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AT THE FRONT

by

Norman Thomas

From time to time I get letters which go somewhat like this: "I am a veteran of the World War. I have a job, but I also ought to have my bonus right now. Look what the bankers have got out of the war." Or "I am a farmer. I like to get paid for not planting cotton or wheat. Look what the manufacturers have got out of the tariff." Of course there is some force in the argument. We have been living under a system of special privilege encouraged by the Government. But there is neither social peace, nor security, nor prosperity to be found in trying to organize life by a program of bestowing special privileges on everybody. It is the trouble with the capitalist system that it doesn't know any other way out. People who are used to being paid for nothing will make poor builders of the cooperative commonwealth. Without arguing in detail the relative merits of demerits of



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FIVE KILLED AS STRIKERS FIGHT WAGE-CUTS

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Mooney



The prison gates of San Quentin seem to be opening for Tom Mooney, America's best known prisoner. The California Supreme Court granted his attorneys a writ of habeas corpus last week—which means that the prosecution will once again try to prove Mooney guilty of the Preparedness Day bombing in San Francisco, 1916.

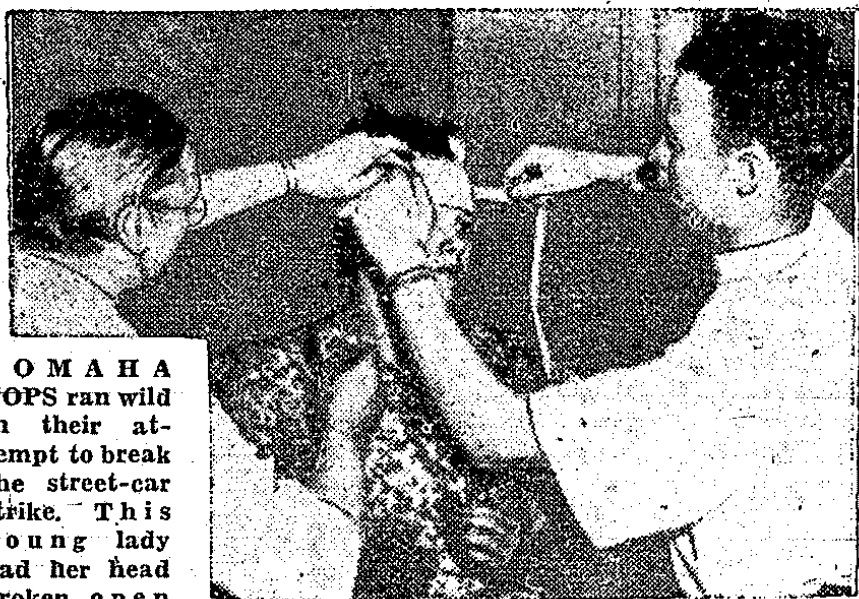
They did it once on perjured evidence—Labor says they can't do it again.

FLASH!

NEW YORK.—In a statement Friday, June 21, President Dubinsky of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union denied that a conference in which he had taken part had considered revocation of charters of unions admitting Communists, as had been reported in the New York Times.

TOLEDO.—Striking electrical and office workers of Toledo Edison voted overwhelmingly to return to work and submit their demands to arbitration by Assistant Secretary of Labor McGady.

The CALL next week will carry a complete story on the office workers' strike by John C. Taylor, CALL correspondent and strike leader.



OMAHA COPS ran wild in their attempt to break the street-car strike. This young lady had her head broken open

Fight for the Hillquit Amendment

With Labor on its toes, fighting back against industry's new drive, the introduction of the Hillquit "Workers Rights" Amendment in the lower house by Congressman Marcantonio gives the workers the possibility of a new and powerful weapon. Labor will have to pack a heavy wallop for the furious in-fighting.

The Amendment can be passed—but only if workers' organizations, labor unions, farmer and white-collar groups are determined to do it. The support of all those interested in the welfare of American workers is essential for victory in this fight. The passage of the Hillquit Amendment must become the immediate goal of Labor.



THEY HONORED DEBS' famous anti-war speech at Canton, O. inserts are (left) Murray Baron, New York trade unionist, and last week. Part of the crowd of thousands who attended. In the Joseph Coldwell of Providence, R. I., who was Debs' cellmate.

Bosses Mass Guns, Tear-Gas Against Labor

The New Deal has been a Raw Deal for labor. Recent events show the extent to which class lines have been sharpened under the Roosevelt Regime. Since the burial of the Blue Eagle, whose ghost now hovers over us, there has been action—and death—on the labor front.

Highlights in the rapid-fire developments: Five people are dead as the result of wounds received in strike disputes. General strike, barely averted in Ohio, is brewing in Indiana. Governors of four states have called out national guard or State police to break strikes. Half-million relief workers are preparing strike vote. West Coast situation is tense, with one day maritime stoppage planned.

A. F. of L. has declared war on chiselers; and labor bodies representing over 1,000,000 workers have organized for last-ditch fight on upping of hours and wage cuts.

Weekly wages are averaging 25 per cent. below 1929 level, while prices are higher, according to authoritative sources.

Three Dead
First death was that of George Melhelm, 68, who died in Canton (Ohio) Hospital from an injury inflicted when he was struck by a tear gas projectile, fired by strikebreaking guards at the Berger Manufacturing Company, Republic Steel subsidiary.

Company thugs were arrested Wednesday for the murder of A. L. Stutts and W. B. Franklin, shot in a picket melee at Union, S. C. A warrant was issued charging the mill superintendent with being an accessory to the murder.

Other two fatalities were those of John W. Duster and Dewey McCoy, both shot by cops during disturbances in the two-month-old Omaha, Nebraska, trolley strike.

Dictator Cochran
In Omaha, Governor Cochran has declared martial law, imported 1,800 youthful guardsmen, and set up military courts to deal with strikers. He made a show of impartiality by ordering the trolley company to cease operations and fire its private army of 100 guards, supplied by B. F. Danbaum.

It was these thugs who, under the pretext of guarding private property, caused the riots last week-end, in which dozens were injured, hundreds gassed, and Duster and McCoy, who was not a striker, killed.

Significant is the cooperation being given the strikers by the Farmers Holiday Association, who just this week donated over \$500 worth of food. This is similar to the aid given Minneapolis teamsters last year in their bloody battle, which took one striker's life.

Hotspots
In South Bend, Indiana, a general strike of 20,000 workers appears inevitable as the Central Labor Union swings into action to support 250 employes of the Oliver Farm Equipment Co., dismissed for unionizing.

Meanwhile, a general strike was averted at nearby Toledo, Ohio, when strikers at the Edison plant there voted 311 to 48 to end their four-day walkout. The electrical

workers will probably get at least a 5 per cent. wage increase, retroactive to June 1.

Toledo has become a hotspot in the American labor movement, with militant unionism growing fast. The city's four big publishers, worried over growing radicalism among the workers, brought terrific pressure upon the Edison management to settle the strike before a general walkout resulted.

Aid Kidnapers
In three states, besides Nebraska, governors are cracking down on strikers. Governor Landon of Kansas has ordered five units of the National Guard to the lead and zinc mines in Cherokee County, where they will help mine owners put over their dirty work.

In Washington and Oregon, 40,000 lumber workers are holding solid ranks in their long strike. Governors in both states, flushed from the thanks they received from the Weyerhaeuser family for their part in capturing the young millionaire's kidnapers, have now promised the Weyerhaeuser's and other lumber barons use of highway police to escort strikebreakers to their mills.

Aiding the lumber workers are longshoremen, who have refused to handle scab shipments.

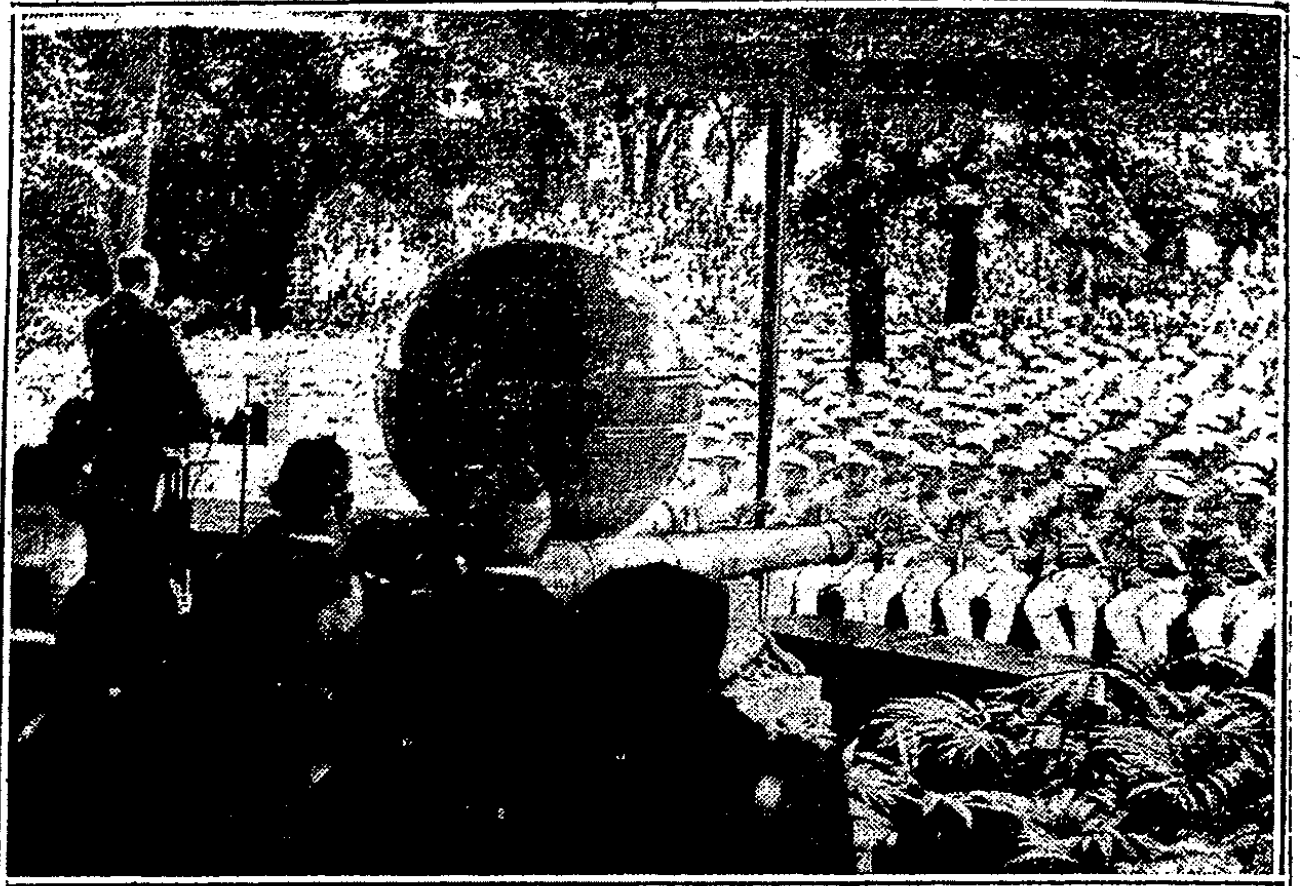
Labor Fights
Situation among the longshoremen, and all West Coast seamen, is tense, with wide-spread tieups possible. One day stoppage is planned for July 5 to pay homage to the memory of the two longshoremen slain by San Francisco cops last year.

It was that brutality which helped bring on Frisco's 1934 general strike. Throughout the country labor is becoming aggressive. In Camden, N. J., 4,000 shipyard workers are waging a valiant fight, and strike votes in other shipyards are possible.

In Akron, Ohio, strike threatens the General Tire and Rubber Co., unless it lives up to its agreement, while in Cleveland, 5,000 mechanics, battery, and rayon workers are out in five strikes. The Electric Vacuum Cleaner Co. is shut tight, following a fight between pickets and cops, who hurled tear gas to protect 75 scabs.

War Chests
At Terre Haute, Indiana, police and deputy sheriffs had to come

F. D. R. Pleads for Pacifistic Jingoism



"We Want Peace," Roosevelt, who has built the biggest peace-time army and navy in history, told this year's crop of West Point graduates.

to the rescue of armed guards trapped at the Columbian Enameling and Stamping Co., by 500 strikers.

In Lowell, Arizona, the Phelps-Dodge copper mine is being picketed in a strike caused by the discharge of eight active unionists.

Meanwhile, war chests for organizers and ball to fight chiseling bosses are being built in New York by the needle trades unions, and in Philadelphia by the Central Labor Union.

The Massachusetts Federation of Labor, through its fighting secretary, Bob Watt, has announced a campaign to get the wage cutters.

In Schenectady, N. Y., representatives of 93,000 radio and electrical workers from twenty cities, recently held a council of war.

