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THE FARMER-LABOR CONVENTION AND PLATFORM

"PROGRESSIVE" PHRASE MONGERING AND
FASCIST PRACTICE OF DEMAGOGIC
AGENTS OF WALL STREET

(Continued from last week)

Socialist-Farmer Labor Incest
Lawson's proposal was opposed by Sigmund Slonin, a Socialist from Duluth. Slonin argued that, while the Socialist Party had sold its soul on a state basis in Minnesota to help the Farmer Labor party, it would not do so on a national scale. Slonin realized that while the attempt to mislead the masses in Minnesota was well taken care of by the Farmer Labor party, and that therefore the Socialist party could temporarily submerge its identity on a state basis, this should not take place on a national scale because the capitalist class has need of the Socialist Party on a national scale to deceive the militant elements among the workers and farmers. R. S. Wiggins, also opposed the proposal, not because he disagreed with it fundamentally but because it was necessary to be cautious about this horse trading which might cost the Farmer Labor party the support of many workers and farmers.

"The proposal is not opportune at this time. Bear in mind what Governor Olson said when he was in Washington last year. He told the old party leaders that unless one or the other selects a progressive candidate for president, there will be a third party ticket in the field. Let's wait and see what they do. The state executive committee has the power to select a slate of presidential electors and let them take care of that."

The Farmer Labor party will wait to see the results of the Republican and Democratic conventions and then decide on which of the old candidates it can use most effectively as a "progressive" in its demagogic, leaving the door open meanwhile to support a third major party candidate under the "progressive" label.

The matter of trading off the support of the Farmer Labor party on a national scale was left to a horse trading committee of ten.

Farmers Union Supports F-L-P
The Farmer Labor party has, of course, not only the support of the labor lieutenants of the capitalist class but also the support of its farm agents. The Farmers Union Herald quotes with approval the platform statements of the Farmer Labor party on "agricultural relief" and finds they are "clear, concise and specific" as compared with the Democratic state platform which is "sympathetic, but vague and indefinite" and the Republican state platform which is "evasive" and devoid of "specific meaning."

What the Farmers Union finds of real praise in the Farmer Labor party is that it is a third capitalist party. The Farmers Union is of the opinion that this is the most effective means to mislead the militant workers and farmers. While the Minnesota Farmer Labor party is restricted by horse trading in its support of a national third party the Farmers Union finds no such restrictions. It can support individual "progressives" and demand a "progressive" party nationally. This reads as follows in the language of the Farmers Union Herald:

"The party in Minnesota is waiting for the progressives in the other forty-seven states to realize the necessity of a real national party resting its support on organized labor and organized agriculture as an economic base and making its appeal to the progressives of all other walks of life."

"All forward looking people will agree that such a party must come into existence in the United States if we are to have constructive reform and avoid revolution."

"We repeat that some day the forces of organized agriculture, of organized labor and all other progressive-minded citizens will come to a realization of the fact that they must own, control and finance a political party of their own, which party will be frankly and boldly opposed to the economic system which has concentrated 80 per cent of the wealth of the nation in the hands of 4 per cent of the population."

Farmers Union Warns of Revolution
"The capitalistic system is on trial for its life," says the Farmer Labor party. Its blood brother, the Farmers Union, gives assent to this analysis and warns of "revolution." To "avoid revolution" it will be necessary to organize a third capitalist party on a national scale. The task of this party will be to provide "constructive reform." This party will be "frankly and boldly opposed to the (present) economic system."

This "frank and bold opposition" to the capitalist system is but a repetition of the "radical" phraseology of the preamble of the Farmer Labor platform. What it amounts to in the practice of the Farmers Union is the milking of the farmers for the business struggle with the other gamblers on the board of trade and in the farm markets. In the practice of the Farmer Labor party it means carrying thru the attack of the capitalist class with a little more demagoguery but just as ruthlessly as do the other capitalist parties thruout the country.

Among broad sections of the working class, thruout the country, there is arising a militant determination for mass struggle against the misery and terror of the crisis and the capitalist class which is responsible for it. This rising struggle for relief means a determination on the part of the toiling masses to resist the attempt on the part of the capitalist class to make them pay the burden of the crisis.

A Third Capitalist Party

This rising militancy finds expression also in the growing realization among the workers and farmers that both major parties are organs of the capitalist class in the exploitation and oppression of the working class. The platform and propaganda of the Farmer Labor party in Minnesota is assigned to divert the militancy on the workers and farmers of Minnesota into a third party channel. This Farmer Labor party in its theory and in its practice is nothing but a third party of capitalism. Its "radical" demagoguery is only a cover to conceal its practical activities in support of the capitalist class and its system. In addition to "radical" demagoguery it injects issues into the election struggle for the purpose of diverting the masses from thinking about their own immediate problems.

What the Farmer Labor party does on a local scale in Minnesota, the "progressives" attempt to do on a national scale under one name or another. This "progressivism" is nothing but third capitalist party progress in deceiving the masses into continued support of the capitalist system, progress in diverting the militancy of the masses into channels which mean guaranteeing to the capitalist class its plunder and loot, and its right to exploit and oppress the toilers of city and farm.

MEET AT HOBART, WASHINGTON, WINS 20 NEW MEMBERS

Hobart, Wash., May 5.—A packed hall greeted Comrade Elbe on April 24 to hear him explain the program of the United Farmers League. He pointed out the cause of the present crisis, and told the farmers present that they must organize in their own organization so that they can, in solidarity with the industrial workers, prevent the capitalist class from placing the burden of the crisis on the backs of the toiling masses.

The farmers present were very much interested and about 20 indicated by a show of hands that they would join the United Farmers League and several stated that they were going to try and organize UFL groups in their respective communities.

The sale of literature was very good and a collection of \$6.40 was taken up to aid in the organizational work. —ARCHIE YOUNG.

Successful May Day Demonstration Held In Palisade, Minn.

Palisade, Minn., May 5.—The May Day program was very well attended. In former years May Day was observed here by a few Finnish families. This year, however, the community was well represented, all nationalities taking part. Comrades Walter Harju and Mike Miller of Superior were with us. Both spoke at length on the origin of May Day and on the program of the Communist Party. Comrade Miller represented the Young Communist League and he appealed to the young people. Comrade Irja Traast of the local YCL made a speech which was unusually well delivered.

JAPANESE TROOPS MOVED TOWARD SOVIET FRONTIER

CAPITALIST PRESS EXPECTS
EARLY ATTACK ON SOVIET FRONTIER

All available craft on the Sungari River in Northern Manchuria have been seized by the Japanese for a huge movement of troops to the Soviet border. Scores of river craft, including sidewheel steamers, are towing scows laden with Japanese troops down the Sungari River toward its junction with the Amur River. The Amur River is the boundary line between the Soviet Union and Kirin Province, Manchuria.

To the northeast of the Sungari River scores of crowded Japanese troop trains are rushing along the Chinese Eastern Railway towards Hailin, a Manchurian town 125 miles from the Soviet border at that point. Japanese troops are reported pushing beyond Hailin to the Manchurian town of Pogranichnaya, directly on the Soviet border.

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NINE WORKERS MOWED DOWN BY CHICAGO THUGS

POLICE, LEGION, GUNMEN
UNITE IN BRUTAL ATTACK

CHICAGO, Ill., May 8.—Hundreds of unemployed and employed workers were lined up against a wall Friday in Melrose Park, Ill., and sprayed with bullets from machine guns and revolvers in the hands of city police, American Legionnaires and gangsters.

Nine workers were severely wounded by bullets, many were clubbed and over sixty were arrested. The wounded men are in the hands of the police and details are lacking as to the extent of their injuries, but the capitalist newspapers report that three are "probably fatally wounded."

Workers report that shots inside the jail have been heard. Screams from the arrested workers have been heard in the street outside.

