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Socialist Party Makes Clean Sweep in Reading

Bury Old Parties by Pluralities of Nearly 5,000—Elect All Candidates

The workers of Reading, Pa., a city of more than 100,000 inhabitants, have taken their local government into their own hands! By a vote almost 5,000 greater than the highest vote cast for the capitalist candidates the Socialists and trade unionists of Reading elected the following: J. Henry Stump, Mayor; James H. Maurer, and George W. Snyder, members of the city council; William C. Hovertter, city treasurer; Walter R. Hollinger, city controller; Raymond S. Hofses and George D. Snyder, members of the school board.

A Landslide
The Socialist and labor vote was a landslide. Every ward was carried by the Socialists. The only Socialist city-wide candidate to suffer defeat was A. J. Frezeman, candidate for school director, who was nosed out by Andrew J. Fink, Republican. A large number of precinct and ward officers, including a constable in the Sixth ward were won by the Socialists.

The Results
The following table gives the vote of the Socialist, Republican and Democratic parties on the city-wide candidates:

MAYOR	
Stump (S.)	12,146
Stauffler (R.)	7,199
Sharman (D.)	5,254
Stump's plurality over Stauffler	4,947
Stump's plurality over Sharman	6,892

CITY COUNCIL	
Maurer (S.)	11,912
Snyder (S.)	11,717
Wetherhold (R.)	6,981
Witman (D.)	4,970
Schofer (D.)	4,678
Maurer's plurality over Wetherhold	4,538
Snyder's plurality over Ruth	4,736

CITY TREASURER	
Hovertter (S.)	8,355
Kershner (D.)	8,272
Reider (R.)	7,930
Hovertter's plurality over Kershner	123
Hovertter's plurality over Reider	459

CITY CONTROLLER	
Hollinger (S.)	9,308
Menges (D.)	7,434
Dooward (R.)	7,431
Hollinger's plurality over Menges	1,870
Hollinger's plurality over Dooward	1,857

SCHOOL BOARD	
Hofses (S.)	11,898
Fink (R.)	10,559
Snyder (S.)	10,118
Frezeman (S.)	8,961
High (R.)	6,854
Deninger (D.)	5,987
Haines (R.)	5,925
Hintz (D.)	5,718
Werner (D.)	5,519
Hofses' plurality over Frezeman	2,937
Fink's plurality over Frezeman	1,598
Snyder's plurality over Frezeman	1,182

WE MUST MAKE GOOD

BY J. HENRY STUMP
(Socialist Mayor-Elect, Reading, Pa.)

Reading has set a new standard in municipal politics. With the election of three out of five legislative officials, it is the first city in the nation to be completely governed by Socialists, and the eyes of the nation are centered upon us.

To the Socialists of Reading and to all independent-minded voters who helped to elect us, and on behalf of my colleagues and the members of the Socialist Party, I renew the pledge of service given before election day.

WE WILL MAKE GOOD!

We realize that the task to which the people of this city have set us is not an easy one. We have been placed in charge of local affairs after the administrations which preceded us succeeded in accumulating a city and school debt of \$10,000,000. We are faced with the task of adjusting an assessment which has aroused more resentment among the rank and file of our fellow citizens than any other public event in the history of our city. We will be compelled to complete unpopular plans and programs which have been started by our predecessors. We will be called upon to take action for the convenience and health of the people.

We are elated by our magnificent victory. We are covered by the responsibilities which confront us. But we will make good because we will move quickly and heedlessly in anything, but we will strive to act intelligently and with certainty in all that we do. We have been honored with the confidence of our fellow citizens of all political faiths and we are ambitious to show that their confidence has not been misplaced.

But there is another reason, and a selfish one, why **WE WILL WORK TO MAKE GOOD.** It is this: Every Socialist in America will be depending upon us to make good, because our success will add prestige to the Socialist movement everywhere. For that reason I appeal to every Socialist in particular to continue to support us in office as they have done in party work.

WE MUST MAKE GOOD! We, who have been elected to conduct the business of our city as the pioneers of working class political independence everywhere. No effort will be too severe, no task will be too exacting, no sacrifice of personal comforts and conveniences will be too great to prove to the world that workers in office can serve their fellow citizens efficiently and that Socialists can faithfully and ably use political power in such a manner that the greatest good will be secured for the greatest number.

75,000 Citizens of Buffalo Vote for Avowed Socialist

Average Socialist Gain for Other Candidates is 1,500 over Preceding Election

BUFFALO.—Frank C. Perkins, Socialist, has been elected President of the City Council by a vote of 74,817. His opponent, Daniel J. Sweeney, Democrat, received a vote of 51,401. The Socialist vote for other offices is much smaller, the average being 6,142, but this is a gain of 1,500 votes over that received by Socialist candidates last year.

What is significant regarding the vote for Perkins is that anti-Socialist prejudice has counted for little in the election. The candidates do not appear under party designations but the enemies of Perkins gave a wide publicity to the Socialist affiliations of Perkins while he frankly asserted his Socialist views on every occasion in this election, as he has in others.

Moreover, the Socialists brought the Socialist Mayor, Milwaukee, Daniel W. Hoan, to Buffalo, for a number of meetings and Hoan urged support of Perkins as a Socialist candidate.

An amusing phase of the campaign is the fact that the Republicans applied the candidacy of Perkins, possibly in the hope of winning him from his Socialist affiliations. When it became apparent that Perkins had recanted none of his Socialist views leading Republicans organized a fight against him. His vote therefore was obtained in spite of a two-party opposition and this adds to the striking character of his victory.

The return of Perkins to the office of mayor is an electoral triumph in American, European and international technical circles. He has perfected a number of electrical appliances and electro-chemical processes for which he has been granted patents. Some fifteen years ago Perkins joined the Socialist Party in Buffalo.

Reading Victory Shows Upward Trend of Socialism, Says Berger

"There can be no doubt about the upward trend of the Socialist party," Congressman Victor L. Berger, national chairman of the Socialist party, commented on the Socialist victory in Reading.

"During the war and after, our party was caught between the upper millstone of capitalist governmental oppression and the nether millstone of Communist agitation.