Unemployed

The Cleveland convention of the American Newspaper Guild and the Allentown convention of the Pennsylvania Unemployed League, representing 75,000 unemployed workers, both adopted resolutions favoring a labor party.

In the unemployed field, 800 FERA workers have struck in Cheboygan, Michigan, because one of their union leaders was fired. In Texas, relief has been slashed from \$12 to \$7 a month. And in Milwaukee the Workers Alliance has announced a strike vote of its half-million members on the question of accepting Roosevelt's \$19-\$94 a month dole.

Fight!

Throughout the nation wage-cuts have been reported, but it is probable that prices will fall first—to be followed by severe wage decreases. If inflation follows that, workers will be still worse off.

That is of, America in June of 1935, nearing the start of the seventh year of The Great Depression.

Neither Roosevelt, nor the NRA, nor the AAA, nor anything else has ended the depression. America continues to sloop along, still too blinded by the greedy ones to find a way out.

To Public Utility Workers

All Socialists who are employed in any capacity in a public utility are requested to send their name, address, and place and type of occupation to Paul Porter, National Labor Secretary of the Socialist Party, 349 Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill. The rate card will be forwarded as requested.

LABOR IN ACTION

By JOHN HERLING

The workers of San Francisco do not forget! On July 5 one-day strike is planned for the entire Pacific Coast in memory of two strikers shot by the police a year ago. Dock workers plan impressive parades and demonstrations along the waterfront.

The militant pickets around the Electric Vacuum Cleaner Company in Cleveland have kept that plant from being reopened. Seventy-five scabs, marooned in the factory, were escorted out by the police who slung tear-gas bombs. Many were injured.

From New Orleans comes word that the International Longshoremen's Association is preparing for a strike on July 1 along the gulf coast. Union longshoremen want recognition at New Orleans and Lake Charles, organization of wharf clerks and checkers into an auxiliary union and a 16 per cent wage increase.

John W. Edelman, brilliant editor of the Hosiery Worker, and chairman of FERA Workers Education Council of Pennsylvania, has exposed the Jannsen and Oberlaender Foundations as Nazi propaganda agencies in the United States fizzing their enthusiasm for Hitler's labor policies. The Jannsen and Oberlaender fortunes were accumulated through long years of exploitation of hosiery workers in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Big real estate operators were warned by Walker Gordon Merritt, notorious open-shop attorney for the New York Real Estate advisory board, that building service workers will be able to call on organized labor in their fight for better conditions. The skyscraper boys met in Cincinnati.

The striking printers of Springfield, Mass., in a struggle against the stranglehold of Samuel Bowles, publisher of the city's four papers, are putting out their own strike papers, The Journal. Circulation has gone up to 22,000 in six days. The workers have adopted the slogan: "Kick Samuel in the Bowles."

Philadelphia's Central Labor Union Strategy Committee for Maintaining Wages and Hours is building a \$100,000 general bail fund. Many labor leaders are on the legal, publicity and bail committees. A strong speakers group is canvassing the local unions. Philadelphia, Okay!

Pioneer Youth Sponsors Child Summer Camp

NEW YORK—A summer camp for workers' children will be sponsored this year by Pioneer Youth of America at Rifton, N. Y. Registration is now taking place at Pioneer Youth offices, 59 Bank St.

"In this inter-racial, non-sectarian cooperative children's community," said Walter Ludwig, Pioneer Youth director, "the methods of progressive education are combined with the ideals of the labor movement."

Boys and girls are accepted from six to sixteen years of age. A special rate is available to children of trade unionists.

Don't Bend Superior Pretzels—They're Scab

READING, Pa.—The Pretzel Workers Union, Local 188, is engaged in a fight with the Superior-Supreme Pretzel Company. The company, following the decision of the regional labor board in March, refused to reinstate striking workers.

The management is maintaining a company union.

Superior-Supreme pretzels are sold in a number of large cities in the country. A boycott is being inaugurated and should be supported everywhere.

Harper Sibley, "New Deal" president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, thinks that the "honor" of business men can be bought on to prevent a general collapse of wages and prices. But he admits that 10 per cent of our Babbits always chisel. While we sit the percentage of chiselers is closer to 90 per cent. even 10 per cent is plenty to make the 90 per cent forget "honor" when business lives are threatened.

SOCIALIST WINS MORE PENSIONS

Tom Mooney Wins Another Legal Battle

SACRAMENTO — Tom Mooney has won what may well be the battle that is the turning point in his long fight for freedom.

The California Supreme Court has reversed its attitude held for 18 years and has granted Mooney's lawyers a writ of habeas corpus returnable June 27. That means that the State must answer the great volume of evidence of perjury committed during the Mooney trial—or it must release the prisoner.

This decision is a direct result of the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision in which that body refused Mooney's plea for a hearing but also declared that California's attitude in refusing to hear his case was unconstitutional.

For all these years California's Supreme Court has held that it could only review the evidence presented at the trial. Evidence developed after the trial which showed witnesses perjured themselves could not affect a verdict once given, under that decision.

Italian Socialists Slam Stalin Pact

PARIS — Strong condemnation of "the new policy of the Third International" and of Stalin's statements concerning French armaments was expressed by the Italian Socialist Party executive at its meeting recently.

Calling attention to "the tragic lesson of 1914," the Italian Socialists declare themselves "faithful to the spirit of the Zimmerwald tradition," and instructs its representatives on the Labor and Socialist International executive to "prevent at all costs the danger of war from being used by capitalism as a pretext to involve the Socialist parties in a party truce, and to divert them from their special task of the complete emancipation of the working class."

Cops Arrest 24 Bakery Strikers

NEW YORK—When 350 bakery workers at the Consumers Biscuit Co. here struck in an attempt to hold the company to a contract signed in February, police attacked the picket lines arresting 24 men and six women, including Joseph Glass, Socialist attorney.

The company's products are sold under the trade names of Crispo and Consumers in Woolworth's, A. and P., and Kresge, as well as other stores throughout Greater New York.

The company is being "advised" by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce expert-union-breaker, Ballison.

Strike demands include union recognition, abolition of the speed-up, improvement of plant conditions and the dismissal of the "Simon-Legree" superintendent, as well as reinstatement of unionists fired for protesting conditions.

The Bakery Drivers of Cleveland, by a vote of 5 to 1, have empowered their negotiating committee to call a strike in chain bakeries operated by Ward, National, Continental and General. The committee representing Bakery Drivers Union, Local 52, has been working for \$15 a week plus 7 per cent commission on wholesale and \$10 a week plus 16 per cent commission on retail sales and a closed shop.

Stevedores Plan Memorial Strike

SAN FRANCISCO.—A 1-day strike in memory of the two strikers shot by police on the San Francisco waterfront last July 5 is planned by waterfront workers along the entire Pacific Coast.

San Francisco stevedores already have notified employers of the union's decision to stop work. Workers declared they would be willing to work July 4 instead.

In every large city on the coast, dock workers plan impressive parades and programs to honor their martyred dead.

Tough



Here's the tough guy, James L. O'Neill, New York banker, who is going to run the emasculated new NRA.

Tenant Farmers Increase Power

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Reaching out into Texas and Oklahoma, the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, which has been the target of the lawless violence of Arkansas planters, is increasing its influence and power. The executive council at its June 3 meeting in Memphis received charter applications for locals with over 11,000 members.

Most of these are already organized locally but want the benefit of the strength and experience of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union. In southeastern Oklahoma and northeastern Texas the American Farmers and Farm Laborers Union with headquarters in Madill, Okla., 9,000 strong, applied for membership. The American Agricultural Workers Union with headquarters in Bonham, Tex., 2,000 strong, also applied.

Hoopes Forces Law-Makers To Double Old-Age Pensions

By Staff Correspondent

Smith Hails Spurt In Brookwood Work

Increased trade union activity under the spur of the NRA which resulted in awakened interest in workers' education, made the school year of 1934-35 one of the best in the fourteen-year history of Brookwood Labor College, Katonah, N. Y., according to a report of Tucker P. Smith, director, at the annual meeting of the Brookwood Corporation in Katonah recently.

He announced the appointment of three new staff members, Roy Reuther, former supervisor of workers' education classes in Flint, Michigan, to replace Mark Starr in the extension department; Lawrence Rogin, former director of the Reading Labor College, to replace Helen Norton, teacher of journalism; and Ethel Lurie as librarian.

James H. Maurer, former president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and one of the founders of the school, was re-elected president of the board of directors; and Fannia M. Cohn, secretary of the educational department of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, vice-president.

Other members of the board of directors are A. J. Kennedy, president of the Amalgamated Lithographers; John Brophy, of the United Mine Workers; and Phil Ziegler of the Railway Clerks Union.

Three thousand clay workers in Ohio and Pennsylvania returned to work after a ten-week strike following an agreement between the union and companies' representatives. A slight increase in wages, a forty-hour week resulted. A closed shop and a check-off system were not won. Another day will come. Company guards were especially active in shooting and slugging workers around Uhrichsville, O.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—In another one of his spectacular single-handed battles, for which he has become famous and feared, Rep. Darlington Hoopes forced the Pennsylvania legislature to more than double the appropriation for old-age assistance, raising the amount from \$19,880,000 to \$40,000,000.

The amendment was placed in general appropriation bill over the bitter opposition of the Democratic leaders who supposedly have a majority of the House membership. The Hoopes amendment was inserted by a vote of 135 to 33 after fiery debate and vain appeals by the Democratic leaders for their followers to save the budget rather than the aged.

Money "Insufficient" The Reading Socialist some time ago served notice that he considered the \$19,880,000 appropriation insufficient and demanded up-to-date figures from the State Welfare Department. The department was unable to give them at once, but finally released the figures a few hours before the appropriation bill was due, showing that the department had made a mistake of nearly 40,000 persons in their estimate of those who would be eligible under the new old age pensions act. The department had estimated that 42,000 people would qualify, but under Hoopes' pressure released last minute data which showed that at least 82,000 people in the State would be eligible.

Socialist Hoopes immediately placed this material in the hands of every member of the House, and forced the old party majority to either vote for his amendment or to admit that they were going to discriminate against over half of the persons entitled to relief. In spite of pressure from Governor and floor leaders, the old party legislators broke ranks and followed the Socialist leadership.

Duplicated Feat Observers were reminded that the doughty Pennsylvania Socialist was duplicating a feat which he performed a little over a year ago, when the Republicans controlled the House, when over an instructed Republican majority leadership, he pushed across ratification of the Federal child labor amendment after reactionaries confidently believed that they had buried it beyond hope.

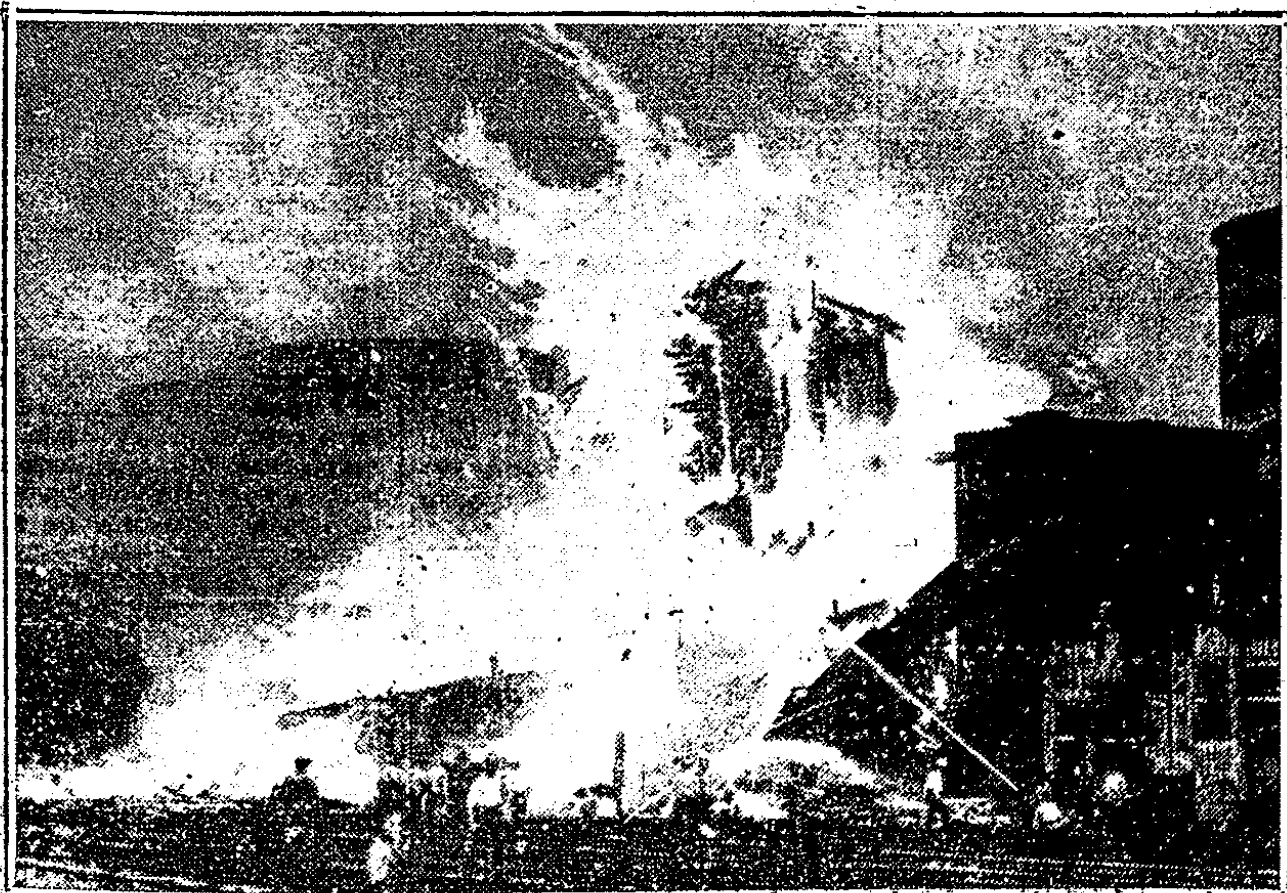
With only two votes in the lower House, the Socialist Party has achieved a position of tremendous power through the parliamentary leadership and understanding of the pressure of public opinion of Socialist Hoopes, whose only sure backing in the House on paper is his single Socialist colleague, Mrs. Lillian Wilson.

