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Supreme Court Rules Syndicalist Law Legal

Court Records Are Missing in Sacco And Vanzetti Case

Fifteen Pages of Judge Thayer's Prejudiced Charge to Jury Significantly Vanish... BOSTON.—Evidence is accumulating against Judge Webster Thayer...

Vienna, a Socialist City, Marches Toward New Day

VIENNA.—The spectacular campaign in the Vienna municipal elections which led to an overwhelming Socialist victory drew out over 90 percent of the voters...

From The Pen Of Debs

(Compiled by Theodore Debs)

Organization and Working Class Power

To succeed in their struggle with the master class, to free themselves from wage slavery and to rise to the plane of freedom and self-respect, the workers must have power...

2,500,000 CHILDREN FEED PROFIT MILLS OF AMERICA

More than 2,500,000 children between the ages of 10 and 16 years are working for wages in various parts of the United States...

Anita Whitney Must Serve Out Her Term in the Penitentiary

Serious Blow at Civil Liberties—35 States Have Laws Covered by This Decision... Washington, D. C.—Constitutionality of the California syndicalism law...

Labor Menaced by World-Wide Assault, Says Seamen's Head

By International Labor News Service... Organized labor is confronted with a world-wide assault which will tax to the limit the resources, knowledge, skill, ingenuity, courage and endurance of the trade union movement...

Wood Sells Out Philippine State Owned Business

\$50,000,000 Worth of People's Property Auctioned to American Magnates... The following news dispatch describes the latest outrage committed against weaker peoples and against democracy...

U. S. Chamber of Commerce to Back Power Trust Grabs

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, at its recent meeting in Washington, cheered to the echoes attacks on public ownership...

Anti-War Talk Is Barred from Air By Radio Trust

Norman Thomas Urges Faster Work for WDEB to Save the Situation... NEW YORK.—Norman Thomas, Executive Director of the League for Industrial Democracy...

Capitalism Totters In Europe With Its 20,000,000 Jobless

Economic Conference Admits May Not Solve Problem Without Changing the System... Geneva, Switzerland, May 16.—There are upward of 20,000,000 unemployed in Europe now...

Trust Grabs for Giant Power Site, Washington, D. C.

Tries to Seize Proposed Federal Project While Congress Is Adjourned... By Laurence Todd... WASHINGTON.—Power trust arrogance has outdone itself in the opinion of public-ownership advocates...

Socialist Revival Is Seen In Reading

READING, Pa.—Socialists here are much encouraged by the prospects in the coming municipal election. From all parts of the city come reports of voters who want to assist in the Socialist campaign...

Mussolini Forces Workers to Take 10 Per Cent Cut

ROME.—The first nation-wide application of the fascist syndicalist principle of the fascist syndicalist state, as laid down in the recently promulgated charter of labor-voluntary cooperation between capital and labor...

Tennessee Labor Is for Public Ownership

Memphis, Tenn.—Organized labor in this State does not favor private ownership of natural resources. At the State Federation of Labor convention in this city, the trade unionists declared...

Disarmament Funk At Geneva Alarms World Peace Forces

GENEVA.—The failure of the preparatory disarmament conference has made a very bad impression all over Europe and stirred up the powerful passions of the international peace party to a vigorous campaign against the military government...

TAKE THE SUB-A-MONTH PLEDGE

The American Appeal has begun the ORGANIZATION of the Socialist propaganda forces of the United States. This new organization is to be based upon AN ENROLLED MEMBERSHIP IN WHICH EACH INDIVIDUAL IS PLEDGED TO GET AT LEAST ONE SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE AMERICAN APPEAL PER MONTH...

Sub-A-Month Membership Pledge Organized Army of the American Appeal

American Appeal, 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago: I hereby agree to obtain for the American Appeal in the future at least one subscription per month, or its equivalent. Enroll me in the Organized Army of the American Appeal.

To Every Member of Every Socialist Local and Branch

During the week the American Appeal sent a letter to all local Socialist organizations in the United States...

Every Local and Branch has been asked to call a meeting as soon as possible, or bring up at the regular meeting...

WE ARE ASKING THE LOCALS AND BRANCHES TO FIX THEIR OWN QUOTAS OF SERVICE FOR THEIR PAPER IN SUBS, OR SUB CARDS, OR IN ORDERING AND DISTRIBUTING A WEEKLY BUNDLE.