Nation Needs New Party

"But the fact remains that the United States needs a new party — needs it badly. The two old parties are now one, although still sailing under two labels. There is no fundamental principle, however, to distinguish the Republican from the Democratic party.

"For democracy to survive, it is necessary to have a big strong opposition party founded on principle, in our country. I believe that party will be the Socialist party, although I do not care under what name such a party will win out so long as the people get the substance.

Elections Indicate Trend

"The election results in Reading and Buffalo clearly show that we have reached the turn of the road and that America will soon join the worldwide movement of western civilized nations, and in time lead it."

Tammany Defeats Socialists Only by Wholesale Theft and Intimidation

Notable gains were made by the Socialist party candidates all along the line in the New York election. Despite these gains, every Socialist candidate, including Judge Panken, who was running for re-election for Municipal Judge, were defeated in one of the roughest and most brutal election thefts in the history of the corrupt Tammany and Republican organizations.

The total Socialist New York City vote, based on the vote cast for alderman in 1925 and 1927 shows a fine increase of about 7,000. The 1927 vote also shows an increase of 4,000 votes over the Socialist vote for mayor in 1925. This increase was registered despite the fact that the registration this year was far below that of 1925 and 1926.

By the narrow margin of 313 votes, Charles Solomon, Socialist candidate for assembly in the 27th district, Kings, New York State, failed of election on Tuesday. The contest was one of the most bitterly waged in years. Socialists made charges and gave substantial proof that there were hundreds of illegal voters in the district, brought in by the Tammany organization which secured a close result. As it appears from the result, the floaters "turned the trick" for Tammany.

Solomon made a great increase in the Socialist vote. Large increases, despite the lower registration than that of previous years, was the result wherever Socialists put in activity. The gain of votes in the 2nd Judicial district, where Municipal Court Justice Jacob Panken was robber of re-election by stolen votes, was little short of phenomenal.

Whereas the Socialist candidate in the 2nd judicial district in 1926 polled a total of 3,351 votes, Judge Panken this year polled 17,399. It is estimated that fully 5,000 votes were stolen from Panken.

In the eighth district, where Norman Thomas ran for Alderman, he polled 2,000 votes, whereas the Socialist candidate for the same office in 1925 polled 1,045. Christens in the 6th increased the Socialist vote from 846 to 1,515. Solomon increased the Socialist vote over 1926 from 2,610 to 4,516.

The gain was registered in every political division of New York and is shown in the following summary:

Division	1925	1927
Manhattan	9,711	11,445
Brooklyn	15,112	16,378
Brooklyn	15,975	22,002
Richmond	2,745	2,770
Richmond	183	268

Total 48,170 52,987 Gain 6,867

The deliberate stealing of the election from several Socialist candidates was one of the most raw, flagrant and open pieces of political crookedness put over by Tammany. It was cynically admitted by Tammany leaders.

When the widespread election frauds practiced against the Socialist party in the Judge Panken contest were reported to the Board of Election, John R. Voorhis, chairman of the Board of Election, had the following comment to make:

"The Socialists have complained that the Republican and the Democrats were trying to do them, and the Socialists were probably correct. There's nothing new in it."

This comment by Mr. Voorhis was reported in the New York Herald-Tribune and in the New York Times. Judge Panken was the special victim of these open frauds and would undoubtedly have been elected in anything like a fair election. He was defeated by the voting of at least 5,000 floaters and the practice of wholesale intimidation at the polling places by Tammany thugs despite the fact that the Socialist vote in his district increased five-fold!

Typical scenes around the polling places are thus described by the New Leader, Socialist weekly:

"The polling places of the 4th assembly district during the day and late in the evening, when the official returns were being recorded, were scenes of the most (Continued on page 2)

Can't Beat The Dutch, Berger Wires Maurer

Socialist Congressman Victor L. Berger wired his personal congratulations to James H. Maurer, in the following message: "Congratulations and many happy returns. They can't beat the Dutch and surely not the Pennsylvania Dutch. They will, in the end, always be found in the advance guard of progress. The main thing is to hold your ground. Don't yield an inch." (Signed) —Victor L. Berger."

Reading Socialists Hit Spoils System

READING, PA.—Mayor-elect Stump in a statement to the public declares that politics will not be considered and only real merit will count in appointments to public office by the incoming Socialist administration.

This statement is made by the Socialist editor of Reading in view of the custom prevailing in politics to make a clean sweep of public officers of the opposite political faith on the theory that "to the victors belong the spoils."

Mr. Stump makes the statement that no one will hold his office because of his or her politics and that in making new appointments the Socialist administration will give those the preference who are best suited to fill the offices.

Maurer Happy—Will Speak in Chicago

James H. Maurer, councilman-elect in Reading, who is going to speak at a big meeting in Chicago, Sunday, December 18, 2 p. m., at Temple Hall, Van Buren street, in a letter to the Socialist Party in Reading. In a letter he says:

"I reply to your telegram, will say that I will be on hand for the meeting on December 18.

"Well, we Socialists cleaned up in Reading yesterday in fine style. Elected the following comrades: Stump, mayor; myself and Snyder city commissioners. Snyder, Stump and I being a majority in a body of five will control city council. Democrat and one Republican hold over for two years. We three Socialists elected for a term of four years, will therefore, control the city council.

"Comrade Hovertter was elected city treasurer; Comrade Hollinger, city controller. We also elected three school controllers and about seventy-five ward officers.

"The best part of this story is still to be told and that is that Stump, Snyder and myself were elected by an actual majority over our Republican and Democrat opponents. And this happened yesterday where in 1919 they wanted to tar and feather us, burn us at the stake and deport us. Three of those who defeated were from the meeting who got up centers and in the mob anxious to get us. The world do move after all."

The subject of Maurer's address at Temple Hall on the afternoon of December 18 will be, "What I Saw in Soviet Russia." Admission will be 35 cents and one hundred per cent from the meeting will go to help the Socialist Party. Party members are invited to help make this meeting a big success by boosting it and selling tickets.

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Socialist Polls Big Vote in Boston

BOSTON.—After one of the finest and most successful campaigns in the last five years was waged in Boston for twenty years, the results of Tuesday's election have encouraged the local organization.