Investigation and the evidence of the workers at the Melrose Park meeting shot up by police machine guns Friday, prove absolutely that the police stories are lies and that the whole affair was a deliberately planned attempt at massacre of the unemployed.

Protest Meeting

The meeting which was fired on was called for Friday, May 6, at 2:30 p. m., by the Unemployed Council and International Labor Defense, to protest against the attack by police on the May first demonstration held in Melrose Park, and to protest against a series of kidnappings and brutal attacks on workers by police in the days following May Day.

Lined Against Wall

A hall had been secured for the

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Miners' Committee Is Ging to Canton and Akron to Get Relief

Amsterdam, Ohio. —A committee of miners from Amsterdam is going into Canton and Akron to collect relief for the Amsterdam miners. They will be housed and fed in these cities by the W. I. R. branches and every effort will be made in these cities to organize a broad relief campaign. The Canton branch of the W. I. R. writes the W. I. R. committee in Bridgeport: "We are glad to hear that the miners are coming, and we are sure that they will get the full support of the Workers International Relief and its affiliated organizations, as well as other workers and their organizations. We are planning to give a play and concert for the benefit of the striking miners."

ST. LOUIS COUNTY U.F.L. CONFERENCE SET FOR MAY 29

CONFERENCE WILL DISCUSS
METHODS OF ORGANIZATION
USED THRUOUT COUNTRY

Virginia, Minn., May 8. — The St. Louis county conference of the United Farmers League is going to take place on May 29 starting at 10 a. m. at the Roma Hall.

The conference was to be held on May 15 but due to some other important matters coming up the date had to be changed at the board meeting of the United Farmers League of St. Louis county.

Every UFL local in this county as well as Beltrami and Clearwater must take note of this and get their delegates elected. Other farmers organizations that are interested in the militant program of the United Farmers League should be held in every UFL local and also the other farmers' organizations that are interested in the UFL on proposals from their locality for the conference. In this way the conference will be able to find out just what are the problems that are facing them and also on their method of organization that they have used in their locality in mobilizing the farmers in the United Farmers League.

REINO TANTTILA,
St. Louis County Organizer,
United Farmers League.

700 FARMERS AND WORKERS IN WASH. MAY DAY MEETING

DEMAND FREEDOM FOR TOM MOONEY, SCOTTISBORO BOYS AND CENTRALIA VICTIMS

Bryant, Wash., May 5. — The Bryant local of the U. F. L. held a May Day picnic at the Pilchuck River which turned out to be a great success. Workers and farmers started coming about ten o'clock and a pot-luck lunch was enjoyed at noon. By 2:00 o'clock a crowd of 700 had gathered to hear the program.

Chairman Pat Cantwell gave a few remarks before introducing Comrade Uppel who gave a brief history of International Labor Day. Comrade Elbe spoke briefly on the "Liberty Party" and also on the war danger, the USSR and also what disastrous effects its overthrow would have on the working class thruout the world.

Comrade Helen Quist of Seattle gave the main address in which she touched on the origin of International Labor Day, the present economic conditions and the war danger.

A few "Liberty Party" men were on the grounds and were going to try to sell some literature but some of the comrades soon put a stop to that. It was rumored they had a speaker there but when Chairman Cantwell called for questions they must have had an attack of stage fright.

Resolutions were unanimously endorsed demanding the unconditional release of Tom Mooney, the Scottsboro Boys, and the remaining Centralia Armistice Day victims who are now serving at Walla Walla, Washington. Copies of the resolutions were sent to the governors of the respective states.

—JOHN KRONHOLM, Secretary.

Three Militants are Released Thru Protest of 1000 Workers, Farmers

FARMERS WIFE ASSAULTED BY COMMISSIONER

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REFUSE RELIEF FOR
FARMERS, JOBLESS

BAGLEY, Minn., May 9

—A cowardly attack on one of the representatives of the workers and farmers was the answer on May 3 of the county commissioners to the demands for relief for the destitute masses of the county. During the course of the May Day meeting here on May first, a joint committee of the United Farmers League and the Unemployed Council was elected to demand work from the county commissioners for the unemployed workers and for the destitute farmers.

The county commissioners met on May 3. On the same day the committee elected by the United Farmers League and the Unemployed Council met in the courthouse. Seventy militant farmers attended the meeting. The demands to be presented to the county commissioners which were drawn up at this meeting included road work or relief for the unemployed workers and the small farmers of Clearwater County and that the teams of small farmers be used instead of machinery for the road work.

Comrade Ed. C. Baumann, a small farmer, and county organizer of the United Farmers League, was elected spokesman. The meeting was adjourned and the committee went downstairs to the county commissioners meeting which was being held in the sheriff's office. When Comrade Baumann presented the demands, the banker - controlled commissioner, Hugh Pattison, jumped up to throw the spokesman from the courthouse. Pattison has never done anything in Clearwater County but exploit the workers and farmers.

When Pattison jumped up Mrs. Baumann stood by her husband. Hugh Pattison grabbed and hit her, swearing as he did so, "God damn you, I'll put you out too!" She defended herself and the farmers came to her rescue. When Pattison saw the fighting spirit of the workers and farmers present he sat down like the coward that he is.

Comrade Baumann asked the commissioners if they were going to accept the demands of the workers and farmers. The commissioners all said "No" with the exception of commissioner Holton

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Protest Arrest of Militants

FARMERS SEND RESOLUTION TO COUNTY OFFICERS

The following resolution was presented to the county commissioners, the sheriff, and the county attorney of Beltrami County on behalf of the organized farmers of Clearwater County in protest against the arrest on May 4 of Comrades Mrs. Hannah, Baumann and Comrade Otis Daigle.

Be it resolved:

We, the Committee of Action, representing the 300 organized farmers of Clearwater County, Minn., hereby protest against the arrest of Comrade Mrs. Baumann, who is the wife of a poor farmer living in Clearwater County, who was sent by us to Bemidji, Minn. on legal business, and while in the company of her friend and Comrade Mrs. Hannah was unlawfully and with no just cause arrested and thrown into jail by the Sheriff of Beltrami County at the order of the County Commissioners of Beltrami County.

We further protest against the brutal assault and arrest of Comrade Otis Daigle, an unemployed worker of Bemidji, Minn., and the arrest and jailing of Mrs. E. W. Hannah. These comrades were guilty of no crime and were only demanding relief for hungry workers and children, and demanding the right to a seat in the County Commissioners room which is a public place in a public building where all citizens have a right to be.

We further demand the immediate release of these comrades.

ANDREW PORTER,
Chairman of Committee of Action of Clearwater Co., Minn.

125 PARADE MAY DAY IN BAGLEY

SIX YOUNG FARMERS AND WORKERS JOIN Y. C. L.

BAGLEY, Minn., May 6.—One hundred and twenty-five unemployed workers and farmers demonstrated here May first. They paraded the streets of the town carrying revolutionary songs and banners demanding the release of Tom Mooney and all class war prisoners. The parade went to the courthouse lawn where a demonstration was held protesting the brutal frame-up of Mooney.

After this the workers and farmers marched back to the Odd Fellows Hall for a mass meeting. The red flag was displayed here for the first time in a public meeting.

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U.F.L. WILL RALLY FARMERS TO RESIST EVICTIONS IN OHIO

New United Farmers League Local Organized at May Day Meeting of Small Farmers

Leetonia, Ohio, May 3.—A May Day meeting of poor farmers and farm laborers was held on Saturday night, April 30, at the home of Geno Rondini in Green township, Trumbull county. This meeting was hastily called but there were about 40 present, including a number of boys and girls in their teens.

The farmer in whose house the meeting was held is about to lose his farm upon which he and his wife have erected good buildings by their own labor. However, something happened Saturday night which may spike the money lenders' plans. A unit of the United Farmers League was organized and even as this is written plans are under way to rouse the poor farmers of the neighborhood against the seizure of this farmer's home by the money sharks and to raise in the neighborhood the militant demand that no farmer shall lose his home because of failure to pay rent, taxes or interest on mortgage debt.