Somlo Is Elected To High Office

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Leopold Somlo, well-known Socialist, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Hungarian Sick Benefit Federation by a huge majority in a membership referendum. Somlo will also become editor of the organization's journal.

The organization has 160 branches throughout the country. It is composed of workingmen.

Fate Wins In Race With AAA



This picture will give "Corn-and-Hog" Wallace a big thrill, for the fire is helping along the AAA job of "destroy the plenty". More than

\$200,000 worth of corn and wheat was destroyed in this fire in Kansas City, Mo.

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FOR REAL UNITY

William Green's statement that Communists are to be barred from the American Federation of Labor can prove to be only detrimental to genuine labor unity and the best interests of the A. F. of L. itself.

We hold no brief for the Communists and the union-wrecking policies they have pursued; but to exclude them will result in the continuation and possibly the extension of the fatal dual unionism that has been so advantageous to the employers in recent years.

The American Federation of Labor has boasted of its non-partisan political policy. The only test for membership should be a willingness to build and protect the unions. To discriminate against some workers because of their political opinions will be a costly error.

Calles Backs Down

The cleavage between the Calles section of the National Revolutionary Party and that section which supports President Cardenas has resulted in the retirement of the former leader, Plutarco Elias Calles.

It is entirely possible that the Calles retirement occurred because the erstwhile dictator was not anxious to precipitate a violent crisis at a time when 4500 members of the Rotary International were convening in Mexico City. Four thousand and five hundred business men from all parts of the world represent interests to which Calles has been bowing. His program in recent year has been one of increasing collaboration with capitalist and imperialist interests, and within more recent months has assumed a definitely fascist character.

Cardenas, at the moment, represents the radical section of the middle class, which together with the peasant and labor sections and a great section of the army constitutes the most powerful bloc in Mexico today.

The breach between Calles and Cardenas was further widened when the Cardenas administration lent its tacit support to strikes which have been more widespread than ever before. That the strikes had definite political significance was emphasized by the reorganization of the Cardenas cabinet, the membership of which is more closely allied with the president. A satisfactory understanding has evidently been reached between the Catholic Church and the present government.

To what extent this broad alliance will continue in the direction of a genuine workers' and peasants' government remains to be seen. Observers close to the situation feel that the retirement of Calles is a strategic retreat, and that he will assume the offensive once he has definitely reorganized his imperialist allies.

The End Is In Sight

The decision of the California Supreme Court which granted Tom Mooney a writ of habeas corpus, affords the martyr of American labor a new opportunity for freedom.

That the evidence on which Mooney's conviction is based was perjured, is a matter of common knowledge. Federal Government investigations like those of Woodrow Wilson's commission, and the more recent Wickersham Commission have substantiated the contentions of labor that Mooney is innocent.

There is no need for comment on the class justice administered by our American courts in the face of the fact that Tom Mooney is still behind prison bars after almost two decades.

Now is the time when labor must make itself heard through protest and demonstration.

Tom Mooney must be freed!

PEACEFUL PENETRATION



Shall The CALL Be Factional?

NO !

To the Editor:

In reply to your circular received today, I want to repeat what I told you before; I don't like New York's civil war.

Whenever I see a fight, I know both parties are wrong. I am a pacifist. Not that I believe in calm, the peace of death. But it seems to me there ought to be tolerance of factions, space accorded to both—or all 57—factions in one party organ.

There is no hope of unifying the party by setting up competition. I know the NEW LEADER was preposterously autocratic. I protested to the editor, and he was tolerant enough to print my most denunciatory paragraph.

Most of all I believe in freedom, including freedom of the press. The party press ought to be independent of the party executive. Your weekly is fawningly subservient to the party executive. The NEW LEADER at least has a mind of its own.

In time of war prepare for

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.

peace. I hereby pledge myself not to renew my subscription to either the SOCIALIST CALL or the NEW LEADER until they merge into a decent, honest, tolerant, independent periodical.

EDMUND KELLY JANES,
Oakdale, Calif.

NO !

To the Editor:

In the letter signed by Elias Miller, we find the suggestion of continuance of friction in our own ranks. It's time we start building a party and not fighting from within. Our fight is elsewhere, and not amongst ourselves. Let's keep the Socialist Call clean and different! We can find a way to

strengthen and air our difficulties in our branches and not in the press.

So far the Call did a good job, so keep it up and in order to do so, I guess you'd have to omit such letters as the one from Elias Miller.

RAE SIEGEL,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

The New Leader "Raid"

To the Editor:

The Jewish Daily Forward carried a story last Sunday which accused John Herling and Sidney Hertzberg of conducting a "raid" on The New Leader offices. When Herling demanded a retraction, the Forward printed one but accused "a militant band" instead.

Sidney Hertzberg has in the past been affiliated with The New Leader and with the New York centrist group within the Party. The Militants took no part in the "raid" nor knew of it. The act can only be condemned.

MAX DELSON.

Join the Socialist Party

For information fill out the blank and send it to the Socialist Party, 549 Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Name
Address
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The newsboys of Cleveland have won a two-year contract, arranged by their Brotherhood of Newspaper Carriers and Sellers of America with the publishers of the Cleveland Press, the News and Plain-Dealer. Twelve hundred dues-paying members, ages from 8 to 82, will enforce the closed shop, minimum pay and other terms of the agreement.

Turn To The Left

By S. A. De Witt

CITY MILK MAN: 4 A. M.

I wonder if the milkman sees
The miracle of tipsy trees
Reeling toward the mortared hills
And clutching at the window sills.

I wonder if the milkman hears
The sobbing leaves, the fragile tears
Now dripping to the plot below.
I wonder should a milkman know.

The wagon makes a raucous jar,
It scares away the morning star.
The bottles clank and send a fright
Into the timid heart of Night.

She dares not halt to stretch of yawn,
But vaults the roof and flees the lawn
With the clanking at her toes.
I think the milkman never knows.

Last week I suffered the reward of prominence. Between my comrades to the right and my seducers from the Comintern I was torn limb from torso, and now all that there is left of me can just tweeze out these few paragraphs for your weekly peek at this corner.

It all started innocently enough for me. The Friends of the Soviet Union asked me to appear at a welcoming party for twelve Socialist and Union Labor delegates that have been visiting the Soviet Union. You have no doubt noticed my weakness for Soviet Russia in this column lately. It was light enough for me to accept unquestioningly.

Then things started to happen. My name suddenly blazoned forth in the Daily Worker and sundry other Communist periodicals, as well as in our own Socialist Call within paid advertisements announcing that meeting.

Co-incident with these appearances an onslaught via phone, letter and personal visit ensued from comrades to the right and left of me. Comrade Valenti of the Italian Federation most pointedly showed wherein I was merely lending myself to the latest Stalinist manoeuvres to effect a united front by being kicked in the rear through innocent organizations like the FSU... which are thoroughly Communist controlled. I answered him hastily that I could risk my Socialist virginity with such inept and crude Don Juans as our back-jabbing pals of the Kremlin have proven themselves to be.

A letter from the acting executive secretary of Local New York settled my goose and the FSU welcome home party as far as I was involved. It reminded me that speaking at that place under the auspices of a Communist-controlled organization was contrary to decisions made by the City Central Committee. I immediately despatched a letter of refusal to the FSU explaining the circumstances, and especially emphasizing how the Socialist Party was a little bigger than Sam De Witt.

And while I still believe no hurt would have come out of my speaking for the FSU, orders are orders, discipline is discipline, and let us all hope our N. Y. State Chairman and the State Committee will think likewise when the National Executive Committee tries to bring order out of the chaos that now threatens our organization.

Comrades have also written in and a few have questioned me personally on my reasons for boosting the Soviet Union so unqualifiedly here in the "Turn to the Left" corner.

When things are going along at a normal pace and through ordinary and unstressed time, active criticism is highly desirable and necessary.

For years, my columns elsewhere carried plenty of heated and barbed polemics against the Soviet rulers and their tactics.

At this moment neither pace nor time is with us. We are being pushed and rushed toward consummations of fate none of us wish for. Europe is a veritable bedlam. Hitler rides high on his bloody steed toward the Ukraine. Mussolini blusters and brays and prepares for an insane adventure in Africa. Perfidious Albion, or rather treacherous England is playing her usual hydra-headed game of diplomacy. France shivers in dread, and prepares herself for the inevitable... Soviet Russia alone has kept a great measure of sanity during this melee. And in that land a dream near to our heart's desire is slowly taking the shape of reality... Although I have much to condemn, and much for disagreement.

But hell is brewing... and the Soviet Union, despite its many mistakes is a real port for haven when the storm breaks... good enough to argue when calm and pace and time are with us again... after the storm.

Japan Plans To Build Vast Asiatic Empire

By V. SHARP

When Japan undertook the occupation of Manchuria in 1931 it was but the beginning of an expansion policy aimed at the creation of a vast Asiatic Empire ruled by Japan. The exploitation of the 60 million workers and peasants in Japan was bringing meager results to the small imperialist oligarchy. It is ambitious to exploit also the 500 millions of China.

Successful in Manchuria, Japan seized Shanghai the next year, but the opposition from England, the United States and even France was too great, and it had to give it up, after much slaughter and destruction. It compensated itself by occupying Jehol province in 1933 and adding it to Manchuria.

380,000 Square Miles

With Manchuria safely tucked away, Japan is ready to swallow more of China. It has invaded and seized three provinces of China proper, Shantung, Shansi and Hopei (Chili) and Chahar, part of inner Mongolia. That this constitutes no mean bite, some figures will show.

Province	Population	Area
Hopei	39,000,000	115,000 sq. mi.
Shantung	34,500,000	55,970 sq. mi.
Shansi	12,000,000	81,830 sq. mi.
Total	85,500,000	252,800 sq. mi.

This area is second in importance only to the Shanghai area. It is one of the most densely populated. It has the greatest mineral

rich in coal deposits and other minerals including gold. These three provinces in the past produced about two-fifth of China's coal and more than half of her iron.

No sensible person can believe that Japan will peacefully give up this territory. Did Japan give up Korea? Manchuria? Japan has now stolen from China: Formosa, Kwangtung, Korea, Manchuria, Jehol, Chahar, Shantung, Shansi, Hopei and minor islands. Together they have a population of 140,000,000 people and an area of 850,000 square miles. Nor can any reliance be placed upon the League of Nations or upon imperialist philanthropy. Neither will the present Nanking government, headed by Chiang Kai Shek do anything to resist Japanese invasion.

Chiang Kai Shek gave up Manchuria without a fight; he refused to defend Shanghai; and when the Nineteenth Route Army, of its

What Is Your Answer?



Some of Mussolini's young men as they parade on the way to death for capitalist profit. They didn't have the guts to say "NO!"

resources of all China. In it are located the two second largest cities of China, the old capital, Peiping and Tientsin, the most important part after Shanghai, with a joint population of more than two million. It is the bottle neck of China, connecting with Manchuria, Soviet Union and the West. It contains the most important railway lines, and together with those in Manchuria dominates the railway situation.

