove to be effective, for the pattern-makers found that they were not covered by the Dress Code or by the local's contract, both of which had been made before the awakening of the pattern-makers.

In the interest of the cutters as well as their own, the pattern-makers had to come forth and stand on their own feet. With the help of Jack Altman, former labor

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Party Activity

NATIONAL NOTES

CHICAGO.—Seven of the twelve summer schools to be held this year for Socialist organizers have completed preliminary arrangements.

The first school will be held at Arnold's Park, Iowa, June 10-14. Then will follow: Missouri, near Kansas City, June 17-30; Michigan, Grant, June 23-30; Oklahoma, Prince's Falls, July 14-28; Colorado, Redfeather Lake, July 22-28; California, near San Francisco, August 3-11; California, near Los Angeles, August 17-25.

Additional schools are planned in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

COLORADO

Comrades of the Socialist Party in the Western states are invited to a Western Conference and Summer School, to be held near Denver as an outdoor encampment beginning July 19, 1935. Plans for closer cooperation between the Locals in the west and for a United Organizational Campaign to build the Socialist Party will be made.

A ten day summer school will follow the conference.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO.—The Brookwood Labor College Players will present their 1935 Labor Chatauqua in Chicago on June 2 under the joint auspices of the Socialist Party and the Chicago Labor College. Chicago Socialists have arranged a tour of the stockyards and other points of interest for the Brookwood graduates.

INDIANA

The Indiana State Executive Committee will hold two sessions at Kokomo on June 2. A report will be heard on constitutional revision, and a program for effective propaganda work will be outlined.

Sullivan, Jasonville and Terre Haute Locals of the Indiana Socialist Party are sponsoring a regional picnic at Shackamack Park near Jasonville sometime in June.

LOUISIANA

Appeals to all workers, farmers, student and liberal organizations to expose and oust Huey Long and to contribute to the expenses of Norman Thomas's tour in Louisiana are being made by the New Orleans Local. Mrs. Louise S. Jesson, State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Louisiana, 4956 Music street, New Orleans, will receive the collections.

NEW JERSEY

ELIZABETH.—Gerhart Seger, former Reichstag member, and now a refugee from Germany will speak on "Will Nazi Germany Go to War?" on Friday, May 31, at Eagles' Hall, 1108 Elizabeth avenue. The lecture is jointly sponsored by the Progressive German Societies of Elizabeth (Volk-Zeitung Conference) and the Elizabeth Branch of the Socialist Party. This is to be Seger's last lecture in this country.

OHIO

John Newton Thurber, former director of the Workers' Education Council of Cleveland, was elected secretary of the Socialist Party of Cuyahoga County to succeed Robert D. Dullea. Dullea resigned to devote full time as state secretary of the Socialist Party of Ohio.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Keith Kirkpatrick has been elected organizer. He succeeds Maurice Bloom who recently resigned the post. Comrade Kirkpatrick is a recent transfer from Ames, Iowa, where he was active in the League for Industrial Democracy.

The delegation of the Colt Strikers now in Washington attended the last meeting of the branch. After hearing about conditions in the factory, one young girl told of the difficulty of getting even the two or three days a week of work that they had been allowed unless the girls were willing to go out

after working hours with the foremen—and be pleasant.

The campaign to raise funds and clothing for the Arkansas sharecroppers is in full swing. Several large boxes of clothing are ready to be shipped, and about \$60 will be sent as a first installment.

The literature committee of the branch has just set itself a new goal—a Socialist and Workers' bookstore.

Calendar

Friday, May 31
Morningside Heights Branch is holding a Red Smoker at 8:30 at Workers' Hall, 600 West 125th street, Room 20. Music and entertainment will follow.

Local 10, Workers' Unemployed Union, are holding a dance and raffle at 8 P.M. at Greenwich House, 29 Barrow street. Admission is free.

Sunday, June 2
Bellamy League hike to Hunters Island. Meet at Pelham Bay Station at 11 A.M.

Tuesday, June 4
August Gold will speak at the 12th A.D., Manhattan, 208 East 18th street, on "The Money Problem As Seen by a Socialist."