The contest that aroused great interest was that of Joseph Bearak for Councilman in the 14th Ward. It was a surprise to many that the Socialist Party has nominated any candidate for a city election. The conditions required of a minor party to get on the ballot are almost prohibitive, with the result that Democrats and Republicans have monopolized the ballot and elections have been contested between two gangs of professionals.

With one candidate to be elected in Ward 14, four candidates were entered in the race, Joseph Bearak, the labor attorney, representing the Socialist Party; Bearak ran second, polling a surprising vote for the first time at a Japanese election. The vote of each candidate is, for Ruby, 3,773; Bearak, 2,147; Ginsberg, 571; Blong, 561.

Whole Population Turns Socialist

Five years of Socialist government in Mexico City has so completely won over the people that opposition parties have disappeared. The following is from the latest bulletin of the Mexican News Service, Mexico City:

The Mexican Labor Party will appear as the only contestant for municipal offices during the coming municipal elections in Mexico City. This is due to the fact that Labor has controlled the municipality for the last five years and has been overwhelmingly victorious over all other contestants in the last few campaigns that no rivals have a chance to win. The Labor Party's administration in Mexico City under the active guidance of José Lopez-Cortez who is also general secretary of the Mexican Federation of Labor (the CROM) has had outstanding success in stabilizing the city's finances, in greatly improving the public administration and in carrying out a program of public improvements that has the approval of all classes of society.

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Labor Elects 26 Representatives in Japan Election

First Vote Cast by Newly Enfranchised Workers Shocks Rulers

Japan's workingmen cast their first ballots at the elections of members of the prefectural councils in September, and the results were anxiously watched as the first test of the new universal manhood-suffrage law. The government had led, with 602 candidates elected; the Opposition won 522 seats—a closer vote than was anticipated. But the most interesting sign was the appearance for the first time at a Japanese election of official representatives of Labor.

The Government's repression of early attempts at the formation of Farmer-Labor parties had succeeded in splitting the Labor forces into four groups; but the embryonic parties nominated 200 candidates and elected 28 of them—twice as many as the Government expected. The Rono, most radical and outspoken of the groups, led by Ikou Oyama, who last year was forced to resign his professorship of political science at Waseda University, won 21 of the seats in the important city of Kobe a Labor candidate led the poll.

Politics in Japan are notoriously corrupt; Mr. Oyama's "radicalism" consisted largely in the bitterness of his attack upon bipartisan graft. Even relatively conservative journals express the hope that the advent of these pioneer Laborites will exercise a restraining influence and look forward to further Labor gains in the parliamentary elections of 1928.

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Surprise Vote in Lackawanna, N. Y.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—In Lackawanna, N. Y., where there is no Socialist party organization and no campaign was waged and where former members of the Socialist party filed an eleven hour ticket, an average of 207 votes were cast for the Socialist candidates in the election on November 8.

In the city of Tonawanda, N. Y., where no Socialist ticket has been run in ten years, the name of a Socialist candidate was written in the primaries. This candidate polled 85 votes.

Finn Socialist Made Minister to Germany

By Adolph Salmi

Suolo Wuolijoki, minister of foreign affairs in the Finnish Socialist administration, has been appointed minister to represent Finland in Berlin, a recent Helsinki dispatch states. The entrance of a Socialist into the diplomatic service illustrates how firmly the Socialists have become established in the the government of Finland. Although, not a majority, but instead the largest party, the Socialists are enabled to hold power because the Swedish bloc in the Finnish parliament steadfastly supports the Socialists.

Big Socialist Vote, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

(From The Buffalo Courier-Express)

Niagara Falls—(One of the surprises of the election was the big vote polled by Albert F. Young, Socialist candidate for mayor, who has become known with the completion of the tabulation of election figures. He was given a total of 1,721, the largest vote ever cast for a Socialist candidate in this city.

Mayor William Laughlin, re-elected on the Democratic and Republican tickets, polled a total of 9,322, of which 6,215 were Republican votes and 3,107 Democratic.

WHAT SOCIALISTS ARE AFTER

Full opportunity for full development is the unalienable right of all.

WE DEMAND.
The earth for all the people.
The machinery of production and distribution for all the people.
The collective ownership and control of industry and its democratic management in the interest of all the people.
The elimination of rent, interest, and profit, and the production of wealth to satisfy the wants of all the people.
Cooperative industry in which all shall work together in harmony as the basis of a new social order, a higher civilization, a real republic.
The end of class struggles and class rule, of master and slave, of ignorance and vice, of poverty and shame, of cruelty and crime—the birth of freedom, the dawn of brotherhood, the beginning of MAN.
This is Socialism.

—Eugene Victor Debs.

Socialist Party News

Socialists Victorious

The Socialists were victorious in November elections. Comrades are all enthusiastic over the successes and their desire to build the Party and its press seems to be universal according to letters pouring into National Headquarters.

us that the Socialists desire to cooperate in the rebuilding of the Party in that state. We wish to suggest to the readers of the American Appeal, who wish to become red card members of the Socialist Party and cooperate in the holding of a State Convention in the near future for the purpose of rebuilding the movement in that state, that they write to National Headquarters at once, giving opinions on the matter as to how we may cooperate with one another.

New Jersey

Comrade Robert Loemans of Local Hudson County, Socialist Party, sends more money to Headquarters for our share from memorial meetings. Comrades everywhere that have held such meetings should not forget that 50 per cent of the net proceeds from such meetings are to be sent to the National Office where it will be divided equally between the Party and the American Appeal.

Debs Birth Place Pictures

The Debs Birth Place pictures on good paper, suitable for framing can be had from National Headquarters, 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill. The pictures are 9 1/2" x 11". Single picture 25 cents; one dozen \$2.00; for 100 for \$15.00. The same picture on postcards can be had for 30 cents per dozen or 100 for 50 cents. Comrades will all want one of these beautiful pictures for the home, club rooms, etc., and each comrade will surely want a supply of the postcards to be mailed to friends and relatives.

Splendid Meeting at Pittsburgh, Kans.

Socialists of Kansas held a big enthusiastic meeting at Pittsburgh on Sunday afternoon, November 13. Comrade Arthur Bridwell, the official State Secretary of the Party, and Ross Magill, Acting State Secretary, were on hand from up state as well as others who came to Pittsburgh to talk over organization work and plan for the rebuilding of the Party in Kansas. Much enthusiasm was shown by all the comrades. The meeting was well attended, especially from Pittsburgh and vicinity. Every one seems to be ready to go into the harness and rebuild the Party organization.