Lack of Minerals

The greatest weakness of Japanese imperialism in the past was its lack of minerals, especially iron ore. This was one of the factors in the seizure of Korea, of Manchuria, and now of these provinces. Shansi not only has vast deposits of iron ore, but also of coal in the same location, thus being potentially a second Pittsburgh. The Shansi anthracite field has an area of about 13,500 sq. miles, with seams 15 to 40 feet in thickness, and equal in quality to the best Pennsylvania anthracite. Both Hopei and Shantung also are

own accord organized the defense of Shanghai, he later punished it by sending it on an "anti-Communist" drive, and its commander, Tai Tsing Kai was given a long "vacation" abroad. If the Chinese wish to resist imperialism, they must first rid themselves of imperialism's ally, Chiang Kai Shen, and of the native bankers and land owners, whom he represents.

The Monroe Doctrine

The seizure of these four provinces will not end Japan's expansionist ambitions. Central China is the next objective, and if a favorable opportunity develops, Japan will make another stab at Eastern Siberia. Diplomatically this policy is called the "Asiatic Monroe Doctrine" by Japan. The reasoning is that it is no worse for Japan to invade Manchuria than for American marines to invade Nicaragua!

Only another mass uprising of the Chinese toilers, such as was witnessed in 1925-1927 before the Chiang Kai Shek betrayal, can be successful against Japan.

DOWN TO THE SEA

By McAlister Coleman

Before I could escape from the news reel the other night I had to hear the Admiral, in charge of "our" fleet manoeuvres in the Pacific, sound off. "Our" fleet had just arrived in San Diego after raising all-mighty Hell all over the Pacific. By busting around the Midway islands and points East they had given the Japanese jingoes a grand alibi for hustling up their invasion of China on the ground that if they don't cop off all of China they can grab right here and now, we will be down their necks with aeroplanes and battleships and the like.

The Admiral, who has a beard like an abandoned billygoat, said that he was glad to be back on American soil and then he added significantly that wherever the American flag flies, there is the fleet also.

As he waggled along through the speech that was neatly written out for him by one of the bright young men of the Navy publicity corps, who must be working overtime these days judging from the amount of bull they are spreading over the screen, the rotos and the radio, I thought of the time I happened into a settlement house whose chief concern was for a large number of feeble minded and what are popularly known as "erring" young girls.

The Fleet's In

The head of the settlement came hurrying in with a most distressed look and shouted to the chief worker:

"I hope you are all ready for a hard week."

"What do you mean?" asked the chief worker, most of whose weeks were hard anyhow.

"Why, haven't you read the papers?" asked the head of the place in astonishment. "My God, Emily, its going to be awful! The fleet came in this morning."

I am writing this on an island, (not Welfare), many, many miles away from any front, united or otherwise. Green, brown and purple dunes sweep down to surf thundering at their edge, and above them wheel the mewling gulls. In such a place, it is easy, perhaps too easy, to forget the struggles of classes and factions and to drift lazily along through the golden days, "loafing and inviting one's soul." And not a bad idea either for some of these overheated, irascible ancients who are discovering all sorts of weird plots every time they look under the bed. It is at once funny and pathetic to read their anguished yawns in these remote, peaceful surroundings. We are all going to the bow-wows because, forsooth, they can no longer run the whole show.

That is the way it always is with those on the borderline of senility. They succumb so easily to conspiratorial complexes. If youth dares assert itself, then brash upstarts must be put down with stern hand and all who speak for them be marked out as "traitors" and allies of the Powers of Darkness. For all such dodderers I recommend a long stay on a distant island, where they could watch the majestic march of the seasons, cool off mentally and physically, and mumble reminiscently of "battles long ago." There they could strut as proudly as they pleased and would be under the feet of no one who was really going anywhere.

Caldwell Vs. Norris.

In my case the old gag about what you would take along to read on a desert island, came to my mind too late; for I find that outside of the above-mentioned keening from the Fifteenth Street tomb, I have plumb forgotten to bring anything that all except readers of "Liberty" could not get through in a day. These grim novels by our younger writing set wherein all the characters sit around and content themselves with grunting, "Yair," "swell," "lousy," etc., scarcely get you through until lunch-time. Anyhow you know when you start one of them just how it will all turn out, so the element of suspense is somehow lacking.

The hero, if you can still call him that, is an attendant at a gas station who is in love with the proprietor's wife. By and by he takes the proprietor out for a ride and runs him over a high cliff and comes back and lives happily with the lady of his choice. Sometimes the hero is a dishwasher in a Greek restaurant in Oklahoma.

I'm now in the middle of a charming story by young Mr. Caldwell in which a Southerner is eaten alive by hogs. After that, all that remains in the shack is a copy of The Woman's Home Companion for March, 1934, but I have a sneaking suspicion that after this glut of grimness it will be something of a relief to curl up with Kathleen Norris.

World Socialism

Underestimating Czech Fascism

By HERBERT ZAM

Nothing can be so harmful to the working class as to underestimate the dangers of rising fascism and neglect to take measures against it. It is easy to cry, "There is no fascist danger. Everything is fine"; such an attitude obviates the necessity of action against fascism, and is wholly satisfactory for those who want no action. Socialists, however, must always be on guard to nip the fascist movement in the bud; delay will be very costly.

The recent elections in Czechoslovakia are a case in point. On the basis of the returns, the CALL reported them as a Fascist victory, a warning signal to the workers. What was our astonishment therefore, at receiving opposite interpretation by a leading Czech Socialist, Dr. Franz Soukup. Dr. Soukup's case is expressed in the opening paragraph of his article:

"On May 19th the General Election to the Czechoslovakian Parliament took place. This election was a success for democracy. Czechoslovakia is in no way endangered by Fascism. This is the main outcome of the most recent Parliamentary elections in the country."

FASCISTS GAIN

We must therefore take a second glance at the election results to determine whether there is a justification for such super-optimism. A total of more than 8,000,000 votes was cast, an increase of 15 per cent over the last elections in 1929. The parties making up the government, including the Socialists, received 3,480,000 (in round numbers, a loss of 260,000 votes over 1929. They secured 127 seats in Parliament, as against 150 held previously, a loss of 23 seats. Considering the larger participation in the elections, the Government parties suffered a loss of almost 20 per cent in their vote.

The fascist parties cast 1,880,000 votes. In 1929 they received only 430,000 votes, so that their increase is 1,450,000 votes or more than 300 per cent. In the old parliament they had 18 seats; now they have 67 seats, a gain of 49 seats.

AT SOCIALIST EXPENSE

What is even more significant, is that the fascists gained also at the expense of the Socialist Parties. In 1929 the two Socialist parties, German and Czech, secured together 1,470,000 votes and 60 seats. This time their vote sank to 1,300,000, a loss of 170,000, and their seats decreased by 11, to a total of 49. Thus in comparison with 1929, the Socialist parties lost almost 25 per cent! This loss is proportionally greater than that of the government bloc as a whole; that is, the fascists gained more heavily at the expense of the Socialist parties in the Government, than of the non-Socialist parties in the government. Even the gain of the Communists of almost 100,000 votes and two seats for a total of 850,000 votes and 30 seats does not offset the losses of the workers' parties, both absolutely and relatively.

These elections have significance not only for Czechoslovakia. We continually hear that argument that Socialists should participate in coalition governments together with non-Socialist parties so as to defeat fascism. In Czechoslovakia the Socialists have been in such a coalition government for over five years. The figures tell an eloquent story of how fascism has been "defeated" through this tactic. How can intelligent Socialists continue to argue for it?

In France where an entirely different tactic has been adopted, the results also were different.

One should not become panic stricken at a defeat. But the recognition of a defeat is the first prerequisite for converting defeat into victory.

IN RUSSIA

Only a few naive people will believe that the expulsion of A. Enukidze from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was part of the campaign for an "improved morality." Enukidze was a member of the Political Bureau, one of Stalin's right hand men, and one of the ablest administrators in the Party. He had never been connected with any of the "oppositions," and was an old Bolshevik. It takes a tremendous imagination to believe that such an individual would permit himself to become entangled in a situation resulting in expulsion for "moral turpitude." That there is more behind it than morality and relations with the opposite sex is made clear by vague hints about "Trotskyist conspiracy" and "political degeneracy" which were found in some of the dispatches.

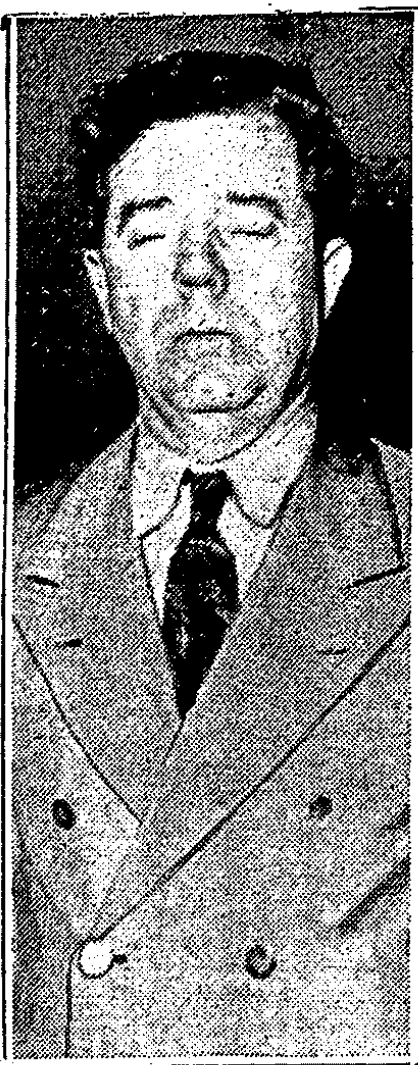
Reading between the lines, it is not difficult to discern that Enukidze was punished because he was becoming dissatisfied with the inner-party regime and with some of the policies which Stalin is following. It even appears that Enukidze was beginning to question the wisdom of the continual extermination of all elements differing in the slightest from the leading Stalin group. And finally, it is not impossible that he was among those who were questioning the wisdom of the Franco-Soviet pact and the policies flowing from it. This view is strengthened by the simultaneous news of the liquidation of the Society of Old Bolsheviks and a new cleansing of the Party, directed against Trotskyists and Zinovievists.

OTHER EXPULSIONS

Enukidze is not the first suppurator of the regime who became its victim. We recall the shameful exile and hounding to death of Riazanoff, the leading Marxian scholar, on the charge that he was harboring "enemies" of the Soviet Union. Skrypnik, another Old Bolshevik, a staunch Stalinite, a power in the Ukraine (he was incidentally, the godfather of the theory of the self-determination of the Negroes in the United States), committed suicide after he was denounced as being in league with "nationalist" elements. In neither case were the suspicious elements ever named, or brought to trial. And the incidents following upon the Kiroff assassination are still too fresh for comment, here.

In these cases, as at present, Stalin acted to eliminate possible focal points for opposition, not against the Soviet Government, but against his personal dictatorship in the Communist Party. So long as the undemocratic regime is maintained in the Party, we can expect a multiplication of such incidents.

Worried



Huey Long is worried as well as tried after his filibuster about Norman Thomas' invasion of Louisiana. He is trying to sabotage the tour.

Workers' Alliance Hits Coolie Pay

MILWAUKEE — Quick action against the "coolie" wage scale of the new Public Works program was decided upon by the national executive board of the Workers Alliance of America meeting here, when it authorized strike votes of 500,000 unemployed members in 28 states.

Further cooperation with organized labor was indicated by a resolution calling upon WAA affiliates to work with local unions. They were instructed to stay away from scab work.

It was decided to publish a national newspaper with Loren Norman of Illinois as editor. A subcommittee was elected to consider the formation of a youth section.

Labor To Join Mini Trial Appeal

NEW YORK.—"The Socialist Party is in the Sacramento appeal struggle with both hands," Murray Baron, Socialist national labor committeeman and union leader, declared last week. "The provocation offered by the International Labor Defense in ignoring appeals for a unified defense will not be accepted," he declared.

A call signed by the Socialist Party and the Non-Partisan Labor Defense has been sent to various national organizations including the Workmen's Circle, the Workers Alliance of America and the National Unemployed League, asking them to join in providing Norma Mini, framed union organizer, with appeal counsel. Trade union support is expected.

Beginning a nation-wide drive to popularize the appeal will be a dinner in New York City on June 26. Among the speakers will be Baron, Carlo Trecca, Sidney Hook, Herbert Solow and John Chamberlain. The dinner will be held in Irving Plaza Hall, 15th Street and Irving Place, and tickets are on sale at 50 cents at The CALL offices. Door admission will be 75 cents.

AT THE FRONT

by

Norman Thomas

SPECIAL PRIVILEGE; THE NORRIS AMENDMENT; SOCIALISM AND CONFISCATION.