Thursday, June 6
"The Press—Servile Propaganda or Public Service" is the title of the second of a series of symposiums being conducted by Rebel Arts, 44 East 21st street. Among the speakers are William Feigenbaum, Associate Editor of The New Leader, and Bruno Fischer, Managing Editor of the Socialist Call.

Saturday, June 8
The 22nd A.D. branch is featuring a three ring social at its headquarters, 884 Sutter avenue, Brooklyn. Two bits will give one entry to the dance and amateur night, a play by the Rebel Arts Puppeteer, and a card party.

Saturday, June 15
The 18th A.D., Branch 1, is celebrating with a housewarming and dance at their new headquarters, 1140 Eastern parkway, Brooklyn. Refreshments, entertainment and dancing—admission 50c.

Sunday, June 23
The Bronx County Socialist Party is chartering a boat to Bear Mountain which will leave Battery Park pier at 9 A.M. and 132nd street at 9:30. Tickets may be obtained at the Rand School Book Store, 7 East 15th street; Bronx headquarters of the Socialist Party, 809 Westchester avenue; or from your own branch organizer. Proceeds will pay the headquarters' rent of the Bronx organization.

Falcon Call May Issue For Workers' Children

At last the Socialist movement has a magazine that it can proudly offer to the children of the American working-class. The Red Falcons of America have done it.

The May issue of the Falcon Call, official organ of the Red Falcons, written by Falcons and guides, is a striking literary and artistic job. Speaking in the language best suited for its readers, effectively illustrated and designed the Falcon Call can lay claim to being the best children's magazine in America.

The contents include an excellent history of May Day, a play on the Arkansas sharecroppers that can be performed by any children's group with fine propaganda effect, a number of stories, and articles on first aid, stamp collecting, nature study and craftsmanship. It will be of interest to old and young. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Falcon Call, 7 E. 15th street, New York City.

Progressives in Needle Trades Are to Meet

NEW YORK CITY.—A call to a conference of all progressive groups in the needle trades unions of this city has just been issued by the Dressmakers Progressive Group of Local 22 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

The conference will be held on Saturday, June 8, at 2:30 p. m. in Manhattan Opera House, 311 West 34th street, New York City.

Gerhart Seger Farewell Dinner

Organized labor and the anti-Fascist forces of New York are honoring Gerhart Seger, former Socialist member of the German Reichstag and refugee from the Nazi terror, with a farewell dinner on June 3, prior to his departure for Europe on the following day.

The dinner is in the nature of a great labor demonstration against fascism.

Harry Lee Franklin, executive secretary of the Chest for the Liberation of Workers of Europe, has appealed to readers of the SOCIALIST CALL to support the dinner.

Send your reservations to 8 West 16 street and make checks payable to David Dubinsky, treasurer. The price per plate is \$1.75.

Turning the Tables

Norman Thomas Invades Huey's Home Territory

By RICHARD BABB WHITTEN

Executive Secretary, Local New Orleans, Socialist Party

Nothing could be more encouraging to the workers and farmers of the country, to the liberals and the radicals, than the announcement of Norman Thomas that he was going to invade the State of Louisiana in September in order to expose Huey P. Long as a potential Fascist leader.

To us Socialists in Louisiana this announcement, at the time of the Southern Organizers Conference of the Socialist Party in New Orleans, came as a fresh breeze. For over two years we have been acutely aware of the tremendous danger of Long to the labor movement of this country, aware of his blatant hypocrisy and his paranoiac mania for per-

sonal power. Since he stands for the capitalist system, his present demagoguery and his record in Louisiana shows irrefutably that his "Spare the Wealth" movement can have only a Fascist future.

Realistic Tactic

Norman Thomas' invasion of Louisiana for the Socialist Party will be the first realistic work in America to defeat the political forces making for fascism. Knowing full well that the immediate task of the Socialist Party is to draw the workers and farmers away from the parties of capitalism, to keep them out of such movements as "Scare the Wealth" and the "National Union for Social Injustice," we must not fail, therefore, to do all in our power to make of this a gigantic success, but must press on to greater campaigns of this sort on the political front.