In this section are a large number of truck farms, some general farms and a number of dairy farms. All are hard pressed. Many who last year raised vegetables will grow none this year as they feel there is no good in planting seeds only to see their products rot. The dairy farmers are about ready to quit as the milk dealers are getting all the profits from the production of milk.

Many farms in this section have already been lost to the money lenders. One banker a few years ago owned a big tract of muck land favorable for vegetable growing. He parceled out about half of this tract and sold it to poor workers who came out from the city to try to make a living on the soil. These workers all made substantial down payments but when the economic crisis came down upon them they were unable to continue making the installments. Now this banker, who is a good Christian and a member of the Farm Bureau, owns all of the original land and he has the money of these poor workers as well. The workers have been turned out into the cold to beg, starve or steal.

WIN SUSPENDED SENTENCES FOR FARMERS WIVES

JAILED WITHOUT WARRANT BY SHERIFF ON ORDERS OF COMMISSIONERS

BAGLEY, Minn., May 9

—One thousand workers and farmers demonstrated in Bemidji on May 4 against the brutal arrests of three of their comrades who had demanded relief for the destitute families of the county. Due to the great mass protest, the jailed comrades had their sentences suspended. The arrested comrades were Mrs. Hannah, Mrs. Ed. Baumann and Otis Daigle, an unemployed worker. On May 3, a committee of the Unemployed Council of Bemidji called on the County Commissioners of Beltrami County to demand relief for the starving families. The commissioners flatly refused to provide any relief. The following day the committee called on the commissioners again with Mrs. Hannah as spokesman. The commissioners called the sheriff and two deputies and Mrs. Hannah was thrown into jail. They also jailed Mrs. Ed. Baumann and Otis Daigle.

When comrades Ed Baumann and Hannah called on the county commissioners to find out why Mrs. Hannah and Mrs. Baumann and Otis Daigle had been arrested they were told that the commissioners had filed no charges against them and that it was up to the sheriff.

When they called on Sheriff Johnson he said that it was up to the commissioners. The three prisoners were arraigned before Judge Bailey but were released without bonds until May 6. On May 6, at 2 p. m., each prisoner was handed a warrant while in the courthouse. Mrs. Hannah was charged with disturbing the commissioners meeting. The warrant was served by Commissioner Paulson. Mrs. Baumann and Otis Daigle were charged with resisting Sheriff Johnson and deputy sheriff Cayhill during the arrest of Mrs. Hannah. All were found guilty. Mrs. Hannah was given 60 days and Mrs. Baumann was sentenced to 10 days.

In both cases the sentence was suspended due to the mass demonstration of 1,000 workers and farmers who had demanded their release on May 4. The United Farmers League of Clearwater County sent a truck load of farmers to Bemidji as a committee of action to demonstrate with the workers and farmers there against the arrests. The truck got into Bemidji at midnight, however, too late to participate in the demonstration which was held on the streets.

OPEN GREAT HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT IN SOVIET UNION MAY 1

Dneprostroy, S. U.— Another step in the electrification of the country as the technical basis for the Communist society was marked by the opening of the world's largest hydro-electric plant—Dneprostroy—on May 1.

The opening was only a test one as the actual use of the plant will not start before August 1. Thousands of workers who spent five years in the construction of the plant were present when nine of its separate generating units began to pulsate with life. They cheered at length as the turbines started to hum.

The plant is designed to supply electric energy to an area of 70,000 square miles and a population of sixteen million. The plant will also furnish energy to the Donets coal basin and to the Dnieprostrovsk, now under construction. Its capacity will be 756,000 horse power with an annual power production of two and one half billion kilowatt hours. Its cost is estimated at 220 million rubles.

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"TURNING ABRUPTLY TO THE LEFT" TO FOOL THE MASSES

With the development of the election campaign the capitalist demagogues are intensifying their efforts to mislead the masses into support of the capitalist parties and in support of the capitalist system. One of these demagogues is Tom Ayres, editor of the Dakota Free Press, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Ayres tried to get the Republican nomination for governor. His program included payment of the soldiers' bonus, repeal of the 18th amendment, taxing chain stores, cut in public expenditures, cuts in auto licenses, municipal light and power plants, hydro-electric power for South Dakota from the Missouri river. His "motto" for the primary campaign was "Feed the People, Clothe the People, House the People and Protect them in their liberties and their property by any means necessary to that end."

Behind this demagoguery is a thoroughgoing support of the Wall Street Government and of its Hunger and war program. In the April 22 issue of his paper Ayres sums up his political platform in a brief editorial with the appropriate title "SAVE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY."

Why must the Republican party be "saved" in South Dakota? Because "at present the Republican party is under a cloud locally and nationally." The masses in South Dakota as in the rest of the country are beginning to realize that this Republican party like the other capitalist parties is an integral part of the capitalist system, that support of these parties is support of that system of misery and exploitation.

Ayres tells the leaders of the Republican party how they can still mislead the masses. "It can emerge from that cloud by turning abruptly to the left." This is what Ayres did in his platform. "TURN ABRUPTLY TO THE LEFT." Not to "left," militant actions but to "left" phrases. Ayres points out to the Republican leaders that the "progressives" in other states have been successful in misleading the masses of workers and farmers thru "left turns."

"(It (the Republican party) must go progressive. It must follow the Wisconsin lead or be disastrously defeated at the next election."

"If its candidates are known progressives of a militant type, like Norris of Nebraska and the LaFollette of Wisconsin, it can endure and carry the state at the next election in spite of the Democratic party trend nationally."

Ayres admits by this that the reactionary part of the Republican party and the "progressives" part are but the opposite sides of the same Wall Street banner. The "progressives" have the advantage over the admittedly reactionary section of the Republican party that they can fool the masses of workers and farmers thru "left" phrases. Ayres points out that the "state is as certain to go Democratic at the next election as if the Republican leaders do not cease to "court" reactionary and corporate dictation and become genuinely progressive."

Ayres' immediate concern is with the feed bag of political graft. For this he thinks the Republicans must "retain power" and prevent the other grafters, the Democrats, from getting their muzzles into it. The basic concern is not of Ayres but of all the "progressives" is not the graft fight with the Democratic party but the campaign to prevent the farm masses from realizing that the capitalist parties and capitalist politicians whether they call themselves Republican, Democrat, Socialist, Farmer-Labor, Nonpartisan, "Progressive," or any other name, are only the fingers on the bloody hand of oppression of the capitalist class.

What is being "genuinely progressive"? Ayres shows us part of it. "The Republican party has not lost its power for usefulness but it must show that it intends to be useful and has some vision beyond the mere acquisition of offices or it cannot hope to succeed unless it shows that it is with and for the people who are expected to vote the ticket." Being "genuinely progressive" is in the first place, as in the case of Ayres, keeping the masses believing in the openly capitalist parties, the Republican and Democrat parties. This must be done by giving the masses of farmers and workers some "vision" of something besides office seeking. Ayres attempts to do this by demagogic "attacks" on the party

leadership who "court reactionary and corporate dictation."

The other means of misleading the masses in the present election campaign is that used by the Socialist, Farmer-Labor, Liberty, Jobless and other capitalist parties. These fakers come out with "attacks" on both the Republican and Democrat parties, say that they are tools of big business, etc.

Despite the paths they take the "progressives" within the old parties and the leaders of the other capitalist parties have one common task: to prevent the masses from organizing for militant struggle against the misery of the present crisis, and to prevent the masses from organizing for militant struggle against imperialist war, to keep the masses enchained to the capitalist system. This is their task. This, their central task, they attempt to conceal with "radical" phrases. They make "abrupt turns to the left," deliberate demagogic attempts to prevent the growing militancy of the masses from breaking out of the bonds of capitalist politics, capitalist parties, from breaking with the capitalist system, breaking the capitalist system.