(Continued from page one)

high tariffs, AAA payments or the bonus to employed veterans, this much is inescapably true: There is no payment to any group as a special privilege, whether it is to landlords, stock holders and bond holders, farmers who don't plant crops or high tariff beneficiaries, which is not at the expense of withholding to workers part of the just reward of their labor. The cooperative commonwealth does not depend on passing round special privilege. It depends on abolishing special privilege and substituting for it a system of planned production for use, not profit. Under such a system all the fruits of labor with hand and brain will go to the workers and their dependents. There is no other way out. Our job is the job of effecting the transfer of the essential means of production from private to public hands as rapidly and in as orderly a fashion as possible. Then and only then can we truly abolish special privilege.

THE NORRIS AMENDMENT

This proposed Norris Amendment to the Constitution is a beautiful example for the old proverb: "the good is the enemy of the best." Senator Norris wants the Supreme Court to have exclusive and original jurisdiction in constitutional questions! No constitutional question can be raised except within six months of the passage of the law which is brought in question, and it will require more than two thirds of the Supreme Court to upset a statute passed by Congress.

Good? Of course it's good. But not good enough. The Amendment does not touch the NRA decision or the Frazier-Lemke decision. It will not touch the issue, whether under cover of States' rights corporations are to be bigger than the nation. It would still leave a Socialist or Labor government almost hopelessly handicapped in achieving the cooperative commonwealth under a constitution prepared for the end of the eighteenth century and not for the middle of the twentieth. The effort put into passing the Norris Amendment will make it virtually impossible to pass another and better amendment. Our struggle is for the Workers' Rights Amendment and only for the Workers' Rights Amendment.

CONFISCATION

Over and over again I have heard this criticism: "Either you Socialists intend to confiscate the property you transfer from private to public ownership or else you will have to pay so much for it that you will be crushed by the weight of debt." Now this never was a fair criticism of the Socialist position. We do not intend to confiscate provided the present owners will come along with our plans peacefully. We will pay something to avoid the shock which confiscation would bring to those who have something in savings banks and insurance companies which in turn have invested in enterprises which should be among the first to be socialized.

We will also pay something because, unless and until we are in a position to take over everything at once, it will hardly be fair to confiscate, let us say steel stock, but not stock in some chain of beauty parlors. Our payment, however, will be moderate. It may be in the form of an annuity granted for a limited number of years. It may be in the form of bonds of socialized enterprises to be retired in twenty years. Payment will be accompanied by drastic taxation of incomes, inheritances, and by a capital levy. This taxation will be graduated. It will fall on wealth or income from whatever source that wealth or income may be derived.

The really dangerous possibility that the people are going to be saddled with enormous purchase prices for private property which the government may take over exists under Roosevelt's New Deal. The Guffey Bill—which is better than nothing to the coal miner, but a mighty poor substitute for social ownership—proposes that the government shall purchase the second rate, the run-down or sub-marginal mines, and the Bill puts no restriction on the price that can be paid. It will be a grand opportunity for property owners to unload. There is certain to be a demand for government ownership of the railroads and hang the price!

Lots of stock holders will love to unload on the Government stocks already virtually worthless. The Bankhead Bill in its original form proposed that the Government should buy millions of dollars worth of land without any restrictions on the price to be paid. It was a plan for bailing out landlords with too much land, insurance companies, and banks burdened with mortgages, and a whole tribe of private owners.

The utter failure of various much-discussed housing programs to tackle the land problem is one reason why there has been almost nothing but talk which has come out of the demand for substituting decent housing for our slums. How can you substitute decent housing for slums while slum land is held at speculative prices which the Government cannot or will not curb by any program of taxation or by any effective stipulation with regard to purchase price?

Some authority, I think it was Prof. Charles Beard, has argued that it really doesn't matter if you do pay a little too much for natural resources or machinery provided that you put the publicly owned enterprises on a going basis. There is truth in the argument, but a truth that can be carried too far. Public ownership of certain things under capitalism is likely to impose such an expense as to discredit the whole idea of public ownership under Socialism. It is likely to be primarily a first-aid not to workers but to private owners who unload on the Government after they have failed to make their private ownership work under the profit system. We must be on our guard against this sort of business.

America Rears Its Young

By MURRAY PLAYNER

The year 1935 will go down in history as one of the unhappiest year for commencement-day orators. And, really, one must sympathize with the plight of the eminence of the nation who are called upon to address the graduating class of '35. It is reported that many who could afford to take a vacation during this period and thus escape the unpleasant task, have done so. In the past it was a cinch to make a commencement speech. One could talk of the glories of the good-old system and of the opportunities it offered to youth, etc., etc.

Silence Is Golden

But what can the leaders of science and commerce boast of today? What marvels and opportunities can they glorify and expect youth to believe them, today? The fact that official surveys reveal that one out of every two persons between the ages of 16 and 24 are unemployed, is enough to silence the most optimistic of the eminence of the older generation.

We cannot expect them to find it easy to face the younger generation of today when almost daily, newspapers report incidents, such as:

Jobless Youth Ends Life By Hanging

Harry Matz, 23 years old, of 472 Bradford Street, Brooklyn, was found by his father, Benjamin Matz, hanging by a rope from a beam of the latter's carpenter shop in the rear yard. An ambulance surgeon from Trinity Hospital pronounced the youth dead. According to the police, the youth left a note addressed to "Mother, Father, Sister and Brother," explaining that he was disgusted with life and was going to commit suicide. He was a graduate of City College, and was unable to find work.

YPSL Seminar To Spur Organization

DETROIT—The last of a series of organization training seminars will be held by the Young People's Socialist League at Detroit on June 22-23. The program at Detroit will be that followed at the seminars already held in Philadelphia, Newark, Cleveland, Chicago and Milwaukee. Special discussions are featured on propaganda methods for current problems and issues, league structure, how to hold interesting circle meetings and student and industrial activities.

Attendance at these regional seminars has varied between twenty-five and forty, and all costs for the week-end, including meals, lodging and attendance at a Saturday night social, have been met by the payment of fifty cents by each member attending. A series of more specialized seminars, devoting whole week-ends to subjects such as educational methods, techniques of industrial work, will be started in autumn.

Two-week summer schools for YPSL membership training will be held during August in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Further information on the arrangements of these schools may be secured from Milton Weisberg, 122 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Tarmo Hannula, 22 Knowlton St., Gardner, Mass.

YOUNG SOCIALIST DIES A HERO

Large Turn-Out Expected at U.S. Youth Congress

DETROIT—Delegates of the greatest section of American youth ever to be represented at a conference in this country are expected to assemble here for the Second American Youth Congress, July 4th to 7th. Every progressive trend of thought and virtually all prominent youth organizations will be well represented.

The program of the Congress will include reports of the last year's activities; a symposium by representatives of the Socialist, Farmer-Labor, Communist, Democratic, and Republican parties; round-table discussions on youth as related to unemployment, war and fascism, industry, agriculture, and education; and plans for united action in the coming year.

SCHOOL GRANTED

After a six-week fight, reactionary elements led by the American Legion suffered a severe blow when Judge Robert Tons ordered the Board of Education to grant the congress the use of Cass Technical High School. The committee had enlisted the support of numerous prominent individuals in its fight for the school, including Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor.

Clarence Senior, National Secretary of the Socialist Party, urged the greatest possible support for the Congress, stating that "the Socialist Party will use its resources to see that the Socialist solution to the problem of youth is set forth when young people meet." He asked that all locals and branches give aid to circles of the Young People's Socialist League in sending delegates.

UNION DELEGATES

Paul Porter, National Labor Secretary, asked all Socialists in trade unions to see that youth delegates are elected from their unions.

Each organization or section of a national organization is entitled to two delegates for the first hundred members, one for each additional hundred or major fraction thereof, and two delegates to represent the national committee of each national organization.

Socialist and sympathetic delegates should get in touch with Ben Fischer, 255 East Forest, Detroit, Michigan.

YIPSEL HANDBOOK IN PREPARATION

CHICAGO—The Young People's Socialist League is preparing a membership handbook that will acquaint Yipsels with the history, purpose and accomplishments of their organization. There will be over thirty prominent contributors, and almost as many sections dealing with "everything a Yipsel wants to know."

CHICAGO—Out of thirty men on the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago, which recently banned the campus chapters of the Student League for Industrial Democracy and the National Student League, three are corporation lawyers, four are connected with large insurance companies, eight are bankers, and twelve are big industrialists.

No Breaks For Athletes When They Are Reds?

NEW YORK—The College of the City of New York tried not to grant a diploma to Lester Rosner, graduating president of the student council and star All-American lacrosse player, in a decision made by the faculty this week.

Trouble began last month when the student council voted to boycott the Charter Day exercises because of President Robinson's insistence on ROTC participation in the program.

When Robinson announced at the ceremony that the student council head would now present the college's athletic awards, Rosner simply wasn't there.

Unfortunately for jingoism, however, the Board of Education turned down the appeal of the noble defenders of Americanism, the family, and private property by insisting that Rosner's name be included among those to receive diplomas.

Rosner is a member of the Young People's Socialist League.

YOUTH FLASHES

CHRISTIAN YOUTH HONOR DEBS

NEW YORK—The Manhattan Christian Youth Council and the Economic Commission of the Metropolitan Christian Youth Conference sent the following telegram to the Debs Memorial Rally at Canton last Saturday:

"May this Memorial meeting rekindle the spirit of Debs' inspiring crusade against war. We as Christian youth have taken our stand against war and are ready if need be to follow Debs to prison. A mighty movement to rid this earth of war and its causes is today's greatest need."

YPSL CONVENTION JULY 19
PITTSBURGH—Final preparations are being made here for the Eighth National Convention of the Young People's Socialist League, which will take place here July 19, 20 and 21.

The convention arrangements committee is securing housing for as many delegates as possible, and has arranged for meals. The charge for food and board will probably be \$1.50 for the three days.

Sessions will be held in the International Socialist Lyceum, which is conveniently located, and has committee rooms in addition to a convention hall. Meals will be served at the Lyceum.

The program as arranged so far includes a mass meeting to welcome the delegates on Friday night, July 19, a social affair with several dramatic presentations on Saturday night, and a farewell dinner Sunday evening. The sessions will be held during the day on Saturday and Sunday.

JINGOS LICKED IN BROOKLYN COLLEGE

NEW YORK—"Wipe radicalism out of Brooklyn College" was the one-plank platform of the "American Party," organized by jingo students in the Brooklyn College student elections. The "Americans" went down in a five-to-one defeat before the Students Rights ticket, which received overwhelming support from the students.

Among the victorious candidates were Sam Tolmach, who was elected president of the student council; Andy Demma, reelected

Enters Flaming Fire-Trap Four Times To Save Children; Succumbs At Fifth Attempt

NEW YORK — Paul Stricker, 24-year-old young Socialist, gave his life last week that others might live.

In the same spirit that has marked the work of young Socialists the world over, he sacrificed his life to rescue children from a burning hell. His glorious heroism has quickened the heartbeats of the entire Socialist world here and become an epic in the metropolitan daily press.

Comrade Stricker was one of 250 guests attending the wedding of Louis S. Shein and Miss Pearl Sockolower last Saturday night at The Mansion, an old-law hall in the tenement district on the lower East Side of Manhattan, when a short-circuit caused some of the

The Young People's Socialist League is deeply shocked by the news of Paul Stricker's death. With a courage that is rare, he exposed himself to a horrible death in the midst of a flame-wrapped building, in order to save the lives of others.

The same idealism that brought him into the Young People's Socialist League to work for the emancipation of the working-class led him to make this great sacrifice. His heroism in saving a score of persons from the death to which he himself finally succumbed is an oasis of nobleness in the desert of greed and self-interest that characterize our capitalist world.

We mourn the loss of Paul Stricker. The memory of our devoted comrade will quicken all hearts with greater fervor for the idealism that he demonstrated even in the face of death. His friends will seek consolation in the thought that the things for which he lived are deathless.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
Young People's Socialist League of
Greater New York.

bunting and the bridal canopy to catch fire.

A panic immediately started, and there was a rush for the door. Stricker attempted to quiet the guests, and then set frantically to work attempting to prevent the spread of the conflagration.

When it became apparent that his efforts were in vain he made his now historic rescues, fighting his way into the building four times to lead out children who had been left behind in the confusion.

On his fifth entrance into the building Comrade Stricker collapsed on the burning floor and died.

Three other guests died in the hospital later, and twenty-one others were in hospital wards, including the bride-to-be.

Comrade Stricker was a member of Circle 13 Seniors, Kings, of the Young People's Socialist League, Greater New York Federation. As Squad Leader of Squad 6 of his circle, he was in charge of a dozen comrades. Stricker was also one of the original organizers of Circle 10 Seniors, Kings, three years ago.

According to Fire Marshal Thomas Brophy, he was instrumental in saving the lives of almost a score of guests.