This alone will not kill the movements of the agents of capitalism, Long and Coughlin, but it will begin to draw the masses away from them. It will hasten the urgently needed weapon of the workers and farmers, a Labor Party.

Party Tradition

The Socialist Party has an old tradition, and a very sound one, for such political activity as the invasion of Louisiana. The famous Red Special that carried Eugene Debs through the mid-West, was particularly successful. It is not without reason that at this very time the Party had its greatest strength and power before the War.

It was then, and it must now, live and work on the dynamic, activist heritage of American life. We must give the people something to watch, something that they can join in, something that shows action against the powers that make their lot one of miserable poverty and a hopeless sense that nothing is being done.

Call Association Elects New Board of Directors

NEW YORK CITY.—The amazing success of the SOCIALIST CALL was emphasized at the regular meeting of the Call Press Association last Saturday.

Reports of the various committees showed the extensive support and enthusiasm which has been given to the CALL. Call Associations have been formed in many sections of the country. Groups of progressive unionists have been organized for the purpose of pushing the CALL.

Jack Altman, business manager, reported that broad plans were being laid to make the CALL a vital influence among the workers in America. Included in the plans is a drive for 10,000 new subscriptions by September.

A new Board of Directors was elected to replace the temporary Board elected several months ago when the CALL was launched.

The new directors, in turn, elected a new Editorial Board.

Members of the Board are elected for one year.

The board of directors consists of 35, eighteen from the Metropolitan area and seventeen from the rest of the country.

They are: Alice Hanson, Pennsylvania; Franz Daniel, Tennessee; David Felix, Pennsylvania; Powers Haggood, Massachusetts; Ward Rogers, Arkansas; Robert Dullea, Ohio; Maynard Kreuger, Illinois; J. F. Higgins, West Virginia; Glen Trimble, Massachusetts; Samuel Romer, Michigan; Paul Rasmussen, Illinois; Milen Dempster, California; Albert Sprague Coolidge, Massachusetts; Abraham Pearlstein, Connecticut; Howard Kester, South; Hy Fish, Ohio; Larry Rogin, New York.

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The Editorial Board consists of nine from New York and six from the rest of the country.

The country at large: Albert Sprague Coolidge, Massachusetts; David Felix, Pennsylvania; Abraham Pearlstein, Connecticut; Paul Porter, Illinois; Samuel Romer, Michigan; Glenn Trimble, Massachusetts.

New York: Murray Baron, David P. Berenberg, Robert Delson, Ben Gitlow, Aaron Levenstein, Saul Parker, August Tyler, Herman Wolf, Herbert Zam.

Jobless Public Speaking

NEW YORK CITY.—Public speaking classes will be conducted under the auspices of the Workers' Unemployed Union, Local 4. Classes are held Tuesday evenings between 6 and 8 at the headquarters of the local, Hudson Guild, 436 West 27th street, New York City. There is no charge.

Socialist Appeal Is Published by Chicago Group

The May issue of the Socialist Appeal, published by a group of Chicago Socialists, has made its appearance.

Articles include "Should Socialists Favor a Labor Party?" by Albert Goldman and a defense of "The Socialist Campaign in the 34th Ward" of Chicago, by W. B. Waltmire.

Editorials cover the subjects of Hitler and War and an analysis of the meeting of the Socialist Party National Executive Committee in Buffalo.

Copies may be obtained for five cents from the Appeal Publishing Association, 4452 North Hermitage avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Allentown Labor Joins To Fight Hallet Firing

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—Professor Winslow N. Hallett of Cedar Crest College, dismissed last week by the Board of Trustees, was joined in his fight for reinstatement by the Allentown Central Trades and Labor Council.

Professor Hallett is treasurer of the American Federation of Teachers and has been active in the Pennsylvania Unemployed Leagues.

On May 2 President W. F. Curtis informed Dr. Hallett that his professional competence was not in question but that his pro-labor activities were the grounds for discharge.

The Non-Partisan Labor Defense is fighting his case and calling on organized labor to support him.