The Yugoslav comrades furnished excellent music which started the meeting off with a "bang." National Executive Secretary Henry was the principal speaker of the afternoon and the enthusiasm displayed by the audience proved conclusively that the Socialists of the State, and especially in the district of Pittsburgh, are ready to go ahead.

This enthusiastic meeting, the first one held for some years in that community, proved to the satisfaction of not only the National Secretary, but Comrade Bridwell, Ross Magill, and other leaders that conditions are such that should encourage our comrades everywhere to get busy organizing new locals, getting members at large, and prepare for the 1938 campaign. The Kansas Socialists will be on the job early. They are preparing to raise the money, 50 cents, sent to the National Office for the purpose of sending organizers into the field. Readers of the American Appeal who are Socialists should make it their business to place themselves in the work and get new members, get their application to the Party, collect at least the first month's dues, 50 cents, send the application and the dues to Ross Magill, 401 W. 1st St., Garnett, Kans., and he in turn will issue membership cards.

Comrade Magill is a trained Party man and will doubtless make good in the rebuilding of the Party in that state with the help of the Socialists in all parts of Kansas. Other State Conferences will be held in the near future with the National Office cooperating.

Washington

Comrade Emil Herman writes us that two new members were added to the Seattle Local and he expects others to follow in the rebuilding of the movement in that city. The new members were young men, the very type that make good workers, live wages in Party activity.

Readers of the American Appeal who are not members of the Party should send their name and address and at least their first month's dues to Comrade Emil Herman, 4420 Evanston Ave., Seattle, Washington. Comrade Herman has charge of the Northwest District which takes in Washington and Oregon. There is no time to be lost in building the movement and getting ready for the State and National ticket in the Northwest District.

F. M. Dyer, Seattle Ground, Wash. who is a member at large, in good standing in the Socialist Party, informed the District Secretary that he has made a will in which he provides that 1/3 of his estate will go to the Socialist Party with the understanding that the money is to be expended for organizing and educational purposes and that Comrade Emil Herman be the Executor of the Will.

Comrade James Lund of Redondo, Wash., a member of Local Seattle also states that he intends making a similar will except that he will leave all his property to the Socialist Party.

Oklahoma

There has been a number of letters arriving at National Headquarters from the state of Oklahoma, telling

placed itself completely at the disposal of Tammany. Republican election board officials, aided and connived at the wholesale false voting by the Tammany officials. They gave their Tammany friends a helping hand during the recording of the result.

WEVD Offered as Weapon to Fight Injunction Move

NEW YORK.—The entire broadcasting facilities of Station WEVD, the labor radio station operated by the Debs Memorial Fund, 31 Union Square, have been placed at the disposal of William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor; A. F. of L. organizers, and officials of the Amalgamated Association of Street & Electric Railway Employees in their fight against the proposed injunction to be sued out by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, in its effort to prevent the union organization of 14,000 employees.

The offer was made by G. August Gerber, Secretary of the Debs Fund, by telegram to President Green, who is in Washington, and to Hugh Payne, A. F. of L. organizer in New York, Patrick Sheehan and James H. Coleman, representing the transit workers' union.

"It is natural," said Mr. Gerber, in making his announcement, "that we should offer our aid to the A. F. of L. in its struggle against the most iniquitous weapon ever employed against union labor—the injunction. Unions may as well cease to exist if they cannot, by their collective power, refuse to work under frightful conditions or organize the unorganized wherever they can. The Board of Trustees of the Debs Fund has organized Station WEVD to be a crusading vehicle for the hope and aspirations of union labor. WEVD has been organized to be a Civil Liberties forum. An injunction interfering with and prohibiting the right of labor organizations and collective bargaining comes dangerously close to destroying the basic right of free men. In effect, such an injunction reestablishes chattel slavery. We shall not be found wanting in this emergency. We will broadcast to the world labor's position in this struggle against predatory capital."

Terrorism Used to Stamp Out Unions In Pennsylvania

The club has followed the extensive use of the mine bosses of Pennsylvania to stamp out trade unionism in Pennsylvania, according to a report issued by the American Civil Liberties Union telling of a fresh outburst of appalling and bloody atrocities by coal and iron pickets. The Civil Liberties account follows:

Four coal miners, pickets, were beaten up and seriously injured at Avella, Penn. recently by coal and iron police who are alleged to have been drunk, according to reports received by the American Civil Liberties Union from the mine fields of western Pennsylvania where a strike has been on since April 1. A majority of the mine operators of that section have abrogated agreements with the United Mine Workers of America and are attempting to break this organization and operate on a non-union basis at a greatly decreased wage scale.

Evidence has been gathered to show that this attack by the coal and iron police is one of many sponsored or countenanced by the coal operators in a united attempt to break down the morale of the strikers.

According to the victims of the assault at Avella, the coal and iron policemen involved in it had been drinking during the day in a saloon just outside the stockade of the company owning the Aurora mine at that place. About 6:30 o'clock in the afternoon, one of the police staggered out and waved some blows at one of the miner pickets, demanding that he go and get some whiskey for them.

When the miner, George Harkow, refused to help them, they retired, but came back about 6:30 o'clock and attacked him with a blackjack. Harkow resisted and was battered down. His skull was fractured. Albina Galigini was attacked by them and badly beaten up as he walked down the road on the way to a doctor to

get medicine for his sick child. Joe Lazar stepped out of the picket shack across the road and they attacked him, beating him up badly. Angelo Simonetti was attacked as he was going home from the picket line. Two coal and iron police, both of whom he says were drunk, grabbed him by the coat and tore it partly off. He tried to run and one of them held him while the other beat him up. He finally tore loose and ran. One of the police fired a shot at him, but he missed his mark. All four of the men had to be taken to the hospital for treatment.

No charges were made against the police. There had previously been several other examples of this type of intimidation occurred at Harnamary, Penn., on October 21 when George Binigula, a striking miner, was shot through the leg by an officer, who, it is alleged, was drunk. The officer was indicted in an argument with some other mine people and had been come highly abusive when Binigula came up and protested. The officer grabbed his pistol suddenly and shot Binigula in the leg. The officer then ran.