YES, STRIKE! BUT AGAINST THE CAPITALIST CLASS!

The capitalist press reports that on May 3 a meeting of farmers at Des Moines, Iowa formed an organization called the Farmers Holiday Association. There were present, supposedly 2,000 people from midwestern and northwestern states. Among the speakers was John A. Simpson, national president of the Farmers Union. Others included "leaders of industry and agriculture."

The plan of the association is to call a strike on July 4, 1932 "if in the opinion of the officers, this movement can be accomplished in no other way." The goal to be accomplished is "obtaining equitable prices for their products."

"The holiday plan is that farmers neither buy articles nor sell their own products, except among themselves. In this way, speakers at the all day session declared, congress can be compelled to enact legislation the farmers have determined as needful"

The "holiday" will be used for the purpose of rallying the masses of farmers behind the bill proposed by the Farmers Union, National Grange, Farm Bureau, which provides for the equalization fee-debenture-marketing allotment agricultural "relief."

Why are the misleaders of the farmers now maneuvering with a "strike"?

Because among the masses of small and middle farmers there is developing a realization of the futility of the methods of the reactionary farm organizations and a readiness to struggle for relief and against oppression.

The misleaders are preparing to provide the farmers with "struggles" in order to maintain domination over them. They want to be sure if there are going to be militant actions among the farmers that they should be led in such a way that they do not constitute a danger to the capitalist class, that the glow among the toiling masses be prevented from burning into flame.

Just what kind of action do they propose to the farmers? In the first place action will be called for only "if in the opinion of the officers it can be accomplished in no other way." This action on the part of the farmers, futile as it is, will be allowed to take place only if it cannot be prevented by other demagogic moves.

But just what kind of action do they propose to the farming masses? They propose that the farmers hang themselves in protest against the misery of the present crisis. The farmers should go on a "buying and selling strike." At whom do the farmers strike by these methods? AT THEMSELVES, AT THEIR WIVES, AT THEIR CHILDREN. What are the farmers able to buy now? Only the bare necessities. Out of the little they get from their toil they are able to buy just those things which are the difference between their present existence standards and coolie standards. This "strike" proposes that they stop buying these things.

Why do they call this a strike? Because among the working class, the "strike" means united action against the capitalist class in one factory or in many factories, in defense of the workers' economic standards or political rights. The word "strike" means united class conscious action against the oppressors. The misleaders among the farming masses would hide their demagogic "action" program under the term "strike." This is not a strike. This is a self inflicted attack on the living standards of the farmers under the hypocritical name of "strike."

The United Farmers League points out to the farmers that the strike is the only effective means for winning tax exemption for the small farmers, for lowering taxes for the middle farmers, for winning reductions in interest rates, for forcing cancellation of back taxes. But this strike that the United Farmers League calls for, for which it organizes the small and middle farmers is STRIKING AGAINST THE OPPRESSORS, AGAINST THE CAPITALIST STATE AND ITS PLUNDER TAX SYSTEM, AGAINST THE BANKERS AND THEIR OUTRAGEOUS INTEREST RATES.

The blows of a strike by the small and middle farmers must be blows STRUCK IN DEFENSE OF THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE TOILING FARM MASSES, BLOWS STRUCK AT THE CAPITALIST CLASS, ITS EXPLOITATION AND TERROR. The misleaders of the farmers would divert the militancy of the farm masses into blows STRUCK AT THEIR OWN WIVES AND CHILDREN. It is our task to organize these blows and have them DIRECTED AS BLOWS IN THE CLASS STRUGGLE. BLOWS AGAINST OUR CLASS ENEMIES.

Doings of the Advance Guard

Our report of last week is not very long. The week was not as good as others have been. Farmers have been busy seeding for another crop. If they ever get to harvest it they will be wondering what became of it. It's funny about crops—they kind of disappear either before or after harvest and the more crops a farmer raises the worse off he is. The longer he stays in the game the poorer he gets. If he farms long enough he will lose land and everything else and be kicked off. If he protests against being kicked out then he is not a good American—then he should be sent to Russia.

Keep on organizing. Tell the farmers they are as good as anybody else and better than most. They need not take a back seat for anybody and let somebody kick them out. In this rich country of ours we could all be making a good and easy living. Instead of that, a few are living on lobsters and Manhattan cocktails and the rest are handed out a little slop. Organize and subscribe for the Producers News.

LAST WEEK'S DOINGS

Finnish Farmers Society, Van Etten, N. Y., orders a bundle of 25 papers to be sent weekly.

Rudolph Harju, Superior, Wis., sends us two more subs.

John Jacobson, Meadowbrook, Minn., sends two subs.

Arne Jaskela, Newell, South Dakota, is here again with two subs.

R. P. Fitzgerald, Comertown, Montana, renews.

Elias Tobvola, Richwood, Minn., renews his subscription.

Katie Tweet, Bonetrail, N. Dak., sends one sub.

David L. Volkman, of Bemidji, Minn., sends in three subs and names for sample copies.

D. H. Asley, Wabash, Indiana, sends us two subs. He also writes "The farmers here are just beginning to awaken to their need for such a paper also the need has been very great for some time."

John Jorgensen, Cottonwood, Minn., subscribes for six months.

Marinus Pedersen, Ada Anderson and Grant Bakewell, all of Plentywood, Montana, renew their subscriptions.

Chas. Brightsman and Andrew Hansen, of Reserve, Montana, renew.

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JAPANESE TROOPS

(Continued from Front Page)

Frontier. Japanese troops being removed from Shanghai, South China, are being rushed to Manchuria; 24,000 of these troops already have been landed in Manchuria and are on their way toward the Soviet frontier.

An early attack on the Soviet Union is envisaged in all bourgeois press dispatches from the Far East. On Saturday, the New York Times carried a Washington dispatch, based on United States consular information from the Far East, reporting a large movement of Japanese troops to the Soviet border. The dispatch was significantly headed:

"MANCHURIAN FIGHTING MOVES NEARER RUSSIA"

Another dispatch—to the New York American from its Far East correspondent, Karl H. Wiegand—reports growing Japanese provocations, through their Chinese militarist tools, against the Soviet Union and the increasing danger of war. The dispatch says:

"The danger of a Russian-Japanese clash, developing out of the extraordinary complicated situation in this Far Eastern country, is growing steadily."

"Competent observers are of the opinion that only forbearance on the part of Moscow and greater restraint by Japan can avert a situation culminating in an open diplomatic break."

"Aside from the many arrests of Soviet citizens, the Manchoukou government (Japanese puppet government in Manchuria—Daily Worker) is charged with endeavoring to crowd the Russians out of the Chinese Eastern Railway management."

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RAYMOND

The C. L. unit gave a dance at the Wankel school Saturday evening. Everyone reported a good time.

A big baseball game was held in town Sunday. The Y. C. L. boys played Raymond. Both teams put up a good game, the score finally ending 14 to 4 in favor of Raymond. Otto Nard had an accident at the Rockne coal mine last week. The results were not serious.

Several of the people from this community attended the dance in Plentywood Saturday evening. Mrs. K. Collins and daughter Shirley attended Tuesday at the P. L. Collins home.

The school children of this district attended the track meet at Plentywood Saturday evening. Montana Cosper and Mildred Tooker of Outlook spent Sunday in town visiting friends.

Aldon Nichols, who is attending school in Plentywood spent the week end with his parents.

Edna Wier, who is employed at the Ordahl home, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wier.

Floyd Stewart spent Saturday evening at the Emil Severson home. Joe Olson and Donald Cereson of Outlook attended the ball game in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart and Helen Becker attended the show in Plentywood Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Loutzenhiser and family made a business trip to Antelope Saturday.

Ed Hannah hauled a load of wheat from the Dan McCall home at Comertown Monday.

Sid Gordon has been visiting in town this past week.