The SOCIALIST CALL was represented by Jack Altman, business manager, at the funeral ceremonies.

PHILLIE HIGH SCHOOLS ORGANIZE

PHILADELPHIA—Six chapters have already been chartered by the newly organized high school division of the Student League for Industrial Democracy here. The division was formed last Saturday at a meeting which elected officers and adopted a constitution.

Youth Injured



Young Frank Smith was sent to the hospital by "the wild cops from Nebraska." He was shot when the police tried to break the street-car strike.

Facts About New York And About The Nation

BY DAVID P. BERENBERG

The New Leader, a weekly paper published by the conservative faction of the Socialist Party in New York, devoted more than two pages of its issue last week to a series of statements on the "damage" allegedly wrought locally and in the whole country by the activities of the "militants." The occasion of its attack was the presence in New York of a committee of inquiry and mediation consisting of William Quick, of Wisconsin, Arnold Freese of Connecticut, and Roy Burt, of Illinois, national organizer of the Socialist Party.

This committee was appointed by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party to look into the differences that have arisen between the militants and the conservatives, since the adoption of the Detroit Declaration. At its Buffalo meeting in March, the national executive committee, acting on the complaint of the militants that democratic procedure in the party had been suspended, called on the State and local organizations in New York to fulfill nine conditions, set forth in the CALL for March 30.

Given Six Weeks

The State Committee was ordered by the NEC to dispose of the organizational question in dispute in local New York, in a democratic manner, within six weeks. Eleven weeks have passed and the State Committee has refused to act.

The New York State organization on May 5, sent an answer to the nine points which the members of the National Executive Committee did not consider satisfactory. The NEC might then, had it been eager to split the party, as the conservatives have unceasingly asserted, it wished to do, have with just cause revoked the local and State charters. To prevent hasty action, and to forestall any possible criticism that it had acted without full knowledge of the local situation, and hoping by mediation to restore harmony, the NEC named the committee referred to above. The committee appeared in New York on Wednesday, June 12 and began its hearings.

The one thing that the conservatives in power in local New York, and in the New York State Committee fear is an open and disinterested investigation of the charges made by the militants. They therefore refused to appear before the committee. They refused to recognize its existence. They professed to question the legality of its appointment. They called it "hand-picked" and asserted that it could not give them a fair hearing. To cover their own unwillingness to face investigation they resorted to the time-honored device of assassinating the characters of the investigators. The investigation is called, in the New Leader headlines, a "Maneuver of the Left Wing to 'Get New York.'" "Thomas," says the organ of the right wing, "Leads Factional Crew."

Hysteria

These hysterical headlines, and the intemperate tone of the New Leader in treating a responsible party committee are in keeping with its intolerant attitude, and with the attitude of the old guard throughout the struggle. They will go far to explain to party members not conversant with the details of the conflict, why the New York YPSL found it impossible to continue supporting the New Leader. They will help to explain

why the militants found it necessary to appeal to the national organization to get simple justice.

The mediation committee met, in spite of the refusal of the powers that control local New York to recognize its existence. (The New York State Executive Committee instructed locals and branches "to be on their guard against submitting to investigation.") It heard a detailed statement from militant Socialists on the destruction of democratic processes in local New York. It was brought out that some militant branches which, though small, had been active in socialist work in their districts, had been disbanded, to reduce militant representation in the Central Committee. It was shown that at the same time new branches were being organized, often in districts where branches were functioning, further to increase the conservative strength in the Central Committee.

No Free Discussions

The party meeting of April 19 at which Louis Waldman said that "we told the NEC in polite and parliamentary language, 'Comrades, you can go to hell,'" was reviewed in detail, to show that the conservatives did not permit free discussion of party issues. The persistent refusal of the local officers to recognize the acts of the Detroit Convention, and of the NEC were cited. The story of the YPSL was told in detail.

Under the circumstances it is not strange that the local officers had no desire to face an investigation. They hid behind such excuses as that they had no time to prepare their case, though this applies with greater force to the militants, since it is the conservatives, and not the militants, who have access to the party records.

One phase of the attack in the New Leader is an article by William M. Feigenbaum under the headline "Left Wing Covers States With Party Wreckage." This unwarranted attack upon whole State organizations, notably upon New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and California has proved a boomerang. Its intemperate tone

We're Sorry!

The CALL regrets that it must devote so much of its space this week to a discussion of inner-party situation. Events this past week in New York and the widespread public distribution of slanderous articles in The New Leader make it necessary.

and its sweeping charges have called forth resentment where its sponsors had hoped to meet with applause.

The Truth.

The CALL will, in the next few weeks, present circumstantial and factual accounts of the socialist work being done in the various states. In the meantime we wish to point out here that the assertions of widespread ruin are exaggerated. In Ohio, for example, relations between the party and the unions are excellent, particularly in Toledo and Cleveland, in spite of the New Leader's assertions to the contrary.

It is patently dishonest to blame the militants for the weakness of the party in California, where Sinclair launched his EPIC movement, and lured away from the party, leading conservatives like Stitt Wilson and John C. Packard and thousands whose grounding in Socialism was weak because of the inadequate educational work done by the conservatives in their years of absolute control over party machinery.

It is as unfair to quote as evidence of party decline, the election figures of 1932 and 1934 in New Jersey. It is the experience of the party over many years that the vote rises in Presidential years, and declines in the off.

Build the Party.

The chief dishonesty in the article in question is its complete failure to state that where there has been, in fact, a falling off in Socialist strength, in states controlled by the militants, that has been the result of deliberate sabotage on the part of the right wing. The conservatives preferred rather to destroy the party than see it in hands other than their own. They have become so accustomed to thinking of the Socialist Party as their private possession, that they deny in practice the democracy they preach rather than permit the true majority to take power.

Truth Finally Revealed With Daily Worker's Aid

By AARON LEVENSTEIN

The CALL is devoted to the spreading of Socialist propaganda and the building of the Socialist Party. It is therefore duty-bound to protect the Party and its leaders from attacks that come from various sources.

In the past week, Socialists have been amazed by a curious spectacle in New York. A certain Socialist weekly, more intent on discrediting the party than in protecting it, by judicious distortion of distorted quotations from the Communist Daily Worker, has launched an attack upon the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party and on Norman Thomas, in particular.

With a blare of trumpets, the New Leader announces, in an unsigned article with bold headlines that "Browder Throws Off Mask." At the same time, in an appropriately black-rimmed box, an item is headed, "Communist Leader Admits Alliance with Militants in the Socialist Party" in scurrilous columns sent us scurrying to the equally scurrilous Daily Worker.

We discovered that a whole page of the Daily Worker on June 8th had been devoted to a lengthy speech by Earl Browder. Since it was alleged that the Communist worthy "admits alliance with Militants in the Socialist Party" in that speech, we searched high and low. Nowhere could we find the word "Militant" nor any reference to that group of Socialists who have rallied loyally to the Socialist Party of the United States.

We did find references to Norman Thomas, among which was one, left unquoted by our contemporary, that classed him with "counter-revolutionary agents of capitalism."

A Bad Tailor

It is interesting to note that our friends in the New Leader office are so hard-pressed for evidence in their peculiar campaign "to save the organization from disruption" that they must turn to the columns of the Daily Worker. Even at that, the New Leader writer was compelled to perform a series of intellectual contortions. Browder's ability to weave strands of fact with threads of fancy is notorious. Availing itself of Browder's fabric, the New Leader then proceeds to cut a garment that hardly fits the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party.

Now what did Browder say in admitting his alliance with the Militants? Quotes the New Leader: "We want to build a strong left-wing in the Socialist Party; influence its development." We had long thought it axiomatic that when a dog bites a man, it isn't news. But that principle is applied only by intelligent journalists. That the Communists want to build their influence in our party is hardly news.

Quote two: "At this moment," says Browder, "we must give the most emphasis to a concentrated drive to win the Socialist Party members to the United Front, to bring the Socialist Party officially into a general united front." The dog is still biting the man. All this is hardly new.

And further: "It is of no particular use to us that individuals leave the S. P. even if they announce they are going to enter the C. P. This tends to demoralize the struggle inside the party. It tends to create the suspicion that we are interested only in breaking up the S. P." The suspicion is of course well-founded as every Socialist

has known ever since the formation of the Communist International. It is remarkable that Socialist journalists should have had to wait until June 8th, 1935, to make this remarkable discovery—that dogs bite men.

Still quoting the New Leader's quotes from Browder: "Comrades, the most serious help we can get out of the S. P. is not in these individuals but in the united front for which they could be of service if they remain within the S. P." Another remarkable revelation. That dog is still hanging around waiting for a bite.

We trust that our readers have not become indignant with us at our failure to produce Browder's admission that he is in an alliance with the Militants in the Socialist Party. There is still one chance left, and here is the quote: "Those drawn out of the S. P. are not the basic workers who we want with us. Those basic elements we will have to take in great chunks." Still disappointed, dear reader? Well, you'll have to chase the dog away yourself.

Polemics

But the New Leader gets in another fling. Browder quoted a confidential letter written by Norman Thomas and then, with the unscrupulousness typical of Communist polemics, he says: "Of course, comrades, we would be making a big mistake if we would make the same conclusions as Thomas does, that the S. P. is dead and dying, and think we have only to sit back and watch it die. It is not so simple as Norman Thomas thinks."

Thus the Communist trickster makes it appear that Thomas believes that the party is dying. And the New Leader, building on his foundation, writes: "Whether Thomas wanted the party to die is a matter he must settle with his own conscience and his own friends." To say this of the man who has done more to build the party, who delivers more Socialist addresses to more audiences than any other man in the United States, is to stretch a falsehood until it becomes a farce.

What did Thomas say? The New Leader prints it in a box under the head, "Thomas Confesses His Socialism Decays Before Demagogic Critics!" He wrote in part that "we are rapidly losing in many parts of the country in the political field to Long, Dr. Townsend, to Upton Sinclair, and God knows who else." We are witnessing the development of a new style in journalism: the headline has nothing to do with the story.

Build the Party

The Socialist Party at the present time is faced with the appearance of various forces in the United States. We are determined to fight against any and all powers that seek to destroy the labor movement of America. We are realistic in facing the odds that are against us. Because of the very strength of the enemy, we appeal to the workers and farmers of the country to rally to our support.

At the same time, we are confronted by a Communist Party that is continually maneuvering to destroy the Socialist Party. We are determined to withstand assaults from that direction with the same vigor that we fight reaction. It is pathetic that some Socialists should be willing to combine the perversions of the Communist Browder with the red-baiting of a Hearst to the detriment of the party.

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Honor Debs Anti-War Speech

By Staff Correspondent
CANTON, Ohio. — Thousands of workmen from all parts of the nation paid homage to the memory of Eugene Victor Debs last Sunday when the Socialist Party of Ohio sponsored the Debs Anti-War Pilgrimage.

Seventeen years ago in Canton, Debs, America's most famous Socialist and labor leader, delivered the Canton Address, a direct challenge to capitalist jingoes who had forced this country into the World War. For his speech, Debs was jailed in Atlanta penitentiary and was released a dying man. While in jail, Debs was nominated for the presidency by the Socialist Party.

To the inspiring Canton Memorial came Joseph Coldwell of Providence, R. I., Debs' cell-mate, and Dennis R. Smith, a newspaper reporter who covered the 1918 meeting. Roy Burt of Chicago represented the national party. Other speakers included Murray Baron of New York, I. Axelrod of the Workmen's Circle, Bob Parker representing the YPSL, Elmer Ledford, Toledo trade unionist, and George Rhoades, president of the Reading, Pa., Federated-Trades Council. A letter of greeting was read from Theodore Debs of Terre Haute, Ind., aged brother of Gene.

The program included the Workmen's Circle singing societies of Akron and Cleveland, the Sarja Jugoslav chorus, the Workers' Sports League of Cleveland and YPSL theatre units from various Ohio cities.

Dress Local Calls For Labor's Rights

NEW YORK.—"We will increase our vigilance and tighten our ranks to fight against any effort whatsoever to attack our hours, wages and other standards. . . ."

"We pledge ourselves to join wholeheartedly in the agitation for a Constitutional change. . . ."

"We ask for the immediate adoption of the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill and the Thirty Hour Bill. . . ."

Such was the tenor of resolutions adopted by more than 3,000 members of Local 89, ILGWU, (Italian dressmakers) who packed the Hippodrome auditorium to hear Julius Hochman, joint board manager, and Luigi Antonini, manager of Local 89 and ILG vice-president, bitterly attack the Supreme Court NRA decision.

The 3,000 present represented every shop in the New York area employing 42,000 union members.

NEW YORK.—A policy of militant trade union advance in the face of the Supreme Court decision was outlined by Harry Greenberg, spokesman for 10,000 members of the Children's Dress, Housedress and Bathrobe Makers Union, Local 91, of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union in a radio address.