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"The Young Go First" at the Park

From Mother's Arms To Shoulder Arms Via CCC Camps

By BILL SHULMAN
"THE YOUNG GO FIRST," a drama by Peter Martins, George Scudder and Charles Friedman; staged by Al Saxe and Elia Kazan; settings by M. Gorelik; presented by the Theatre of Action at the Park Theatre.

On witnessing the premiere performance of "The Young Go First," this reviewer was surprised to see the year's progress made by the Communist "Theatre of Action." Culminating the season's activities, this group has presented its first full-length play at the Park Theatre.

The young go first to war, is the theme of this timely drama, having as its background the militarizing of boys now serving in the CCC camps. Based on the personal experiences of its authors, this well-knit plot shows how some raw recruits find the way to realize their demand for the right to a decent living, through organization and solidarity.

With the exception of the first act, which deals with the feverish excitement of the boys' first day in the CCC barracks, the play is well written and shows an uncommon degree of polish and maturity in its sequence of scenes and character developments.

As ever, Mordecai Gorelik can be counted on to conceive a setting that outdoes in artistry his previous stage designs. His composite setting showing a section of the barracks, the company street and the officers' quarters, is a corker. It deserves better lighting treatment than it received.

"The Young Go First" is a worthy theatrical venture and deserves the support of all who are interested in the development of the "left" theatre.

A Big Yawn

"MR. DYNAMITE," a Universal Picture at the Roxy. Story by Dashiell Hammett; screen play by Doris Malloy and Harry Clark. Directed by Alan Crosland.

"Mr. Dynamite" is a realistic picture of the actual lives of every-day people in the metropolitan areas of the United States. Every man wears a top hat and every female bedizens herself in ermine, just as in real life, while attempting to solve the vexing world-wide problem of "who shot who" in a fashionable gambling casino. Dashiell Hammett's latest scenario fully merits the stamp of Hollywood, a Pulitzer award and a great big yawn from the masses.

Eternal Triangle

"TOVARISHI," a Lenfilm production released through Amkino; directed by S. Timoshenko; music by I. Dunayevsky; at the Acme.

Pausing for breath after their heroic labor in the industrialization of Russia, determined Soviet builders are finding time to probe into the social relations and personal problems of the individual and are expressing their views in literary and dramatic terms. One notices the change from grim set faces to relaxing smiling countenances in more recent Soviet films.

"Tovarishi" concerns three "Tovarishi" (Comrades) engaged in supervising construction in the lumbering regions. Domestic difficulties arise as one husband sees his wife drifting into the arms of his friend and another finds his government duties interfering with his personal life. While the plot treats these marital matters, it also brings up the issue of graft among government employees and

Call Board

Rebel Arts Players

The Rebel Arts Dramatic Group is working on a dramatized version of "13 Men in a Mine," for both radio and stage production. Another play in preparation for the group's large labor union audience is "Union Label," by Lawrence Levin.

ILGWU Concert

"Marching On," the filmed history of the ILGWU, will be shown at the Joint Music, Drama and Dance Concert under the Recreational Division of the Educational Department of the Union the afternoon of June 9 at the Hippodrome. Admission is free to all members of the ILGWU. Tickets are to be had in the offices of all locals.

Labor Drama Group

On Sunday, June 16, the Labor Drama Group, a Bronx Socialist theatre, will give its first presentations from the stage of the Young Circle League Center—11 Union Square. "Nigger Be Damned," a mass chorus by the Theatre of Social Protest and a modern recital will round out a full evening of entertainment. Tickets 35c.

Vaudevillians Organize

The American Federation of Actors opens a national organization campaign next week when secretary Ralph Whitehead leaves on a coast-to-coast trip to establish new branches. Paul Denis will accompany him. This militant actors' union has jurisdiction over actors in vaudeville, cafes and outdoor shows and is now negotiating contracts with cafe owners all over the country.