Failure to meet this natural and reasonable request is tantamount to refusal to do anything for the Socialist Movement...

The purpose of this article is to ask each and every member of each and every Local or Branch in the United States to constitute himself or herself a committee of one to see that his or her organization act at once on this proposition.

Surely, there is no Local in the United States that has not at least one individual that cares enough for the Cause to take steps to get the Local to act immediately.

—William H. Henry, National Executive Secretary, Socialist Party.

Why Appeal and Party Must Have A Sub-A-Month Organization Now

All effort nowadays that is successful is ORGANIZED. All organization that is successful nowadays is based upon a DUTY or DUES obligation...

1.—The re-establishment of the Socialist Movement in the United States is going to be a particularly difficult job because the War produced a radical break between the old and the new generation...

2.—OUR ORGANIZED PROPAGANDA DOES NOT IMPRESS THOSE WHOM WE WOULD WIN WITH CONFIDENCE IN OUR MOVEMENT. This is very important. THE MAIN REASON WHY THOUSANDS DO NOT JOIN US AND STICK IS NOT BECAUSE THEY OBJECT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM...

3.—The basic reason why a pledged and enrolled sub-month organization will bring success to the Appeal and the Party is BECAUSE IT GIVES ASSURANCE TO THE INDIVIDUAL PROPAGANDIST THAT HIS OR HER WORK WILL NOT BE WASTED BUT WILL BE SUPPORTED AND DUPLICATED EVERY MONTH BY A THOUSAND OR MORE OTHER WORKERS...

4.—The individual propagandist wants to feel that there is something resembling an equality of obligations, tasks and responsibilities in the movement. He does not wish to see a few eternally doing all the work, while thousands just as able to help, just as deeply obligated to the Cause...

It is immensely demoralizing. It will wear down the best propagandists and retire them in time. IT IS AN ENDLESS CRUXIFIXION OF OUR BEST SPIRITS BY OUR LAZY, INDIFFERENT OR IRRESPONSIBLE MEMBERS...

5.—As a matter of fact, THE VERY ESSENCE OF SUSTAINED ORGANIZED EFFORT IS AN EQUAL AND UNIVERSAL OBLIGATION TO DO SOMETHING. Such an organization is only as large as SUCH AN OBLIGATION...

6.—The Sub-A-Month obligation will give an effective leverage on the Socialist shirker enabling us to gradually make a habitual propagandist of him. It will furnish solid assurance of mutual effort and success to the willing workers who break their backs and hearts trying to do all the work...

We are, therefore, asking our most active workers to sign the pledge and get in. Their example will beyond any doubt bring others in. After that those who never do any propaganda work for Socialism will begin to feel a moral obligation laid upon their consciences...

Maybe you have always been a constant worker for the Appeal and you think you do not have to take a pledge to do work. You may not have to take such a pledge for yourself, but for the sake of those who do not work for the Cause they believe in, and those who have worked until their hearts are broken and all they see disorganizing...

Socialist Party News

News has been arriving from many places showing that Comrades are making arrangements for holding of picnics and no doubt there will be many of them held during the month of June...

New Jersey: The Annual State Convention of the Socialist Party of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, May 22, 1937, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., daylight saving time...

- N. Y. 13-19 A. D. Branch, Kings County, 10.00; 14-19 A. D. Branch, Kings County, 5.00; 25th Ward Branch, Milwaukee, Wis., 25.00; Ray Newark, Utica, N. Y., 5.00; Local Shiloh, Wis., 5.00; Nick West, Massillon, Ohio, 1.00; Local Seattle, Wash., 3.00; M. Larsen, Clifton, W. Va., 2.00; Frank L. Bostoby, Portland, Maine, 1.00; Curtis A. Perry, Bridgton, Maine, 2.00; West Side Woman's Branch, Milwaukee, Wis., 5.00; Finnish Branch, Amesbury, Mass., 10.00; Arthur Bridwell, Baldwin City, Kans., 1.00; Local Kenwood-Sherrill, N. Y., 5.00; M. E. Edson, Ocala, Fla., 1.00; Local Umatilla, Oregon, 12.50; Local Krayn, Pa., 2.00; Lavinia L. Dusk, Fayetteville, Pa., 3.00; \$197.50

Pennsylvania: A new Italian Branch has been organized at Shenandoah. This is the second Branch the Italian Comrades have organized in Pennsylvania in the last few weeks...