"The Supreme Court decision," he said, "is a blow to the entire American labor movement. But not every blow has the same effect. If it falls upon a weak and spineless body, it may mean death. If, however, it falls upon a lively, healthy body.

Some Grinned--and Some Shuddered



The kids grinned, but there were no smiles on the faces of these vets as they watched a night practice drill of the artillery.

Massachusetts Convention Conducted Harmoniously

(By Mail to the CALL)

BOSTON, Mass. — Revision of the Detroit Declaration of Principles to rephrase various sections without changing basic Socialist principles will be recommended to the Socialist national executive committee as a result of the state convention of the Massachusetts Socialist Party held last week. The convention—conducted itself throughout on a harmonious basis and all sessions were marked by a spirit of unity.

The revision of the Declaration proposed by the New York State Committee was defeated. "Harmony Example"

The recommended changes in the Declaration were adopted by unanimous votes with the exception of the section on war opposition, which was passed by a 4-1 majority.

"We feel that the example of harmony is one that could well be copied throughout the country," State Secretary Alfred Baker Lewis, who was reelected unanimously, wrote in a letter to the national executive committee.

The proposed redraft of the Declaration follows:

No change until the sentence "They will loyally support" which is to read:

"They will loyally support in the tragic event of war any of their comrades who come into conflict with the capitalist war machine for conscientious opposition to war service and for anti-war activities carried out in accordance with the policy of the Party's responsible committees. Moreover, recognizing the suicidal nature of modern combat and the incalculable train of war's consequences which rest most heavily upon the working class, they will refuse collectively to sanction or support any international war. (Omit the rest of the sentence)."

"They will meet the threat of declaration of war by united opposition, and they will do all in their power to win the labor unions and farmers and the unorganized workers to a general strike of all workers whose labor is essential for waging of war under modern conditions, so that war will become a practical impossibility and the capitalist war crisis will be converted into a victory for peace and Socialism."

New paragraph without change. Democracy

"The Socialist Party proclaims anew its faith in economic and political democracy. But our present order is economic autocracy and is not even genuine political democracy. Such democracy as the workers

today have won is limited and uncertain so long as capitalism survives. Today it is hedged around by unequal representation, the disenfranchisement of millions, the arbitrary powers of the supreme and lower courts, and above all by the corruption of elections due to unlimited money power in the hands of an unprincipled few.

"Tomorrow, democracy may no longer serve the interests of these few. Then only the organized power of the workers can prevent our limited and uncertain democracy from disappearing as has that of Italy, Germany and Austria. We seek full democracy for those who work and serve. That can only be won by ending privilege and taking all powers from the few who corrupt and rob present democracy of its true meaning.

"Democracy is a worthy means of progress; but true democracy must be created by the workers of the world."

Counter Revolution

"Capitalism is doomed, it must give way to a Socialist order brought about by the socialization of the principal means of production and distribution. The Socialist Party aims to accomplish this by democratic means. However, if the reactionary forces resort to violence in an attempt to prevent the Socialist government from carrying out the people's mandate given by a majority vote, the Socialist government will not hesitate to resort to whatever means may be necessary to crush such counter-revolutionary movements and to consolidate the Socialist state.

"If orderly and democratic means of progress are completely denied us, whether through deliberate fascist plan, through devastating defeat in war, or because of the paralyzing panic resulting from complete capitalist collapse, the Socialist Party with the aid of the producing masses will rally all possible forces and will not shrink from the responsibility of organizing and maintaining a government."



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LID Conference

On Middle Class

Office workers and clerks, radio people and advertising experts, lawyers, government employes, architects, engineers, chemists, social workers, ministers and religious workers, newspaper men, writers, publishers, executives, doctors, actors, are going to have their place under capitalism discussed at the twenty-first League for Industrial Democracy summer conference, to be held at North-over Camp, near Bound Brook, New Jersey, from Friday night, June 21st, to Sunday, June 23rd. The full subject of the conference is—"White Collar and Professional Workers Under Capitalism—Their Relation to Social Change."

COLSTON WARNE

Under the heading of the "Middle Class at Work," Professor Colston Warne of Amherst College will discuss on Friday night, June 21st, the matter of occupational shifts in America and the growth of the middle class. Norman Thomas will discuss traditions and illusions of the middle class and Dr. Sidney Hook of New York University will read a paper on middle class patterns in the development of fascist Europe.

Saturday morning and afternoon, June 22, will be devoted to round tables attended by members of the various vocational groups. On Saturday night, Raymond Gram Swing, editor of the Nation, and author of "Forerunners of American Fascism," will talk on "Men on Horseback—Building on Middle Class Prejudice."

Party Activity

The United Socialist Drive finds seven states settled on the Red Special having filled their quotas. The states in the order of their success are: Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, North Dakota, Utah and Delaware.

In an appeal to party members to get behind the drive for finances, Devere Allen, of the Party national executive, writes: "The party of Debs and the countless other Socialists who have fought the war system cannot halt its anti-war momentum at the very time when a clear lead is most demanded. No less than war, it must have its own financial appeals, its sacrificial out-pouring of funds—not for destruction, but for the building of a strong political-industrial organization which sees peace as a creative work of social justice."

California

A series of lectures on "The Road to Abundance" will be conducted at Los Angeles by the Socialist Party. The schedule is as follows: June 17, Prof. G. R. Kirkpatrick on "Is Plenty Too Much?" July 15, Gardner Wells on "As the World Turns." August 16, Roy Burt on "Surplus Value." September 13, Will Goldberg on "The War of the Classes." October 18, R. W. Henderson on "Come and Get It."

The meetings will be held at the Socialist Verband headquarters, 126 N. St. Louis Street. Tickets for the entire series are 50 cents, individual tickets 15 cents. The lectures are part of a state-wide Lyceum Course.

Connecticut

The second congressional district Socialists of Connecticut are holding their Field Day and Picnic at Betterman's park, Plainfield, on Sunday, June 23. There will be sports, entertainment and speakers. Admission will be 10c.

Louisiana

Announcement of Norman Thomas' "Invasion" of Louisiana this September has caused quite a stir in Louisiana. The point of the Thomas tour has already been proven. When the local arrangements committee approached com-

panies which rent sound trucks, to hire one for Thomas to use on the two-weeks' trip, the companies were unable to furnish the trucks. Various evasive excuses were given, but it was quite clear to those who inquired that the companies owning the trucks did not dare rent them to Thomas for fear of reprisal by the Long machine.

Michigan

The Socialist party of Michigan will have its state picnic this year at Narrow Lake, near Charlotte, Mich., on Sunday, Aug. 4.

Michigan Socialists, in collaboration with other labor groups, are holding a one-week summer school at Ashland College from June 23rd to 30th. The program includes lectures and seminars conducted by Leo Vernon, Chester Graham, J. K. Arnot, Haller Bell and Arthur Larsen. Classes in Socialist fundamentals and public speaking will be held each morning and prominent speakers will present various phases of the development of the labor movement in the evening.

New York

Candidates for the Buffalo city elections have been selected. John M. Secord, general secretary of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union has been nominated for Sheriff of Erie County; for president of the city council, Robert A. Hoffman; for comptroller, George Beech, of the Street-car Men's Union; for councilmen at large, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Roth and John J. Metselaar Sr. Candidates were named for eight assembly seats, nine district councilmen and twenty-seven city supervisors, of which 14 are active trade unionists and nine are women.

New York City

A general membership meeting of the Socialist Party of Bronx County will be held this Friday evening, June 21st, at the Bronx Labor Center, 809 Westchester Avenue at 8:30 P. M. Candidates for public office will be chosen and the general campaign initiated. Bronx County, in addition to candidates for Assembly and Aldermen will nominate for Con-

Strikebreakers



Kansas National Guardsmen as they rested after a futile attempt to break the lead and zinc miners strike.

gress in the 22nd and for four newly created posts on the Municipal Bench. Vigorous campaigning for the enactment of the Hillquit amendment to the Constitution and for the election of workers' representatives is definitely indicated by the energetic street corner and literature distribution drives already begun by party branches in the Borough.

Nebraska

A conference of Socialist Party members at the Hotel Nebraska, 230 N. 11th Street, Lincoln, at 2 o'clock on Sunday, July 14th, will be held here to consider methods of organizing the growing Socialist sentiment in the state. Roy Burt, national organizer, is expected to participate in the discussions.

Ohio

A summer school for young people from the ages of 14 to 20 is to be held under Socialist auspices in Ashtabula from July 8 to 29. Any Socialists who have sons or daughters, brothers or sisters of these ages, are urged to have them attend the school. All interested young people are urged to apply.

The fee, charged each student is to be only \$4 a week, covering maintenance cost only. The Finnish Socialists are providing housing for the school and its students.

and the Ohio Socialist party is furnishing instructors.

Applications for admission should be mailed at once to John Sommerlatte, secretary, 605 Prospect Fourth bldg., Cleveland, O.

PENNSYLVANIA

With 25 offices to fill, the campaign in Reading has set as its goal not merely the election of the full city ticket but the county slate as well. The prospects in this direction are very promising and combined with the new type of campaign that is being lunched makes the party confident of success.

Socialist party workers are beginning a canvass of the entire city to determine the politics of every person possible. In view of the fact that there are 64,000 eligible voters in the city and only 33,084 registered to vote last year, and the highest ever registered was in 1928 when 35,460 registered, it can be plainly seen that such a canvass prevents a fertile field.

Hathaway Says Debate's O.K. If Socialist Will Stay Away

Clarence Hathaway has delivered a lecture. A long lecture. An eloquent lecture. A juicy lecture. He has lectured on the Franco-Soviet Pact.

But Clarence Hathaway has not participated in a debate. Oh, no, not that. Our readers will recall that we invited him to debate with Ben Gitlow on the very same subject. It seems that Clarence's ability as a comedian extends only to the field of monologue.

Yet Clarence is willing to debate—if Ben Gitlow will only promise not to appear. This makes it very difficult—we would hardly consider giving Clarence a stand-up once we make a date with him.

While Clarence continues to hide behind his ink-well, some wicked souls are paraphrasing the good old Communist slogan and shouting: "Communists and Socialists, debate and fight!"

Meanwhile the linotyper in the Daily Worker is pounding out Hathaway's heavy theses in defense of the Franco-Soviet pact and in denunciation of the SOCIALIST CALL. And we remain denounced and the Franco-Soviet pact remains defended—and Hathaway doesn't debate Ben Gitlow.

Enthroned on his ink-pot, Hathaway pours forth his pronouncements, leaving the challenge unanswered.

Cops Slug Lumber Strikers



Slugged by heavy wooden clubs and dragged to the patrol wagon, this lumber striker in Oregon was out of the picket line for a while. But the cops, despite their attack, couldn't arrest the whole crowd—so the mills stay closed.

CALENDAR

Friday, June 21

"Can There Be A United Front?" a lecture by Herbert Zam, at the Farband Coop. Auditorium, 2925 Matthew Ave., (Entrance on Williamsbridge Rd.) Admission: YPSL, Circle 6 AD.

Saturday, June 22

Dance at the air-cooled Washington Heights Branch headquarters, 425 West 156th street. Admission is only 10 cents. Entertainment and dance at Erasmus Hall Chapter of the SLID, 844 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn. Admission: 20 cents, couples 35c.

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 are obtainable at the Rand School Book Store, 7 East 15th Street; Bronx headquarters of the Socialist Party, 809 Westchester Avenue; The SOCIALIST CALL office; or from your branch organizer. Proceeds will pay the headquarters rent of the Bronx organization. Tickets in advance are \$1.00 at pier \$1.25. Children under 12 go for half price.

Young People's Socialist League field day and track meet at Rice Stadium, Pelham Bay Park, from 1 to 5:30 p. m. Special events for Ypsael alumni.

Lawn fest following Rice Stadium field day at 1639 Edison Ave. under the auspices of Circle 2 Bronx, Young People's Socialist League. Admission is 15 cents. Music, entertainment, plenty of inexpensive food.

Monday, June 24

Kanju Kato, Japanese trade unionist, will speak on the Far Eastern situation and the Japanese trade union movement at Hotel Delano at 8 p. m. under the auspices of the Committee to Promote Friendly Relations between the Japanese and American People of the Methodist Federation for Social Justice.

Wednesday, June 26

Workmen's Circle Branch 615 (English speaking) will hold an open meeting and social at 8:30 at 423 West 156th street. Cards, games and refreshments. Admission free.

Appeal Dinner for Norman Mini and fellow unionists of San Quentin Prisoners at the Irving Plaza, 15th street and Irving Place at 7 p. m. Speakers include Murray Baron, A. J. Muste, Carlo Trezza, Sidney Hook. Tickets bought in advance 50 cents, at the door 75 cents.