The deputies and coal and iron police, there had previously made several attacks on women and children. A woman, nursing a child, was pushed down an embankment by one of them and was seriously injured.

700 Church Leaders, In Move to End War, Petition President

The tremendous swing of the church elements of America to the peace movement was strikingly illustrated by the latest move of 700 representatives of millions of church people in every part of the United States in the presentation of a petition to President Coolidge, asking that the United States accept the French offer to sign an anti-war pact. In part the petition says:

"We heartily welcome the proposal of M. Briand that France and the United States shall make mutual engagement for the renunciation of an instrument of national policy. We believe:

"1. That war should never again be resorted to by civilized nations as the means for settling disputes or enforcing claims.

"2. That war, save for self-defense against actual attack, should be outlawed and declared by the nations to be an international crime.

"3. That the renunciation of war by treaties and solemn engagement should be undertaken between all the principal nations, adequate provision being made for conciliation, mediation, arbitration and judicial settlement.

"4. That such engagements constitute an essential measure in creating the spirit of mutual confidence which must precede a general movement for disarmament.

"And that the settlement of every threatening dispute, whether of its nature, should be sought only by pacific means.

"We therefore request our president and senate to respond promptly and favorably to the proposal of M. Briand. And we desire that the same action be taken by the other nations that the United States would be pleased and would hope to enter into similar agreements with them."

"We respectfully submit this appeal and earnestly hope for early and favorable action."

Bishop William F. McFowell, chairman of the committee in a written statement said, "This memorial is one of the many indications of a rising tide of interest throughout the churches in making war an outgrown thing of the past."

Colorado Outlaws Strikers—Liberties Union Enters Fight

A serious encroachment on the rights of organized labor is embodied in a proclamation by Governor Adams of Colorado outlawing the I. W. W. coal strikers. Prior to this act Governor Adams repeatedly declared that the I. W. W. was an un-American organization. This automatically withdrew all legal protection from the strikers and makes all their acts as strikers illegal and subject to prosecution by the state. Practically all the strike leaders have been arrested since the promulgation of this act.

While the I. W. W. is strongly opposed by the American Federation of Labor and regarded as a dual union, this action by the governor of a state is a dangerous attack on all labor organization.

Prior to the outlawing of the I. W. W., the American Civil Liberties Union with headquarters in New York, entered into the fight, as the result of serious violations of the law by the government of Colorado. The Civil Liberties account says:

Colorado's sweeping law against picketing to strike or continuing to work which is now being used in an attempt to break the strike of

Militarism Had Real Defeat In Recent Revolt in Mexico

Mexican Account of Gomez-Sereno Uprising

Editor's Note

The summary execution last week of General Arzuffo Gomez, Mexican reactionary, counter-revolutionary, rings down the curtains of the latest military drama in Mexico. This event has far more significance than appears on the surface. It was really the defeat by democracy of the latest Fascist, or capitalist-militarist method of crushing democracy, arresting social progress and "consolidating the gains of capitalism." The same method which had succeeded in Italy, Spain, Hungary, Bulgaria and other European countries in the establishment of military dictatorships, was nipped in the bud as a result of the democratic loyalty of the Mexican soldiers and the social solidarity of the Mexican workers and peasants. The establishment of a military dictatorship as tyrannical, savage and undemocratic as Mussolini's regime was prevented right on the border of the United States. This victory of the people is important for the United States and for the whole world.

Capitalism is bound to attempt to militarize wherever seriously threatened by real democracy. The Mexican people have demonstrated that this can be prevented from doing so. The further widespread march of fascism and throw it back in confusion and defeat. The Mexican event also demonstrates that democratic preparedness consists in the holding of political—governmental—power by common people—the workers. As the workers rise to political power, the nightmare of Fascism fades from the earth.

The following account of the events and meaning of the recent Mexican military uprising was sent to the American Appeal by the Mexican Press Service, Mexico City:

The so-called Gomez-Sereno rebellion of October 2nd, has been completely crushed by the energy of President Calles and his administration.

The incident was the outcome of differences which began in the spring with the appearance of three candidates for the coming presidential period in Mexico, elections for which take place in 1938, two of them the General Gomez and General Sereno, well-known military leaders and speakers of great power among the Mexican people. After reflection, General Sereno spoke openly about revolution and declared that they would take arms against the Federal Government in case the votes when cast were not in their favor. But even before the campaign could be begun to have gotten well under way it was generally apparent to everyone and to the leaders as well that the popular vote was not in their favor—not so much because of their doubtful personalities and their general unpopularity with the great masses of the Mexican people, and both decided to appeal to force. A military uprising throughout the Republic, planned months before, was timed for the above-mentioned date. It was directed against the Constitutional Government of President Calles because both anti-revolutionist candidates claimed that the Calles Government was supposedly helping the other side and supporting the candidacy of Obregon.

The Government acted swiftly. Loyal troops from Mexico City were ordered to pursue the marching rebels under General Alameda. Loyal troops in the neighborhood of Torreón were ordered to attack the rebels in Torreón who after three hours of battle were dispersed and Torreón once more placed under control of forces loyal to the Federal Government. Rebelious officers were court-martialed, condemned to death on the spot of high treason and summarily executed.

Like procedure was followed in the states and thus the Government succeeded in keeping the situation in hand. The Government's next move was against General Sereno who was arrested by loyal troops in Cuernavaca, brought before a military court and with thirteen intimate friends and associates, accompanying him was condemned and executed on the spot. A few days later the joint rebel forces of Gomez and Alameda were beaten by loyal troops and the greater part brought back to Mexico City as prisoners.

The two rebel leaders and their followers were guilty of at least two grave and highly important errors in judgment: They forgot about the vast change which has taken place

in Mexico during the last few years and the entirely changed criterion of the Mexican public toward military rebellion and the political activities of military leaders; they also underestimated greatly the efficiency and energy of the Calles Government. These two facts are mainly responsible for the speedy termination of the rebellion.