Connecticut State Convention: Plans are practically completed for the State convention of the Socialist Party which will be held Sunday, May 22, at the Arbutus-Manner-Chor Park, Allingtown, New Haven...

Massachusetts: The May Day meetings arranged by the various locals proved unusually successful this year. In Boston about 1500 people attended a picnic in the park...

New York: State Secretary Merrill has sent out a questionnaire to all upstate locals of the Party. Information is requested as to street corners still available for public meetings...

Young People's Department: National Office, 23 Townsend St., Philadelphia, Pa. Aarne J. Parker, Nat. Director.

WITH THE CIRCLES: Milwaukee Circle 1—The circle recently held a ball which proved a tremendous success in attendance, entertainment and finance...

Workmen Circle In Rousing Convention: CLEVELAND, Ohio.—At one of the most attended and most fruitful conventions of the Workmen's Circle here, this Jewish Socialist organization refused flatly to have anything to do with the alleged "peace" element...

How Jobless Army Grows: CHICAGO.—There are 5000 fewer railroad conductors in service today than 10 years ago, despite increased traffic...

Frisco Labor Plans Radio: SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco Labor Council is planning a labor radio station for broadcasting the worker side of current events.

Mexico Trades With Russia: TAMPICO.—The first steamer to go from Mexico direct to Russia port left Tampico early in April for North Russia carrying 740 tons of lead. The boat will bring back raw material. This trip marks the beginning of direct commerce.

What is the Ideal of patriotism? America for the Americans. Of course. And also Mexico, Nicaragua, Cuba, Haiti, and the Philippines for American capitalists.

Appeal Army Activities

Army Report: Returns from the Appeal Army for the week ending May 14 WERE THE FOLLOWING: THE APPEAL IS PILING UP A DANGEROUS INDEBTEDNESS...

Fund Report: Gifts to the American Appeal Promoted and Sustaining Fund for the week ending May 14 were: WE ARE ESPECIALLY IN NEED OF GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THIS QUARTER TO PAY FOR POSTAGE IN OUR PRESENT NATIONAL WIDE CAMPAIGN...

On Pledges: H. O. Fuhrberg, Seattle, Wash., 1.00; Total: \$12.00; Previously reported: \$1,196.74; Total gifts since January 1: \$1,208.74

Labor Dental Clinic: A Great Achievement: NEW YORK.—Forty thousand men and women employed in the ladies' garment industry have been treated within the last ten years at the dental clinic of the Union Health Center...

Two Fine Debs Pictures Order Now: We have two fine pictures of Eugene V. Debs that our comrades and many others who were friends of Debs want. The prices are made unusually low...

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NEWS AND VIEWS

The Situation in China

China is perhaps the scene of the most significant developments in the world at this moment, unless Great Britain has just taken that place. For several weeks the American Appeal has refrained from printing purported "news" from China because information from that quarter of the globe has so palpably fallen into the hands of the capitalist-imperialist world...

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Trust Grabs for Giant Power Site

Electric current could be sold at the plant for half a cent per kilowatt hour. It could be delivered to consumers in private homes at less than 3 cents. The rates charged by the local company for many years were 10 cents to the householder, until a public utility commission reduced them to 7 1/2 cents. This electricity is produced in steam plants.

APPEAL'S FEATURE DEPARTMENT

Harry W. Laidler, Editor

Post War Socialist Thought

The Psychological Trend to Socialism

In Six Articles Article V

Hobson on Industrial Incentives

A further contribution to the study of the psychological forces now operative in industry and those that may be expected under a new social order is that of John A. Hobson's incentives in the New Industrial Order.

anarchy of production that exists today. We know that the capitalist class does not take more than one-third of the total product. We know, also, that it does not itself consume the one-third. It sends it back into industry. If the workers were to receive 20 per cent more of the product than they receive today, there would not result any radical revolution in our present system. The ideal social order is primarily a system of scientific organization...

Is There A Valid Reason for War?

By Lydia G. Wentworth

To a clear-headed and unprejudiced observer the outcome of warfare in general is so shocking and so absolutely unsatisfactory from every possible viewpoint, that he may well feel that scarcely anything could keep the populace of any country from rising in their might and refusing to participate in any way whatsoever in future war.

straight facts what will result? The time has come for the truth to be disseminated to the farthest village and hamlet. Then let the masses speak! No true friend of the people need fear their decision—nor need any honest believer in democracy.

defensive armaments? O ye of little faith! Ye who believe not that truth is mighty and shall prevail! Ye who believe not that the mightiest forces in the world are the thoughts that impel to action! Ye who read not the lesson of Europe that war leads not to security, but to further and more devastating conflict!