Here and There

The New York Hippodrome will house "Madame Butterfly" on Friday, May 31; "Carmen" on Saturday, June 1st, and "Barbiere Di Siviglia" on Sunday, June 2nd. . . . Howard S. Cullman, representing the Roxy Theatre, purchased the entire film product, released in the United States by the Gaumont-British Pictures Corporation for the coming season. . . . Local 95 of the Theatre and Amusement Employees' Union (BSEIU) has signed a closed shop contract with the Theatre Union for the Civic Repertory Theatre. . . .

Puppeteers Perform

The Rebel Arts Puppeteers were met at the SLID dance Wednesday with gales of laughter. They presented a sketch written for the occasion and lampooned the famous comedy team of "Levy and Nathan."

Opera Unionized

Unionization has come at last to the grand opera singers. Elizabeth Hoepfel, contralto, is president of the new Grand Opera Artists' Association of America, and she is a militant president, too. The organization, which was granted an AF of L charter last week by the actors' international (Associated Actors and Artists of America), has offices at 125 West 45th street.

National Theatre Week

Two nights of dramatic competition are to be held by the New Theatre League at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East Fourth street on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, at 8:30. Represented in the first night's competition will be the Newark Collective Theatre, New Theatre Group (German), Dance Players, Tompkins Square Boys' Club, Hinsdale Workers' Theatre (Jewish), IWO Theatre,

makes mention of inefficient industrial relations existing between some departments.

The intent of the picture is fine, but its execution is bad. The photography, with the exception of the final comic scene in a dentist's office, is dull. The cutting is unskillful as well as the translated English dialogue titles, rendering the plot incoherent at times. It's poor film fare.

See the CCC



Scene from "The Young Go First" now at the Park Theatre.

and the New Theatre Players.

The second part, on Saturday night, will include the Theatre Arts Guild, Artef (Guest Perf.), Boro Park Theatre, East River Players, IWO Youth Theatre, Theatre of Action, and the Ukrainian Drama Circle.

Socialists Break Attempt to Gag Radical Play

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Socialist members of the local Board of Education led the fight to allow "Waiting for Lefty," the radical play by Clifford Odets, to be presented at the Bridgeport Central High School.

Representative Jack C. Bergen, who is one of the two Socialist commissioners on the Board of Education, in his attack against those who would have refused use of the high school for the presentation, said: "The question of radical affiliation should have nothing to do with consideration of any application for use of a school auditorium. The use of the schools should be open to all, whether they are to the right or left in their beliefs."

Socialist Commissioner Gustav G. Samuelson seconded the Bergen motion in favor of granting the application and after considerable debate, the board voted unanimously in favor of granting the application.

"The Columbia Spectator" states that nineteen of the twenty-four trustees of Columbia University are directors of important industrial enterprises, many of them directly interested in war-profits, such as Remington Arms and United States Steel. Listen to the Goose-step! What price peace, Dr. Butler?

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Left-Wing Group In Actors Equity Steam-Rolled Out

The left wing of Actors Equity Association went down in defeat Monday when the administration ticket was elected by a 565 to 183 vote.

The militant elements are organized under the name of the Actors Forum and have the unofficial backing of such people as Heywood Brown, Elmer Rice and such groups as The Theater Union. The forum's independent ticket was the first opposition ticket in an Equity election for the past 15 years.

For months, the left-wing has criticized the Equity administration for its failure to cooperate more closely with other A F of L unions, for its failure to organize the radio and picture fields, for its compromising tactics in fighting the employers, and for its lack of militancy.

The forum group cried "steam roller" after the elections, pointing out that their ticket had not been mailed out to the membership simultaneously with the regular ticket.

People's Houses Reopened By Madrid Mass Efforts

MADRID.—Mass pressure here has forced the Leroux government to take another step in restoring workers' rights by permitting the reopening of Socialist and trade union headquarters here.

Over nine local labor centers had their doors unsealed in this city, and People's Houses reopened in Seville, Huelva, and elsewhere last week.

Socialist newspapers must still be circulated clandestinely, however, despite the fact that Tierra y Solidaridad, the official organ of the Barcelona syndicalists, who refused to participate in the anti-Fascist general strike of October 4, has been publishing legally since last December.