"Moved that the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Michigan approve both the SOCIALIST CALL and the Wisconsin Leader and recommend that they be pushed by the membership." From the minutes of the State Executive Committee of Michigan, June 16, 1935.

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Books

WELLS DRY OF ACTION

THE NEW AMERICA THE NEW WORLD by H. G. Wells (Macmillan). EXPERIMENT IN AUTOBIOGRAPHY by H. G. Wells (Macmillan).

By MARK STARR

The tubby little Wells, squeaking in his tiny high-pitched voice, bubbles over excitedly in these two books. Reading Mr. Wells' life story demonstrates how much he has capitalized on his own experiences for human interest in his novels.

Undoubtedly Wells pried the mind of the present generation loose from the frigid inhibitions of the Victorian Age. His healthy republicanism, his supernationalism and his emphasis upon the danger of nationalism in education are all praiseworthy. But the main impression left from his life story is the futility of the Liberal mind. Wells has thrown ideas far and wide but never stayed by any of them to plant and water them to fruition.

ENTHUSIASMS

His life is one long story of temporary enthusiasms. He successively fell for the Webbs, Cecil Rhodes, Teddy Roosevelt, God (in his wartime relapse into tribalism), President Wilson, Alfred Mond. Now he has inclinations to discover his long-sought saviors of mankind in Stalin and the Communist Party but they do not take him seriously enough for him to become their publicity man; although, judging by his references to the current Roosevelt, he would like to unite him with Stalin for an open conspiracy to make over the world without any nasty Marxian class struggles to hinder a Wellsian utopia.

Psychologists can easily explain why Wells expresses a desire to shave Marx and never loses an opportunity to sneer. Wells obviously suffers from frustration and an incomplete education. He has never emancipated himself from the middle class idea that the saving of the mass must be done for it and not by it.

LAST UTOPIANS

Consequently Wells' place in history may be only as the last of the great Utopians. He willed the end but not the means. Always it is by some magic—the gas from the tail of a comet, some strange food, an invasion from Mars, some trick with time and space that is the basis of Wells' new social order in his novels. Instead, for example, of advocating the use of an international language such as Esperanto to overcome the barriers of linguis diversity, Wells in his "Men Like God" makes his supermen transfer thoughts without ever the

The Young Go First



A scene from "The Young Go First," an anti-CCO play now on Broadway.

"Counterfeit"

"Counterfeit—Not Your Money But What It Buys," by Arthur Kallet. The Vanguard Press. \$1.50.

"How to Spend Money, Everybody's Practical Guide to Buying," by Ruth Brindze. The Vanguard Press. \$2.00.

The cause of the consumer has recently been taken up by a number of students. Kallet is already known as the co-author of "100,000,000 Guinea Pigs." In "Counterfeit," he continues with the work of pointing out how consumers are being robbed, fooled and even poisoned by unscrupulous manufacturers.

Miss Brindze does a constructive job in "How to Spend Money," by giving practical pointers on how to judge the quality of the various necessities that are being bought daily by all of us. Kallet's book is more interesting because it names names in exposing the rackets to which the consumer is a prey. Both authors display the fine humor that seems to be characteristic of all writers who deal with the plight of the poor ignorant consumer.

"Counterfeit," though a small

bother of putting them into words at all.

With no conception of the role of the wage-working class in creating the power to make a new social order, Wells is peeved with the present narrow outlook of labor and flies away to super-capitalists. He might have done so much with his imaginative pen to awaken British labor to the struggle for power, but he has preferred to be only a gadfly in the hide of the Winston Churchills and the Baldwins.

PLAN YCLA FOLLIES ON SATURDAY NIGHT

NEW YORK.—The first edition of the YCLA Follies will be presented at the YCLA Center, 11 Union Square W., on Saturday evening, June 22, at 8:30 p. m. The Follies, a musical satire and review with more than seventy-five in the cast, is now in rehearsal.

book, is beautifully printed and illustrated. Kallet very wisely concludes with the remark: "In the opinion of the author, goods counterfeiting cannot be ended so long as it pays; that is, so long as industry is privately owned and profits are the motivating force behind production; and to suggest any easy remedy would be to offer only one more counterfeit to consumers."

In one respect, the reading of these books is annoying. Every page will make the reader groan with the realization of how often he is duped. A. L.

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Theatre

Rebel Arts Drama Group

By BILL SHULMAN

In the vanguard of those groups that are using the drama as a weapon in the struggle for a classless society is the Rebel Arts Drama Group. Founded several years ago in order to fulfill a function which the Socialist Party was unable to cope with adequately, Rebel Arts covers all cultural functions of the Socialist Party. The Drama Group in particular, because it can present a "class conscious" idea and at the same time be entertaining, has access to places barred to Socialist speakers and is able to wage an effective campaign in the spreading of Socialist culture.

WITH LABOR

Formerly repelled by short-sighted unions unable to understand the necessity for organized recreational activity, the Rebel Arts Drama Group today has found its place in the "labor sun." At trade union meetings, on the picket line and in Youth centers, sections of the group are performing constantly.

The group, at present, is working on several one-act plays which will be given in the near future. Its repertoire starting August 1, consists of the following plays: "The Worm Turns," "The Builders," "One of the Bravest," "Union Label," and "Blocks" as well as several chants by David

LATIN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL

A Latin-American Folk Festival will be held at Town Hall, Sunday evening, June 23. The Peruvian-Inca Art Group, the Mexican Folk Group, and others will head the program for the evening's entertainment. The Rumba, containing that natural element of folk art which is lacking in the imported versions will be presented.

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Berenberg and "Thirteen Men in a Mine" to be produced by the radio section of the Drama Group. A full three-act play will be presented also.

All those who are interested in joining a bona-fide revolutionary theatre movement can become affiliated with the Rebel Arts Drama Group. The members of the group, under the guidance of Mary Hunter and Florence Lasser, are concentrating on studio work preparatory to going into rehearsal on their large projects.

Applicants will be interviewed every Tuesday at 8:30 at Rebel Arts headquarters located at 44 East 21st Street, New York City.

EQUITY VOTES

Actor's Equity will insist on retaining the benefits accorded actors by the Legitimate Theatre Code, it was pointed out in the June issue of Equity magazine. The magazine editorial stated: "Members have Equity's unqualified assurance that every benefit that was theirs under the code will be retained whether the NRA is later revived or has disappeared permanently."

Provisions added by the code included minimum salaries of \$25 a week for junior members and \$40 a week for senior members, new regulations of rehearsal hours and provisions for salary payments on account during rehearsals.

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WISCONSIN OKAYS HILLQUIT BILL

Union Support Of Workers Rights Amendment Grows

BULLETIN

The Wisconsin Assembly voted Tuesday to petition Congress to enact the Hillquit Amendment. The resolution was sponsored by Assemblymen Kiefer, Wagner and Koegel, Socialists.

The Chicago Federation of Labor took under advisement the endorsement of the Hillquit Amendment to the Constitution at its last meeting.

CHICAGO—As sentiment arose in all parts of the nation in support of the Hillquit amendment to the Constitution, supporters began the organization of active committees which will bring the bill to the attention of labor unions and similar groups.

Frank N. Trager, Baltimore labor leader, has been made secretary of the Labor Committee for the amendment. George A. Nelson, Wisconsin Farmers' Union head, and Chester A. Graham, Michigan farm leader, have been asked to become chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Farmers' Committee. A committee of professional workers, doctors, lawyers, social workers, engineers, etc. is also being formed.

A campaign to secure a huge petition to supplement the resolutions adopted by organizations will get under way this week.

The amendment, drafted by the late Morris Hillquit, New York Socialist, has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Vito Marcantonio. It gives Congress power to pass all necessary types of social welfare legislation.

The amendment must be passed as the answer to the Supreme Court NRA decision, Mayor Daniel W. Hoan of Milwaukee has declared. Hoan predicted that it

would pass the Wisconsin Legislature soon. It has already been passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Coolidge Addresses New England Meet

BOSTON, Mass.—Delegates from labor unions and central bodies representing the basic industries of Massachusetts attended the Conference on Workers Education conducted by the New England Labor College.

The sessions were opened by Albert S. Coolidge, member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, who welcomed the trade unionists and other delegates to the conference. John D. Conners, vice-president of the New Bedford Central Labor Union, was elected chairman.

The New England Labor College, maintained in Chelsea, Mass., was endorsed by the conference and trade unions were urged to set up scholarships for worthy students, to be equipped to serve the labor movement.

In Lowell, Arizona, copper miners called out by the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers have hit the Phelps-Dodge Corp. hard by reducing carloadings to less than one-quarter of pre-strike production. The walkout came when eight active unionists were fired.

Workers of the General Tire and Rubber Co. Local of the United Rubber Workers Council at Akron are all set to strike. Seniority and wage agreements won in last year's strike are being violated. Thus far, much negotiating with no result.

Homeless



Because Mrs. Elizabeth Ray (above) couldn't pay rent, gallant cops and strong-arm men from New York city marshal's office pleasantly smashed her furniture and threw her out on the street.

Eastern Co-ops Report Growth

The rapid growth of cooperative organizations on the Atlantic seaboard and New England during the last year was reported at the annual meeting in New York of the Eastern States Cooperative League.

Recent developments of the cooperative movement in the field of milk distribution, petroleum products, group purchasing and cooperative credit were described by delegates.

The labor movement was represented by Mark Starr, educational director of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, who urged joint action between workers-as-producers and workers-as-consumers to raise living standards and to end the profit system.

Fighter Dempsey Helps Union K O Ice Cream Trust

NEW YORK. — Jack Dempsey, famed pugilist, is aiding 3,000 strikers in their fight against the Ice Cream Trust. He is using only union made ice cream in his famous restaurant, having thrown out Borden scab products.

The Big Four in the Ice Cream Trust, under boycott by union men, are Borden, Pioneer, Reid and Horton.

When a committee from Ice Cream Workers' Local 263, A. F. of L., first approached the bosses, they were told, "We want no red activities in our houses."

Boycott

To the workers' plea that their union was a legal American body, the bosses replied:

"A union is a red menace. It means that native Americans are driven out of industry. All factories will be filled with Jews, Italians, and other undesirable greenhorns."

Because of the anti-Semitic policy of the companies a general boycott is fast spreading through the city. Stores handling the scab goods, including all Woolworth stores, are being picketed.

The Workers Unemployed Union, Socialist Party, and youth groups are cooperating.

Rebel Arts

Rebel Arts has done heroic service in laying the foundation of a genuine working class culture in this country.

It has lent inspiration and color to demonstrations, to mass meetings, to strike meetings. It has dramatized Socialism as no speech or pamphlet could. Through its choruses, its mass recitations, its dances, its posters, it has often converted the drab into the inspirational. It has been responsible for this country's foremost contribution to working class poster art.

And it has done all this—and more—while handicapped by lack of financial and moral support.

How much greater its achievements could be if Rebel Arts were free from the financial worries which dissipate most of its energies; if it could afford to go ahead with the physical expansion and organization which is so necessary if it is to become a vital force in the Socialist and labor movement.

Rebel Arts deserves your support. Rebel Arts must have your support.

Youth! Recognize Class

On the fourth of July three thousand young people, representing every important youth organization in the country, will gather in Detroit for the Second American Youth Congress.

The Congress is visible evidence of the unrest which pervades the younger generation of today. It will in all events adopt a progressive, or even radical-sounding program.

But radical phrases are not enough. Youth must be made to realize that it has no special genius for solving the problems of the world. Within its ranks are reflected all the class distinctions and interests of adult society. The present unrest and love of radical phrases may be used to assist reaction some day by clever Fascist demagogues.

This can be prevented if conferences like the Second American Youth Congress realistically recognize the class struggle and unite with workers young and adult by open alliance with the bona fide organized labor movement.

Has Your Union Endorsed It?

CALL readers are urged to introduce resolutions in their trade unions and fraternal organizations endorsing the Hillquit "Workers' Rights Amendment" to the Constitution. The resolution reads:

Section 1. The Congress shall have power to establish uniform laws throughout the United States to regulate, limit and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age; to limit the work time and establish minimum compensation of wage earners; to provide for the relief of aged, invalid, sick and unemployed wage earners and employes in the form of periodical grants, pensions, benefits, compensation or indemnities from the public treasury, from contributions of employers, wage earners and employes' or from one or more such sources; to establish and take over natural resources, properties and enterprises in manufacturing, mining, commerce, transportation, banking, public utilities and other business to be owned and operated by the Government of the United States or agencies thereof for the benefit of the people, and generally for the social and economic welfare of the workers, farmers and consumers.

Section 2. The power of the several states to enact social welfare legislation is unimpaired by this article, but no such legislation shall abridge or conflict with any Act of Congress under this Article.

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