Wood Sells Out State Business

defenceless people is a tale that should make the blood of every honest American boil.

The growing and succeeding Filipino public owned enterprises were created by acts of the Philippine legislature. The majority of the members of which were Filipinos. Dictator Wood began his fight early to smash these industries so dangerous to the capitalists and imperialists.

Hillquit on Waste

Hobson is not the only socialistic writer who has been emphasizing waste, rather more than exploitation, during the last decade, as an outstanding evil of capitalism. This American Socialist, Morris Hillquit, maintains:

Through this increase of wealth and its equitable distribution, we envisage a state of society in which political power, the arts, the sciences and the general culture will also be widely diffused. To the masses will be brought for the first time the enjoyment of the benefits of modern civilization.

Coolidge Makes Cowardly Dodge on Third Term Issue

Will Not Acknowledge or Deny Own Name on Anti-Third Term Petition

By Laurence Todd

WASHINGTON—Calvin Coolidge, seeking a third term in the presidency of the United States, has dragged down upon himself the contempt and private ridicule of scores of press correspondents in Washington.

of labor members in the Dail Eirann, the Irish parliament. Labor leaders are predicting that their party will come out of the right wing of the 153 members composing that body.

This party is organized better than ever before. There are 170 local labor parties in the Irish Free State. The Northern Ireland Labor Party covering six counties is an autonomous organization affiliated with the Irish Labor Party.

plus the \$1.25 per child. The scheme is not considered satisfactory, though the state principle of child endowment is not faulted.

Comrade Wentworth has written a leaflet in which this article and other equally strong and important matter against war and preparedness are embodied.

Capitalism Totters In Europe

ENT MACHINERY MORE GOODS WOULD BE PRODUCED THAN THE UNDERPAID POPULATION OF EUROPE.

What European capitalists mean by "dear" labor is that they are less able to pay labor than before and maintain their profits in the face of a threatened overproduction, clogging of the markets and loss of capitalist profits.

American Investments in Mexico

Perhaps one can pardon Secretary Kellogg his interest in Mexican law when one considers the amount of property there that is owned by foreigners.

Who Owns Mexico's Petroleum? The petroleum industry with a value on Dec. 31, 1926 of \$650,000,000 is one of the outstanding examples of foreign ownership in Mexico's resources.

Mexico And The Oil Industry

Editor's Note

The following article, by a prominent member of the research staff of the League for Industrial Democracy, which has just been received by the Appeal, is a timely contribution to the study of the oil industry in Mexico.

By Inez Poliak

(Research Assistant, League for Industrial Democracy)

During the lull in the oil controversy, while the suits brought by American companies are being tried in the Mexican courts, it may be well to recall the facts in this case, so as to be able to judge intelligently when the decision is handed down and the crisis comes.

Refusal of Companies to Obey Law

Strengthened by our Government's attitude twenty-two companies, including most of the large ones, refused, at the last minute, in spite of advice of counsel, to obey the law on pre-constitution property.

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Chicago Labor Radio Now Leading Station

WCFL, the only labor radio broadcast station in the United States, took its place among the leading stations in the country at the opening of its new studios in the Brunswick Building at 423-223 S. Wabash Avenue, Wednesday evening, May 4.

WCFL, which is owned and operated by the Chicago Federation of Labor, has a program second to none. It includes an hour a day devoted to subjects especially interesting to Organized Labor.

Coolidge Prosperity Hits Women Workers

ST. PAUL.—The average weekly wage for women and busboys covered by the report, 3,157 received less than \$12 a week; 9,110 received \$12 and under \$15; 11,638 received \$15 and under \$18; 12,249 received \$18 and over.

Supreme Court for Syndicalist Laws

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Hindus Win Fight For Citizenship

Sixty-nine Hindus who had American citizenship papers prior to 1923 have been restored to full rights by the Department of Justice and their papers returned to them.

Irish Labor Faces Splendid Prospects

DUBLIN, Ireland.—The Irish Labor Party is in the midst of great preparations for the parliamentary elections, June 15 this year.

Labor Government Endows Children

The Labor government of New South Wales, Australia, has set up a child endowment scheme, to come into operation when the next minimum wage is fixed.