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Columbia Fires Workers Who Opposed War

By MELOS MOST

NEW YORK.—Three technicians employed at the Columbia Medical Center were dismissed; two instructors asked to resign, and ten students subjected to disciplinary action for belonging to the Medical Center's anti-war committee this week.

Trouble started when a news item appeared in the Columbia College Spectator about anti-war activity at the Center. The dean immediately called in the head of the anti-war committee and demanded that he tell who was responsible for the appearance of the item.

The anti-war group, a section of the University anti-war committee, then decided to assume collective responsibility, and sent in a statement to the Spectator to that effect, over the signatures of ten students, three technicians, and two instructors.

Fired!

The technicians were immediately fired, and the instructors requested to hand in their resignations, which they refused to do.

As we go to press the case of ten students is likewise coming up for disciplinary action.

Defenders of academic liberty immediately swung into action, and petitions are circulating among the student body and faculty, as the Medical Center is being picketed by indignant students. A demonstration was held in front of the Center, 168 street and Broadway, Tuesday at noon, and others will follow.

Telegrams of protest were sent by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Student League for Industrial Democracy.

Meanwhile anti-war students at Clinton High School were being terrorized by Hearst-inflamed student vigilantes, who assaulted them three times in the past week.

Army Generals

On Tuesday, May 28, while the high school ROTC was being reviewed with usual pomp by two army generals, a counter-demonstration under the auspices of the school chapters of the Student League for Industrial Democracy and the National Student League was attacked by hoodlums in full view of mounted and foot police, who consulted with the attackers and finally rode down on the demonstration and dispersed it while allowing the disruptors to remain.

Students Attacked

Lou Hay, high school director of the Student LID, was the principal speaker.

On Friday and Monday, students distributing leaflets to announce the demonstration were attacked and arrested.

All is not quiet elsewhere on the student front. A demonstration for the reinstatement of the six Hunter College students suspended for anti-war activities will be held Friday, May 31, by the Student League for Industrial Democracy and the NSL.

At 2:30 on the same day there will be a demonstration at City Hall, where the Jacobs Bill to outlaw student radicalism will come up before the Board of Aldermen.

Nazi Youth Organization Gets Lukewarm Response

STUTTGART, Germany.—The sons of all civil service employees here will be compelled to join the Association of Hitler Youth, according to a decree just passed. The Nazis are having considerable difficulty in enlisting young people in their youth organization, it was revealed.

America Rears Its Young

By MURRAY PLAVNER

"It is no uncommon sight," states a report by the New York State Factory Investigations Committee, "to find four and five year old babies making flowers."

The committee gives examples. They discovered a family of home workers engaged in making corset covers.

"Little Camilla, only three years old, was found running ribbons in corset covers. Rosie, her 11-year-old sister, was taking care of the baby, while Elsa, aged 6, and Camilla helped mother."

They publish a revealing interview, with various child workers.

No Play

Says one girl, 9 years old: "I have no time to play; when I go home from school I help my mother. Half hour I make my lessons. Every morning I get up at six o'clock. I go to bed at 11 o'clock."

Says Giovanni, another youngster: "I get up at five o'clock in the morning. Then I work with my mother. At nine o'clock I go to school. I have no time for play. I must work by (with) feathers. At ten o'clock I go to bed."

Says Maria: "I have no time to play when I work by my mother, but when I don't work I mind the baby and clean the house."

And little nine-year-old Antoinette tells us: "I earn money for my mother, after school and on Saturdays and Sundays. No, I don't play; I must work. I get up to work at four o'clock in the morning."

To the Rescue

And what is the government doing to help these children? Why, there is a special United States Children's Bureau, organized to protect the interests of American childhood. The bureau recently issued a special poster for the benefit of the parents of America.

Says the poster: "If your child stands with his weight on his ankles and heels, knees slightly bent, head forward, chin out, chest flattened and sunken, and shoulder blades protruding, then — you guessed it! — his posture is poor." We are sending one to Antoinette immediately.