It must not be forgotten that President Calles has publicly declared that he had full knowledge of the activities of the disloyal leaders, full details of the attempted assault long before it broke and that he permitted it to come to full fruition so as to avoid giving the rebels justified reason to claim that the Constitutional Government of which he is head had taken prejudicial action against them. The real reason back of President Calles' determination before it started, however, lay in his utter confidence in the support of the peasant and worker masses of Mexico—a trust which the outcome of the rebellion has shown Calles to have clearly measured the psychological change which is coming about in the ranks of the army of Mexico—which confidence he voiced publicly just a few days before the crisis was borne out as well when the rebel camps and the rank and file broke up in rebellion from their barracks and under false pretenses returned in large numbers of their own volition when they sensed what was happening.

Soldiers Too Loyal

Special military manoeuvres in the nature of a fiesta had been planned and took place in one of the outposts of Mexico City on the evening of October 2nd. After they were over, it was learned that certain companies did not return to their barracks but, assuming an anti-government attitude, sought a menacing position and, knowing that a large part of the city garrison would remain loyal to the Government, left town to join the rebellious forces in the states of Puebla and Vera Cruz. During that same night, October 2nd, the Government learned that both presidential candidates—General Gomez and General Sereno—had left for the state of Vera Cruz where his following was strong due to his long service on that section as Chief of Military Operations, and that General Sereno was prepared to take over the troops in the state of Morelos and to lead them against the Federal Government. It was also learned that the attitude of rebellion assumed by the troops stationed at Torreón, Cuahuila meant the strategic position of the central Government and that the position of some of the other states was doubtful.

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Importance of Army Control

Thinking of the real import of the rebellion in Mexico it is often and quite generally claimed that whatever controls the army control the country. Events of the last half century proved this claim. It is the nature of the Mexico of today, the recent attempted imbroiglo, confirming once more the failure of the Huerta rebellion of 1923, showed clearly that the fraction leader, a greatly overestimated their political importance and personal influence. They found only small following. The great bulk of the Mexican federal army remained loyal to the Government, the best possible proof that even the military elements of Mexico have at last understood the real position of the army as keeper of the peace. Peace, however, progress can be guaranteed only by peaceful methods, and we may say, have gone far on the road to understanding that the participation of the military in politics must inevitably result in disaster. The time is past in Mexico when military elements can make or desire to make revolutions. Revolutions are made only by the people and today the great masses of the Mexican people are zealously supporting the Calles Government which has meant for them peace, progress and some beginnings of economic freedom. Even Gomez, in passing through the country, must know that his greatest personal danger lies in the skaramas (the peasants) who feel menaced through his policy and are therefore determined to lend every aid to the Federal Government in crushing reaction. What happened was in no way a rebellion of the army, but rather of a few leaders who did not understand the real Mexico of today and were willing to sacrifice all for the sake of their personal power.

Everyone knows that no one can succeed today in Mexico in a reactionary policy in which even presidential candidates failed and paid with their lives. In all foreign countries, it must be understood that Mexico is moving decidedly toward democracy in 1938. Presidential elections in 1938 are being held in a manner so far as recording the people's choice by means of a free and open election. By and by the many are concerned by the already taken place. A candidate who was willing to trust his fate to the hands of the voters. In doing so, the Mexican people have decided in favor of the candidate who was willing to trust his fate to the hands of the voters. In doing so, the Mexican people have decided in favor of Obregon who has a long record of service to the people and who has demonstrated his loyalty to the development of the Mexican Republic.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Our Splendid Gains

American Socialists have every cause to jubilate and celebrate and say, "I told you so."

A Deadly Parallel

In one of its resolutions at Los Angeles the American Federation of Labor puts Soviet Russia and Fascist Italy in the same class, designating both as Fascism.

Mussolini and Our Press Are Exposed

By Ernest Untermann (In The Milwaukee Leader) George Seligson, former correspondent of The Chicago Tribune in Rome, expelled by Mussolini for telling the truth about Fascism, points in the November number of Harper's Magazine a picture of Fascist censorship which confirms The Leader's special reports.

Incidentally, Seligson makes a grave charge against the majority of the American newspaper correspondents in Italy. He declares that most of them have accepted Mussolini's bribe of 6,000 cable words per month free of charge, and that for this reason those American newspapers print only articles in praise of Fascism.

The Enemy Also Strengthens Position

While glorious news of the now rapidly rising tide of Socialism comes from countries all over the world, Fascism the antithesis of Socialism and its deadly international enemy, has within the week formally dropped the last form and pretense of democracy from the structure of Italian government and the Mussolini dictatorship has become a savage and sinister fact.

To Expose Al Smith As A Tammany Tool

(Editorial, The New Leader, New York) In spite of criminal intimidation and herding of "floaters" to the polls, the Socialist Party made substantial increases in its vote. Judge Panken was re-elected and Charles Johnson elected to the Assembly in the 22nd district of Brooklyn but neither man will serve in office. Their election was vetoed by the criminal elements that serve the "New Tammany" and the choice of these elements will prevail over the choice of the voters.

Capitalism Blurs

By Oscar Ameringer (In The Milwaukee Leader) For an exhibition of prize boobyism mixed with unadulterated glibly recommended the meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce recently held in West Baden, Indiana.

Bankers Propose Fascist Army Here

(From Labor, Washington, D. C.) (Speaking before the National Crime Commission, gathered in Washington, James E. Baum, deputy manager of the American Bankers' Association, openly advocated a nation-wide organization of vigilantes on what he called the "Iowa plan."

The Inevitable Fruits of Empire

(From The Baptist, Religious Publication, Chicago) Some time ago in these columns attention was called to the proposed treaty between the United States and Panama as likely to be more than the people of Panama could swallow.

Ontario State Railway Success

TORONTO.—For the first time in its history, the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway, owned and operated by the province of Ontario, has been able this year to meet all interest charges out of earnings.

Significance of British Labor Gain

(From The Nation, New York) The gain by the Labor Party of more than a hundred new seats in the local elections just held in England and Scotland has this year a particular significance. Labor majorities in many borough and town councils and boards of guardians, and strong Labor minorities in many more, have, since the war, been a source of bitter annoyance to the Conservatives.