Joe Billet of Outlook stopped in town Sunday on his way to Plentywood to see his mother who is in the Plentywood Memorial hospital.

Tom Dubry and Roy Wold left Monday for Minn. where they will visit with Tom's sister.

Miss Olga Lundene spent the week end at the John Rice home.

Mrs. Myron Taylor has been caring for her one-year-old nephew for several weeks with his mother, Mrs. Taylor's sister, was sick. The baby was returned to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Larsen, Friday. Two other children of the family have been cared for at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hellem.

Mrs. Robert Mangel is sick with some ailment in her leg. She was a patient at the Comertown hospital several days last week on this account. Friday she was permitted to return home but is still unable to be up.

Joe Nordstrom has been hobnobbing around rather painfully the past week evening while unloading baled hay from a car when it was too dark to see what he was doing, a large hook he was using to jab into the bales, missed the bale entirely and struck his leg instead, hence the hobbling.

Olaf Gronvold of Comertown is helping at the R. Mangel home at present.

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Redstone Wins Scholastic; Plentywood Athletic Honors in County Roundup

The County Roundup held in Plentywood last Monday drew a large crowd and the program of the day, both in scholastic and athletic contests, was greatly enjoyed by the spectators, as well as those taking part.

The scholastic contests took place at the high school and the athletic contests at the Fair Grounds.

The following schools won honors in the different events:

Scholastic: Town—Redstone, 1st; Plentywood, 2nd; Medicine Lake, 3rd; Rural—Homestead, 1st; Hillside, 2nd; Courtney, 3rd.

Athletic: Town—Plentywood, 1st; Redstone, 2nd; Antelope, 3rd; Rural—Homestead, 1st; Hillside, 2nd; Courtney, 3rd.

Declamation: Leonard Hegland, Plentywood, 1st; Milo Stoen, Antelope, 2nd; Olga Strand, Comertown, 3rd.

Speech: Beryl Jacobsen, Redstone, 1st; Palmer Sorenson, Hillside, 2nd; Delores Lyngaas, Courtney, 3rd.

Declamation: Town—Plentywood, 1st; Redstone, 2nd; Antelope, 3rd.

Speech: Garden Grove, 1st; Hillside, 2nd; Collins, 3rd.

Gene Laursen of Dagmar was a guest caller Friday.

Carl Nelson of Raymond was a business visitor in Plentywood Friday.

Want Ads

WANTED—Men wanted to establish and conduct law office in business in cities of Scobey, Wolf Point and Poplar. Reliable man can start earning \$35 weekly and increase rapidly. Write immediately. Raleigh Co., Dept. 17-24-V, Minneapolis, Minn. 17-24-V.

Have on hand some fine seed corn, Fodder Corn, Siberian Hog Millet and Oats. FARMERS ELEVATOR CO., Reserve, Mont. 7-13-c.

For Sale—Clean Bison seed from registered stock. \$1.75 per bushel. See sample at Plentywood Implement. Geo. Overby, Plentywood. 7-14-c.

For Sale—Registered Marquis seed. \$1.00 per bushel. EMIL STEINMARK, Plentywood. 6-12-c.

For Sale—Clean Nuland seed. \$1.50 per bushel. EMIL STEINMARK, Plentywood. 6-12-c.

Gray mare, brand on right shoulder, 1 year old, and the forefoot cut. Write notice JAKE HENDERSON, Raymond, Mont. 14-c.

For Sale—Marquis seed wheat from registered seed, cleaned by Carter mill. Price 80c per bushel. C. R. DENOUR, Plentywood. 14-c.

For Sale—Large Registered Hereford bulls, coming 1 year old. Terms cash, or part cash with good security. HANS HARDERSEN, Archer. 47-1f.

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COMMISSION SAYS THERE WILL BE NO ROAD WORK THIS SUMMER

For some time we have insisted on having our State Highway Commission give to the county, at estimated cost, that part of the State highway work which is to be built in Sheridan county. Printed below you will find our latest correspondence:

Dagmar, Mont.
April 12, 1932
The Montana State Highway Commission
Helena, Mont.

Dear Sir:

I have just received a communication by Chas. H. Adair of Custer county, South Dakota. From this letter, it appears, that Federal Aid roads in that state are being built by the counties taking the contact and employing local labor to do the work.

If the Federal Highway project from Reserve to Plentywood and from Medicine Lake to Froid should be started this summer, Sheridan county should be allowed to take this contract. Sheridan county has had but little crop the last three years and last year most people had to depend on the Red Cross to live, not even being able to buy their own fuel this winter. There will be no work for anybody here this summer and it would not be fair to these people to import some contractor to skim the cream of the job while local labor probably had to work for starvation wages. I sincerely hope the State Highway Commission will consider this appeal, it will be easy for you to find excuses for giving the work to some outside firm, but it should be just as easy for you to brush aside technicalities and here do something worth while for the local people, who are trying to save their homes.

Yours respectfully,
CARL HANSEN.

State of Montana
HIGHWAY COMMISSION
Helena
April 25, 1932.

Hans Rasmussen, Manager,
The Producers News,
Plentywood, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Further reply is made to your letter of April 22nd which was acknowledged under date of April 6. The matter of giving counties Federal Aid work at agreed estimated prices was considered by the Commission in session last week. Although you have furnished us with information to the effect that the Bureau of Public Roads is permitting this sort of thing in South Dakota, we have received no notice from that Federal department which would in any way indicate to us that the same thing can be done in Montana. Our latest information from the Bureau which came to us indirectly through Congressman Scott Leavitt, is as follows:

"For the foregoing reasons, I do not believe that it is wise to return to the practice of letting contracts to county boards of commissioners to be performed with local labor and machinery."

We have written to the District Office of the Bureau at Portland, Oregon for a definite statement of their present policy regarding this. As explained in our last letter we cannot at present perform any construction of consequence because we have no funds. While we advertised for receiving bids on April 23rd the amount of \$750,000 of our 1932 issue of gasoline tax debentures, we received no bids last Saturday. Until and unless we can sell the 1932 debentures or Federal road relief appropriations are made, there will be little new construction by the state this year and no funds are at present available for any work in Sheridan County. While we are advertising for opening bids on May 10th a section of the Wolf Point-Scobey road in Roosevelt and Daniels counties, this project is mostly financed from a special appropriation made by Congress last year for roads on unappropriated public lands and Indian reservations, and the appropriation lapses on June 30 unless placed under contract before that time. This is the only work we are able to finance at this time in District No. 3 of which Sheridan County is a part.

SOUTH DAKOTA
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
Pierre
April 18, 1932.

Mr. Hans Rasmussen,
Plentywood, Montana.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter relative to federal aid work as a relief measure. Replying thereto will say that last fall the Highway Commission decided to extend relief work to various counties. In some of the counties we had work which could be done on the state trunk highway system and contracts for this work were made with the counties directly.

The law of South Dakota permits the Highway Commission to enter into contract with the Board of County Commissioners for the construction of roads on the state trunk highway system and during the past several years, contracts of this nature have been entered into with the Boards of County Commissioners, if they are equipped to do this work.

The county submits a proposal

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT YOU

By HANS RASMUSSEN

In another space you will find Martin Homme's ad. Martin runs a little jewelry store on Outlook main street. If your diamond ring, your genuine pearl necklace, your watch or little knick-knacks need a little fixing, Martin is the one who can do it. If you need anything in his line, he will get it for you, and you can always depend on getting fair and square treatment.

Martin has always been one of our best supporters. He has always been with the farmers and fighting their battle. You should always support those who help to support you. Mail your repair work to Martin and let him fix it.

We believe in keeping our money at home as long as our money can be spent with people who are friendly to us. Where we draw the line is where it comes to spending our money and supporting home people who are working against the farmers' interest. People who are robbing the farmers by charging outrageous prices. People who openly come out and say if the farmers do not like the way they are being robbed, they can get out and go to some other country where they belong.