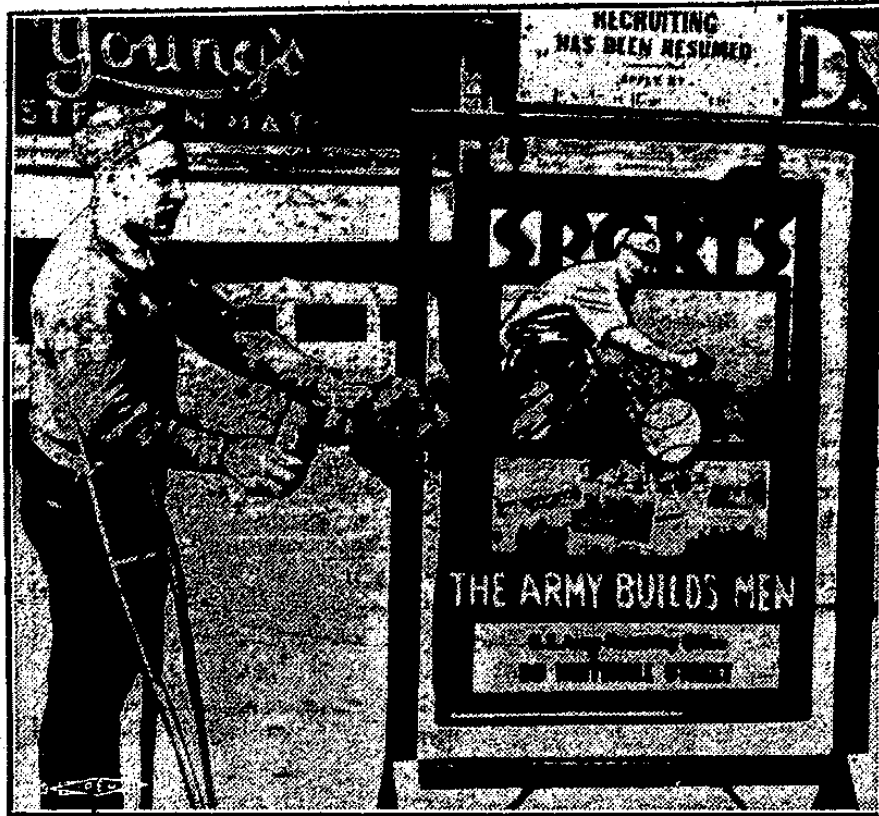
Three R's Plus Muskets New Vienna School Diet

VIENNA, Austria.—All Austrian school children are to receive preliminary military training in connection with the forthcoming route marches and maneuvers of troops all over the country.

Brigade commanders have been ordered to inform school authorities along their routes and at their halting points to prepare the children for the maneuvers.

The children will be taken to see the troops and then trained by them in the manual of arms, military formations, and the elements of field gunnery.

The Army Builds Men—



—into cripples. But the young Socialists of Reading don't want to be forced to sell poppies some day as veterans of the next "war to end war," so they are fighting militarism in their public school system.

American Youth Congress To Meet in Detroit July 4

By NAT WEINBERG

(YPSL Representative on the National Continuities Committee, American Youth Congress.)

The second American Youth Congress, scheduled for Detroit July 4, 5, 6 and 7, is expected to rally a larger section of American youth than the first congress held in New York last fall which represented over 1,700,000.

The idea of uniting the young men and women of the country in churches, settlement houses, Y's, schools, industrial and political organizations around a progressive program for the solution of youth problems has swept the country.

Regional congresses, originally planned for five of the largest cities of the country, have already been held in over twenty-five and more are still being organized.

Gained Control

From the time the first congress was wrested from the control of Viola Ilma, an agent of the Roosevelt administration in the youth movement who on numerous occasions has expressed admiration for the fascist youth-organizations of Europe, by a democratic control bloc under the leadership of the Young People's Socialist League and other radical youth organizations, the YPSL has continued to play a leading part in the American Youth Congress. Many of the regional congresses have been initiated by the YPSL, and repeated attempts of Viola Ilma in different sections of the country to swing youth organizations into line behind the Roosevelt administration, have been thwarted by the young Socialists.

The position of the YPSL from the beginning has been that only in alliance with the labor movement could the Youth Congress lead the march of young people toward a better day.