Foreign Trade Increases

"The co-operatives have grown enormously. The consumers' co-operatives have a membership of 12,000,000 and run upward of 60,000 stores, and the farm co-operatives have a membership of 7,500,000. Last year the co-operatives conducted 44 per cent of the internal trade and upward of 10 per cent of the foreign trade.

School Attendance Grows

"In the czarist empire four subjects out of five were illiterate. Illiteracy has now been reduced to 18 per cent among the male citizens of the soviet union and 53 per cent among the women. Expenditures for public education were \$344,535,000 last year as compared with \$112,140,000 in 1913. There were 3,000,000 more pupils in the public schools than before the war.

Year's Harvest Good

"The soviet union this fall gathered its third successive good harvest. Grain production was somewhat lower than in 1926, the other crops larger in some instances by 50 per cent. Bumper crops of cotton and sugar beets brought production in these staples up to pre-war. About 35,000 tractors took part in this year's harvest as compared with 500 in 1913.

APPEAL'S FEATURE DEPARTMENT

Harry W. Laidler, Editor

Armistice Day--A Rallying Call to the Forces of Peace

By Morris Hillquit

Nine years ago today the opposing armies in the great world war laid down their arms on all battle fronts as a preliminary step to a formal declaration of peace. This came to an end the most ghastly carnage ever inflicted on the human race.

was economic in motive and object, a ghastly holocaust in human history was not a sacrificial offering to lofty ideals but a sordid slaughter for material enrichment.

It is this reckless and dangerous game of international capitalist rivalry, the imperialist policy of all leading governments that the peace-loving people must sharply watch in the first instance. They must insist persistently and emphatically on the principle that every citizen trading in a foreign country or investing his money in it in the expectation of personal gains, must do so at his own risk and that their government will under no circumstances hazard a single human life in defense of his commercial interests.

And we must insist on immediate drastic limitation and early complete abolition of all armament on land and sea and in the air. In all lands the professional advocates of "preparedness" have ever covered their militaristic minds or selfish business designs in a cloak of super-patriotism and made a noisy and deafening appeal for "national safety."

long as modern nations rely for their safety on their military preparedness each country will always try to outstrip the other in armament, and the terrible war whose end we commemorate today has amply demonstrated that rival armament inevitably leads to ultimate armed conflict.

There is not a dispute between nations that cannot be settled by arbitration rather than by war; by the reasoned judgment of men rather than by blind and brutal force. The people of the world must everywhere demand the invariable substitution of arbitration for war, and because the United States is the strongest and safest of nations the American people must take the lead in the battle for humanity and civilization.

And lastly we must banish militarism from our spirit as well as from our government. Let us cease teaching our children the glory of war but let us inculcate in their young and pliable minds the love of peace and the sacredness of human life.

Let us firmly resolve that the late war, the most ferocious and destructive in human history, shall be the last, for only thus may it come to pass that the rivers of blood shall not have flown in vain, that the cry of anguish from millions of agonizing throats shall not be lost in the wilderness of the ages, and that the 11th day of November, 1918, shall mark a turning point in the history of man, the turning point from savagery to civilization, from madness to reason, from war to peace.

Rise of a Great Union Told Over the Debs Radio Station

Editor's Note

WEVD, Debs Radio Station in New York, is now functioning splendidly as a dispenser of light for Labor, Liberalism and Socialism. Messages of utmost interest and importance are being flashed almost nightly to thousands of listeners.

Brandeis, now Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge W. M. Leub. Throughout our history, too, we have had the steady support of the American Federation of Labor with which we are affiliated, and notably of its presidents, Samuel Gompers and William Green.

In the fifteen years, the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union has wrought wonders in the industry. Benefits which its activities have brought about have extended not only to the workers, but to the industry itself, to the communities in which the industry is located, and to the consuming public.

Instead of the sixty and seventy hour and often limitless week, union workers in the garment industry enjoy the five-day week. As a matter of fact, the dressmakers of New York week in this country. Instead of wages which began at \$3, our Union members begin at a minimum wage which is compatible with the standard of living.

But the program of the Union was not limited to wages and hours, fundamental though these are. The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union was the pioneer in a comprehensive program of workers' education. It was the first labor union to establish its own Health Center at which medical and dental services were furnished at cost.

U. S. Protectorate Ready for Nicaragua. Determination to establish a complete and lasting protectorate over Nicaragua has virtually been made by the American state department, according to William F. Flythe, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

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And mind you, all these branches of the Union activity are far not for the benefit of a few, but for the hundred thousand members and their families, and run in a democratic way. The half-million people affected directly or indirectly by its activities include men and women of every race, every political creed, every age. They include the American flapper of seventeen as well as the bearded men, who a decade ago as immigrants in this Promised Land suffered under the conditions of a sweat-shop. Italian, Jew, German, native-born American, Hungarian, Aryan--the union is in itself a veritable League of Nations united in the great cause of unionism.

Then the cities which house the garment industries, notably New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia--have benefited by the activities of the union. Instead of a dependent, sick population the hundreds of thousands of workers have turned into citizens who are helping to solve the social problems of others, and who through their own purchasing power, have added to the prosperity of the country. And, finally, the industry and production under union conditions have prospered.

But as we have said before, it is not only the workers who benefited by these activities. The woman who buys union-made garments today buys a better quality product. In order to protect the consumer, both workers and employers adopted the Prospanic Label as a guarantee of decent American work-conditions and honest merchandise. I myself have bought garments with the Prospanic label in little towns all over the Middle West as well as in New York.

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A definite treaty, to embody this form of protectorate, will await the Nicaraguan presidential elections of 1928, it was learned, in order that the document may be negotiated with a truly constitutional government and no succeeding government may dispute its legality. Marines will supervise the election. In the meantime the United States will approve an emergency loan of \$2,000,000 to Nicaragua, while the American financial agent will make a survey to determine whether an additional loan of \$20,000,000 may be made.

Relation of Workers' Education To Independent Political Action

Editor's Note

To many, workers education in the United States as conducted by the trade union movement seems like a ship without a rudder. It has no main purpose. It is merely drifting.