We object to spending our money with home people who do everything in their power to bankrupt a paper working for the farmers' interest. People, who at election times, do all they can to uphold a system that has brought the farmers to the starvation point. People who insist that the farmers stay at home and slop the hogs away from them when they get the grain.

These local people are not any worse than Montgomery. He is also supporting the robbing system, but there is one thing different about him. You can save a little money by trading with him; that much you can keep right at home. And he is a little further away. At election times he does not come around and directly but in on your local politics. The local people should know better than to fight the farmers who are feeding them, but they don't. They are too ignorant. They just tell the farmers to get out if they don't like it. That is their ignorant way of solving economic problems.

Whenever you find anybody like Martin Homme who is spending what he can spare in your interest, then it is your duty to support that man. It is a good investment and money well spent. Right at home. On the other hand, if you support the local people who are fighting you, you are handing to them that much more money to fight you with. You are financing your own destruction.

The Producers News is your paper. Because it is fighting your battle, our advertisements are few and far between. The fact that someone advertises in your paper does not altogether indicate that he is with you, but it is a fact that he does contribute some money towards the farmers' battle for existence, for that reason he should be supported.

In a farmers' community the man who works against the farmers' interests should never be supported by the farmers. If there is a place where that kind of character is appreciated, that's the place he should go to, or he should be sent out farming and see how it feels to raise wheat and have somebody else grab it.

Last week a farmer from Comertown came to Plentywood with a terrible toothache. There are two dentists in Plentywood, but that tooth could only be pulled by the dentist who advertised in the Producers News and he could not be located that day. The farmer walked the floor all night and suffered all sorts of agony. Next day the tooth was pulled, and it was pulled by the one who advertised in the Producers News. If all farmers would take the same stand as this Comertown farmer, most of our business men would soon be moving, and they would never be missed either.

Below will find a copy of a letter just received from a business man in Williston. Read it, and see what he has to say about advertising in the Producers News. To him it brought results. He wants some more of it. You should always help support those who help support you.

JOSEPH'S
Complete Outfitters for Women and Children
Williston, N. Dak.
May 9, 1932

The Producers News,
Plentywood, Mont.
Gentlemen:

We were very pleased with the results from our ad, and wish to run another one this week.

Run one of the same size and something on the same order. Mention all lines, as in the other ad, and also mention fur chokers. Also state that we are giving from ten percent to twenty percent discount on all of our dresses, suits and coats.

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"POLK'S STANDARD BEARERS" ARE THE SAME OLD GANG

By HANS RASMUSSEN

The Plentywood Herald is tickled all over about the convention. "No convention could possibly have been held under conditions where greater harmony prevailed. No convention could possibly have been more democratic in making a selection of standard bearers," it says. "A dirt farmer presided." This dirt farmer was Welcome March, the one who said the farmers were a lot of fools when they insisted on getting rid of the county agent.

The Herald goes on and tells us that this convention which they call "Taxpayers Economy League," nominated candidates "of which any voter need not be ashamed . . . a group of men and women whom, when elected, will assure an efficient and honest administration and to whom any county could point to with pride. What a mouthful. What gail some people have—coming out and telling the people of Sheridan county if they will elect the same bunch of people once more, than all our troubles will be over. Will another election make Andrew Ueland, Grant Bakewell, Hans Magesen, Niels Madsen, Carl Peterson, Robert Wheeler and Miss Markusson any better? These people all helped to put the county to a point where everybody is kicking about the way it has been run. And trying to make people believe that Carl Peterson is going to fire his we after having her on the county payroll for eight years, or that the sheriff is going to fire his deputies, is what Joe Dolin calls just that much "political bunk-um." The four new names added to the list have not improved it in any way, shape or form.

The Herald has the delegates shaking hands with one another after the convention saying, "that this had been one of the most successful of any meeting of its kind in Sheridan county for years." Joe Dolin reports it differently and more correctly when he says: "Within an hour after the close of the convention, street talk among the delegates disclosed the fact that many felt that they had been 'jobbed.' And we know for a fact, that some of the farmers went home and told their neighbors, that this convention was enough to make anybody puke. And that was not a very nice thing to do after the Plentywood Commercial Club had served such a nice lunch. Too bad there weren't more farmers there.

We again agree with Joe Dolin when he says that this convention was "dominated by fixers," and that "not all the delegates to this convention knew of the underhanded methods indulged in," and "that these men will come greater understanding of just what took place," and that the endorsement "may be a disadvantage to the endorsed candidates."

Joe is quite peeved over the convention. He had a scheme of his own, but was kind of left out in the cold. Joe doesn't like the idea of having some highbinder from North Dakota coming in here upsetting his little apple cart. It is getting to be here just like in Chicago, where the gangsters are bumping one another off.

Joe himself was not at the convention, but he had his little sleek-kicker, ex-banker Simon Faaborg, right on the ground floor. It was a case of one gang outwitting the other, and Joe was on the losing side.

The county manager plan, with which Harry Polk was going to save the county, seems to have been all forgotten in all the excitement.

One funny thing happened when Oscar Collins and Jack Bennett were in Westby picking out the delegates for the convention. Westby wanted the sheriff but couldn't have it: there were too many on the list already. When the long list of candidates were named the Westby delegates shook their heads: nothing doing, they knew all these birds too well. Finally they decided on lining up for Welton Richardson of Antelope. It was the only one they did not know, and the Westby people thought it would be safer to take

Oliver Paske, winner of the High School Declamatory contest and Alvin Gronvold, selected by the school to represent them in the State track meet, left for Missoula Monday where they will represent the Plentywood high school.

The city has three men busy this week breaking up and grading the streets. Main street, First avenue and Jackson street were made in excellent shape for travel. The county machinery was used, and city paid the expense of doing the work.

Evelyn Moore celebrated her tenth birthday by inviting in eight of her girl friends and her school teacher last Monday afternoon. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Moore, after which games were played and a general good time was had. Evelyn received many beautiful gifts in memory of the occasion.

The track meet held at Culbertson last Saturday, which was scheduled for April 31 but postponed on account of the rain, was well attended. The Plentywood delegation did quite well. Donald Dahlin took third in the golf tournament, Jerry Reimertson third in the 220 yard dash and Paul Con-Point had the highest number of points among the schools competing. Seven records were broken which is an accomplishment in itself. The State record for high jump was broken by two inches.

Andrew Hansen, Ruth Ryan, Mrs. Emma Salisbury and children Patrick and Camilla, Mrs. Bert Torstenson and John McElroy left the first of the week for Minneapolis. The trip was made in Mr. Hansen's car. Mr. McElroy was taken to Minneapolis by the sudden illness of his brother. A short stop was made at Littlefork, Minnesota on the way down, where Mrs. Torstenson joined her family after visiting here for several days. Andrew Hansen will spend two or three weeks visiting relatives and enjoying a vacation from his duties at the local flour mill. He will spend a few days visiting Art Reuber at Littlefork, Minnesota before returning. Miss Ryan will continue her duties as medical technician in the City hospital.

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The following rates will be in effect at the Sheridan Memorial hospital, during the months of May, June and July:

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Fred Ibsen Family to Make Future Home in Glasgow

Fred Ibsen, one of the Plentywood best known old timers, left Plentywood last week for Glasgow where he will take over the management of the John Deere Implement Co.

Mrs. Ibsen and children will stay in Plentywood until after the school term, after which they plan on moving to Glasgow.

a chance on him instead of on any of the rest that they knew too well.

Who are the most disappointed ones—the ones who were endorsed by the so-called "Taxpayers Economy League," Harry Polk's "Standard Bearers" or those who were not—in hard to tell. They are all working to get in on some kind of a landslide and don't know yet where to go.