"No Dual Unions"

Consistent with this position the YPSL in New York fought against the participation of dual unions in the May 30th demonstration. In Philadelphia the strong stand of the YPSL on this question and the desire of most organizations in the regional congress for an effective May 30th demonstration against war and fascism finally forced the communists to yield on the question of dual union participation.

In spite of these and other difficulties the Young Socialists have worked sincerely and effectively to build the American Youth Congress into a united and progressive representative of the great masses of American youth.

The YPSL is now busily en-

Demand Special N. Y. Session for Child Labor Ban

NEW YORK.—A special session of the New York state legislature to ratify the Child Labor Amendment and put the state-Sixteen-Year Compulsory School Age Bill into immediate effect because of the emergency created by the abolition of the NRA, was demanded in a letter to Governor Lehman by Murray Plavner, chairman of the New York State Committee against Child Labor.

"In New York State about 40,000 children under sixteen years were removed from industry by the NRA codes. Today there is nothing to prevent the return of these children into the factories," Plavner stated, explaining that the law raising the compulsory school age in the state from fourteen to sixteen will not take effect until September, 1936, unless immediate legislative action is taken.

2,145,959

On the national situation the communication stated that "the 1930 U. S. Census reported 2,145,959 children between the ages of ten and seventeen who were 'gainfully employed.' Past experience gives us little hope that greedy employers will not take advantage of the situation to further the child labor sweatshop system."

The State Legislature recently refused to ratify the Child Labor Amendment, arguing that the child labor question was adequately dealt with in the NRA code provisions.

gaged in preparing for the Detroit Congress in hopes that its program for an alliance with labor will carry and make the American Youth Congress an effective instrument in bringing about a solution of the problems of youth which it regards as inseparably bound up with the problems of the working class as a whole.

Fight Youth Militarism In Reading

READING, Pa.—A publicity campaign for the "Northeast Marines," a semi-military unit in the Northeast Junior High School here, victors of the national "safety patrol" contest in Washington, was swept aside by a wave of anti-war protest which reached the front page of the daily press in this town; when the Reading Young People's Socialist League demanded that the "marines" be abolished.

The usual fanfare of applause followed the victory of the Reading unit at the Washington contest two Saturdays ago, which was held under the auspices of the American Automobile Association, but was immediately checked by the YPSL putting forward its demand for abolition.

Hold Meetings

The Young Socialists are holding street meetings and in every other way initiating a vigorous campaign which has put the school board on the defensive to such an extent that two members of the school board, Mrs. Alice Fox and Rev. A. O. Eshelman, were forced to issue statements to the press defending the "marines" against the Young Socialist attack.

Young Socialist educational director Mark Brown, as quoted in the capitalist press, stated in part: "The Young People's Socialist League emphatically protests against the militarization of youth taking place in this city in the public school system. The organization of the Northeast Marines, a group making no secret of its aims to produce 'young soldiers' is a blow at every peace-loving citizen of Reading."

"Such a group lays the foundation upon which other militaristic organizations build and finally results in a war machine that endangers the entire structure of world peace."

"Military organizations have no place in the public school system. The schools are publicly supported and should not be a breeding place for militarism. We call upon the school board immediately to dissolve this organization."

"The youth of Reading want no incipient Fascist groups, regardless of whether they pose under the supposedly harmless guise of a drill team."

Last week the Young People's Socialist League of Reading held a "Free Tom Mooney" meeting in the Labor Lyceum, Reed and Walnut streets, at which Raymond S. Hofses, editor of the Reading Labor Advocate, Henry Stump, former Socialist mayor of Reading, and others addressed an enthusiastic crowd of over two hundred.

Dance to Raise Funds For Youth Center

NEW YORK.—A dance which has been voted the full support of sympathetic Party members and the New York organization of the Young People's Socialist League, will be held by the East Side YPSL on Saturday, June 8, at 21 East 17th street.

The purpose of the dance is to raise funds for a youth center on the East Side which will be the headquarters of Circle 13 Seniors, Manhattan, and of the East Side SOCIALIST CALL Committee. Both these groups are at present homeless.