Fannia M. Cohn

Secretary of the Educational Department of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Like the labor movement itself, workers' education must have its own natural development, a development influenced by general economic conditions.

unifying force in the labor movement, bringing together the workers of our whole continent, who live from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The Ideology of Labor Education

Such an ideology would include the workers' desire for power to enable them as an organized group to function effectively on the economic, political, social and intellectual fields, and for a voice in the management of industry, since it affects not only the management, but the workers in the industry, and the public as consumers.

Political Action

To develop such an ideology, the labor movement will have to set to formulate a social program based not on personalities, but on ideals. To achieve this program, the labor movement will need to create complicated but efficient machinery.

More Lofty Ideals Needed

The present state of mind of the millions of American workers and of the conditions in which the labor movement finds itself in this country are easily understandable to students of the American labor movement and American history.

This ideal to hold up before the labor movement as an inspiration for forward motion. They realize that if the millions of unorganized workers in our basic industries are to be attracted by trade unionism, then those millions already in the movement must be more inspired by it, more ready to make sacrifices for its further development.

Industry Has Adjusted Itself to Post-War Development

These persons realize that in the postwar period industrialism in our country has adjusted itself to the new world conditions brought into being, in large part, by the Great War.

By A. J. Muste

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Intellectual independence, as a part of a great social movement in society. In addition, these workers feel that we must do something to show labor in general that the employers' promises to the workers are mythical.

Support Labor Colleges

These workers who give hope to the movement have come to feel that the workers' education movement has been and even more in the future will be a contributor. They realize, of course, that the effects cannot be noticed at once, as the movement is still in its infancy, comparatively speaking, and it has taken almost fifty years for the large industrial-

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ship while serving the labor movement in many capacities—whether as officers or members of the rank and file. There in the workers' classes, they will be given the opportunity to enrich their knowledge of the social force that the labor movement is in our modern society; and to infuse in themselves a new spirit that will give them a better outlet for their imaginations and fit them for better service to the cause of the labor movement and to humanity as a whole.

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Farmer Sees Compounding of World Debts as Chief Menace

By R. C. Massey

The World's Debt is steadily compounding. Under our privately owned money-system it can not stop growing greater and greater. Have you stopped to reflect, that if all our money were not borrowed and reborrowed into circulation, and interest paid therefor, on that money and again on the interest, there would soon not be money enough left in circulation to buy a loaf of bread?

Producer Bears Burden

Somewhat (it can only be the producer) must bear this burden as increasing interest. Manufacturers add the interest to the price of their goods and pass it on in increased prices to the merchant. The merchant is compelled to add this same interest to the retail prices, and so he passes it on to the consumers.

Re-Lending Process Endless

May I ask the rank and file readers, will all financial students, to forget for the moment the debtors class, and to turn their attention to that small body of the population, the professional lending class, and note what they do with the interest on any principal that is paid to them on debts? We must study the financial question from this angle if we are to get a clear perspective.

ally comes, with which even the interest on debts is paid. However, by keeping in mind the lending class by itself, we can see clearly why debts are compounding, and why money is being borrowed and reborrowed into circulation, and interest paid therefor, on that money and again on the interest, there would soon not be money enough left in circulation to buy a loaf of bread?

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SOCIAL CONTROL

By A Middle West Parson

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SUGGESTED BY ROSS "Social Control" which states in the language of philosophy and supports by ample data every idea (and much more) to be found in this poetic resume.

PERSONAE

- The Capitalist. The Lawyer. The Editor. The Teacher. The Politician. The Labor Spy. The Policeman. The Parson.

SOCIAL CONTROL Dramatized.

The characters are to be dressed to fit their parts. The capitalist in rich attire. The Lawyer in the old fashioned Court costume, powdered wig etc.

THE DIALOGUE

Capitalist. (Seated) The herd runs wild. Your task is now to make the mass to humbly bow to me: to see in me their friend while I use them for selfish end.

Lawyer. My Master! Lord of jobs and bread! It shall be done as you have said. My part shall be to use the law to keep the common herd in awe.

Editor. I'll make the Law seem true and just; Quote ancient rules. The people must be made to feel the Law gives all an equal chance. For this they'll fall.

Teacher. Oh! Captain of our jobs! Great Boss! The Press has power. I'll shrewdly toss contention to the common herd; Confuse their minds by printed word.

Parson. I'll print your deeds as wisely done. You'll shine to me like kindly sun; Warm smiling frowns; and day by day Your honest worth I'll well portray.

Capitalist. Well said, my minions. Still I need a shrewder plan. Some one must lead the minds of men. Some inner power Must rule their thinking every hour.

Lawyer. These outward acts can be controlled By Law and State, by Sherriff's bold. The inward thinking, that must be Controlled by shrewd psychology.

Editor. My Lord! These other plans sound good. But I've a scheme. One never should Stake herd control on outward sign. One needs a plan which looks benign.

Teacher. That makes a man a slave in mind. In all the other schemes you'll find The fatal weakness. Slave! Not he Who thinks free thoughts; such will be free.

Parson. "Belief" is your most potent charm To keep the herd in hand. Your arm, Though bulwarked by the Laws of States, Sustained by Press, by scholars great,

Capitalist. Cannot control unless within The mind there lurks the sense of sin To trouble those who dare to dream Of free bold actions. Now, my scheme,

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WHAT SHOULD BE THE ISSUES OF THE 1928 CAMPAIGN?

Clarissa A. Kneeland

(Prather, California) The three most important issues for the American people are:

First—The taking over for public ownership and operation, of everything that is of vital importance to the public.

Second—The absolute quitting and outlawing of war, regardless of what any other nation may see fit to do.

Third—The restoring and preserving of our civil liberties, as they are guaranteed to us in our constitution.

In regard to the Volstead act which is already on our statutes, it should be rigidly enforced, not repealed!

That it can be enforced Gifford Pinchot, Ex-Governor of Pennsylvania and many others, are abundantly able to testify. And even as half heartedly, crazily and lop-sidedly as the enforcement has been in the past, even so, the act has been a benefit to the country as a whole.

From what I can see and hear it is my firm conviction that prohibition is not only of vast benefit to the working class (and all other classes) of today, but that it will be of priceless value to the children who are yet to be born.

And their rights should stand first.

John H. Matheson

(Moscow, Montana) Regarding the formulation of a program that will fit the needs of the farmer I suggest: A standard price for what commodities he must purchase and a standard price for what he produces.

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