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Told In Brief

White Guardist Murders Doumer

President Doumer of France was assassinated on May 6 by a Tsarist White Guardist named Paul Gougoloff. The purpose of the assassination was to hasten the attack of the French imperialists on the Soviet Union. Gougoloff considered that they were too hesitant in putting thru their war plans and sought to avenge himself in this way. Albert LeBrun, president of the Senate, was elected on May 10 as president of France.

Communists Lead Coal Strike

London, May 6—Five thousand five miners in six pits have gone on strike under the leadership of the red unions, despite the frantic attempts of the reformists to prevent the strike.

U. S. Steel Slashes Wages Again

The United States Steel Corporation announced a 15 per cent wage cut on May 6. Last October 1 the workers in the U. S. Steel plants were forced to take a 10 per cent cut. This was the signal for a widespread slashing campaign throughout the country. A similar wage slashing drive is the immediate prospect for the working class throughout the country.

Wall St. Kills Bonus Bill

The House Committee on Ways and Means agreed on May 6 to report adversely all bills pending before it for immediate cash payment of adjusted service compensation to World War veterans. The action of the committee is the result of orders from Wall Street covered up by the excuse that payment in cash at this time would impair "confidence" in the maintenance of the gold standard in the United States.

French War Supplies for Japan

PARIS, May 5—Despite the industrial crisis, scores of French factories, which have been able to change over, are manufacturing war materials to keep their personnel intact. Much of the material is shipped abroad, part of it going to Japan. Most of the factories, which in normal times manufacture automobiles, chemicals or coloring material, refuse to confirm the war material orders. Some mention of it has been made in the chamber of deputies, and from the official minutes it is possible to get an idea of these purchases.

The Hotchkiss automobile factory is manufacturing a 20,000,000 franc order of machine guns in the Levallois factory for the Japanese government.

The government refused to answer the query of the communist deputies and the Quai d'Orsay refuses official statistics on munitions production. There are many rumors, such, for example, that the Schneider arms plant at Creusot is making 20 heavy tanks for Japan, but the silence of factory officials and the refusal of the government to talk makes it impossible to confirm such reports.

"Honor" Murderers Go Free

Lieutenant Massie, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fortescue, and A. O. Jones and E. J. Ford, enlisted seamen, who were sentenced to ten years imprisonment for the brutal "honor" slaying of Joseph Kahahawai, a Hawaiian, were freed on May 4 after serving one hour imprisonment. The sentence was commuted by Governor Judd of the Hawaiian Islands. This is one incident in the brutal subjugation of the masses on the Islands by American imperialism. The crushing of the slightest semblance of "justice" is one step in the war preparations of Wall Street in the Far East.

Japan Attacks U. S. "Disarmament"

The naval commission of the "disarmament" conference meeting at Geneva was the scene of a "bantering but good natured attack" on May 5 by the Japanese diplomat, Hiroshi Saito, on the "defensive" character of the United States aircraft carriers. Senator Claude Swanson, representing Wall Street, in the imperialist struggle over armaments attacked the Japanese defense of the submarine as a "defensive" weapon. The "disarmament" conference is, as this conflict showed, a struggle by each imperialist country to disarm its opponents and to build its own armaments for the imperialist struggle.

Misleaders "New" Farm Bill

Chester H. Gray, representing the Farmers Union, the National Grange, and the Farm Bureau Federation, told the House Committee on Agriculture on May 4 that the new "relief" bill of these three organizations ought to help in future crops if passed but admitted it would not have much effect on the present oversupply of farm commodities which bulge the granaries and warehouses while millions starve. His testimony was similar to that already given by O'Neal, president of the National Farmers Union. Like O'Neal, he supported the Farm Board and the Agricultural Marketing Act under which it was created. The "new" relief bill of the farm misleaders would help to make that Act "more remedial and more effective". In this way these misleaders try to maintain the faith of the farming masses in the capitalist class, its government, and its political parties.

\$400,000,000 Asked By Railroads

Total loans sought by the railroads of the country from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for which approval by the Interstate Commerce Commission has been requested aggregate approximately \$400,000,000, with the receipt by the Commission May 6 of an application from the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway for approval of a \$10,000,000 loan for three years.

The purpose of these \$400,000,000 is to "pay off fixed interest obligations . . . principal of bank loans . . . maturing principal installments of equipment trust obligations . . . notes" in other words to pay the capitalist class its regular plunder.

Pioneer Corner - Youth Section

ATTEMPT TO HIDE STARVATION THRU CHILD HEALTH DAY

MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION OF YOUNG PIONEERS RALLIES CHILDREN

Has your teacher told you about Child Health Week and Child Health Day? The first two weeks of May have been set aside by the bosses for this purpose. Even our worthy (?) president makes a pretense of being interested in the health of the children of America.

There are more than one and one-half million child laborers in the United States working on farms, cotton plantations, in factories, offices, and on the streets. Yet the capitalists DARE to talk about the health of the children. There are six million defective children in the United States—children who are improperly nourished because their parents are unemployed and cannot give them the proper foods. And the bosses set May first as Child Health Day. They did this in order to hide from workers' and farmers' children the truth about their conditions. Knowing that May 1st is an international day of struggle against just such conditions for workers' children, they fill the newspapers about child health in order to hide their true conditions. But children the world over demonstrated on May 1st against child labor and for proper food and clothing for workers' and farmers' children. The Young Pioneers led these demonstrations and the best answer every farmers' child can make is to join the Young Pioneers.

Unemployed Council Demands Hot Lunch for School Children

New York.—A campaign to force the city government to pay for free food, milk and hot lunches in two schools has been started by the Eighth Street Block Committee of the Downtown Unemployed Council of New York City. The schools are located in one of the most crowded tenement sections in the city and investigation has shown that 60% of the workers in the neighborhood were unemployed. Teachers have had to provide what little food the starving school children received.

MAY DAY PICTURES OF MINNEAPOLIS

FILM AND PHOTO LEAGUE IN THE CLASS STRUGGLE

Minneapolis, Minn.—The Film and Photo League of the Workers International Relief, which was organized in this city on April 26, has already shown that it is a live wire organization and will do some very good work. On May Day eleven members took pictures of the whole parade. By having a meeting the day before the demonstration and planning their work the League managed to cover the parade from all angles. A captain was selected to direct the taking of the pictures, permission was demanded of the police department to allow the official car of the League absolute freedom of the streets, one photographer was sent with each of the neighborhood marches, others were stationed along the line of march with instructions to take different types of pictures, still others went with the official car, so that we now have pictures of the neighborhood marches, the mass meeting at Bridge Square, the line of march, the meeting at the parade grounds, speakers, and banners carried by the demonstrators.

Since May Day the members of the League have been busy developing and printing the pictures and arranging them for exhibition. They are also planning to go out taking pictures of slums, factories with workers looking for jobs, children of unemployed workers, and other shots exposing how the workers are forced to live. In addition to this they will soon start classes in developing still pictures and in projection of movies. The Film and Photo League is very anxious to make contact with other workers' film organizations, and to exchange pictures and ideas with them. Organizations and individuals who are interested should write to the Film and Photo League of the W. I. R., 306 Third Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Striking Miners Get Relief From Workers' International Relief

Flushing, Ohio.—Local Union No. 2138 of the United Mine Workers of America has received from the Workers International Relief Cleveland office a shipment of canned goods, groceries, and clothing to help feed and clothe the hungry and ragged families of the striking miners. All clothing was immediately distributed and more clothing is needed at once as many miners are practically barefoot.

Say Did You Ever Stop to Think?

By C. D.

Say—did ya ever stop to think of things? Let's do it now and see what it brings.

There's two kind of guys in this world, you know. One's got nothing, the other's got dough. We'll stop and take a look at the two. Now maybe there's something we can do.

Look at the fellow on the left, He's what we call a capitalist. Owns all the factories and big machines, Bags of money and limousines.

Now look at the fellow on the right, He owns nothing but brains and might. A worker he is—who never gets fat, He's one of the Proletariat.

There's the picture—funny I'd say. How did the fat one get that way? He didn't build that factory and machine Still he's got the limousine.

That worker there—he did it all. Slaves all his life, from spring to fall.

That house, that bridge, that machine, that factory He built them all—most satisfactory.

But oh this bothers my head a bit. Makes me dizzy, come on, let's quit. One does nothing and rides in limousines, The other does it all and hasn't even pork and beans.

Wait! don't quit—let's go on, This is where we start the fun. I'll give you a problem, not 1 plus 2, A bigger one, see what you can do.

Workers plus WORKERS equals what, you say? Masses and masses who don't get any pay. That's right, you know, but you're not so wise. Workers times workers equals ORGANIZE!

Workers times workers plus brains, plus might Gee, it seems we're coming right. Don't stop! go on—that means fight! All for the workers! Down Parasite!

Say, now aren't you glad you stop and think? I can see that sparkling wink. You think you know what I'm going to say— That's right—JOIN THE PIONEERS—TODAY!

BOB GOES ON A JOURNEY

Comrade Natalie Who Is Only Twelve Years Old Sends Us This Story

There was once a boy whose name was Bobby. He was little—only about 11 years old. Bobby had two big brothers and a big sister. He hardly ever saw them because they would go to work way before Bobby opened his eyes, and would return from work when Bobby was fast asleep. But on Sundays his brothers and sister were home, and they always looked tired out and awfully thin. They had black rings under their eyes and their mouths drooped. Bobby loved them very much. He loved his mother too.

One day Bobby awoke very suddenly. He heard screams and wailing. He quickly put on his shabby overalls and ran down stairs. Mother was lying on the bed and by her side was a baby screaming with all its might. It was a cute little baby and Bobby loved her the moment he saw her. He now had a little sister and on Sunday the family gathered in Daddy's room to name the baby.

Bobby and his mother wanted the baby to be called Laila. Bobby's father and his two big brothers wanted the little girl named Bess. And his big sister wanted the baby's name to be Virginia. Finally, the baby was named Bessie. Though Bessie was a little tot she was more hungry even than Bobby. She always cried for milk and a new stomach had to be fed, and a new body had to be clothed, another child had to go to work.

Bobby's father was sick and his mother was ill since the baby was born. Bobby had to go to work. His sister and brothers did not want him to work in the factory because it would be too tiring for little Bobby. Bobby's sister and brothers only earned about 50 cents a day, and not always that much. The boss cheated the children more than the big people so it was decided that Bobby should look for work elsewhere.

One day Bobby packed his bundles and started out to look for work. While he was walking along he saw a dog lying in the road. One paw was bleeding and the puppy was moaning pitifully. So Bobby picked it up, bound the bleeding paw and carried the dog along. The dog, Pally, and Bobby went on and on, and when they felt hungry they would stop for food at a country house.

At last they came to a little village. Everyone looked so poor and hungry and shabby that Bobby wondered why. He saw a little boy about his own size so he called him over and asked him the reason for all this poverty. The boy answered: "Everybody is so poor because their boss does not give them enough money to buy food and clothing, and not enough to pay rent."

Bobby asked the little stranger why the boss was so selfish and the little boy said it was because the boss wanted all the money for himself. That is true, thought Bobby, because my sister and brothers never get enough wages.

He asked the little boy if there was any work in the village and the little boy answered: "There is a strike going on in the factory, the only place where any work is going on." He went on to explain what a strike was: "When people don't want to work for the boss when he gives them too little wages for so many hours of work, the workers form a line outside the factory and sing songs, and won't work unless the boss gives them better conditions. Sometimes other people sneak in to work. The strikers try to stop them. The people who are trying to break the strike are called scabs. Bobby did not want to be a scab so he and Pally went away."

At last Bobby and Pally came to a second village. The houses were all beautiful. Each house had a big garden filled with flowers and trees. The people were well dressed and looked so happy that Bobby wondered. At last he spied a little boy his size who wore black trousers with a pretty silk blouse and real nice shoes. Bobby stared at this boy—he had never before seen a whole suit of clothing without a patch on it.

Finally he got up the courage to ask him: "Why is everyone so beautifully dressed and they have such pretty houses while other people have little huddled down shacks and hardly a rag on their backs?" The little boy answered, "Do not speak to me you are all dirty and I don't like you," and with that he ran away.

Bobby walked further and he met a man walking with his son. They were smiling and having a very nice time. Bobby wondered why this little boy's papa wasn't working. He met a little girl and he asked her if her papa was working. She answered, "My daddy doesn't have to work. He has people working for him," and she ran away to her garden. Bobby did not want to be a lazy boss who had people working for him and who did not pay the workers enough wages so he went on his way again.

Bobby walked and walked and when night came, he and his little dog stopped at a barn and went to sleep. In the morning they awoke and started out again. After a long hike Bobby and his dog reached a village. In this village everything was as it should be. Each one had what he needed and not more than his neighbor. There were not bosses who were too lazy to work and who had people slaving for them. Everyone worked for his food and clothing. This is what a little boy told Bobby when he asked him what this place was. At last, thought Bobby, I have found a home.

He went, by the little boy's direction, to the Labor Committee and asked them for work. They told him that in this village no children were permitted to work. They placed him in a children's collective where he could learn a trade. There Bobby joined the Pioneer group. There they were also taught many things, and had sports too. They had a big library where all the children could go to read.

One day Bobby went to his comrades and told them that he must leave this wonderful village and go home to tell his people about the Soviet Union that they had here. So Bobby started out again to go back. He slept along the road, and when he was hungry he ate berries. Finally he reached his village. Here Bobby organized Pioneer groups and the children showed their parents that they were helping them fight for better conditions.

SPORTSMEN HELP IN FIVE YEAR PLAN OF SOVIET UNION

WEST SIBERIAN SPORTSMEN WRITE OF THEIR WORK TO MIDWEST L. S. U.

The following letter from the Kamen Physical Culture organization of West Siberia was sent to the Midwest convention of the Labor Sports Union held April 23. It tells of the collective farms that are steadily gaining in favor in the Soviet Union.

Dear Comrades, Worker Sportsmen of Minnesota: Our country of socialism under construction has entered into the fourth year of the Five-Year Plan when it is to be finally completed under the leadership of the Communist Party and the working class.

We have achieved new great successes in agriculture. More than 60% of individual scattered peasant farms have joined the collective farms. The number of machine-tractor stations and state farms is growing. The industrialization of the country is advancing by leaps and bounds.

The Kamen District is producing mostly grain and vegetable oil and we have over 60% of the peasant farms collectivized. By the end of 1932 we shall have three machine-tractor stations and we shall have wiped out illiteracy on collective farms as well as among the rest of the population.

We have no unemployed in the country and in our district. Sports organizations are taking a most active part in socialist reconstruction. Our Kamen sport group had on January first over 300 members including members of collective farms. About 80% are shock brigades. These shock brigades go from place to place helping the workers and farmers carry on their work. To help the collective farms and villages in their economic and political campaigns our sport organization sends ski-brigades out which give all possible assistance in organizing sports teams, red corners, wall newspapers, etc.

At present we are preparing for the third Bolshevik spring—organizing special brigades for collective farms and local soviets in order to increase the quality and amount of the crop. Each brigade, consisting of ten members, has special tasks to fulfill.

In the city we have one big sports hall, a sports ground, a swimming pool and skating rinks. In the schools of the collective farms and the factories the youth also have sporting grounds. About 1,050 children of the district take part in physical culture activity. Every morning we have special exercises in order to improve the health of workers.

We ask you to write us about your work, living conditions, growth of your sport organization and in this way we shall strengthen our united proletarian front and carry on the fight for world revolution and for socialism.

Kamen Physical Culture Organization.

ORGANIZER SPEAKS AT FARMERS CLUB

CLUB TO SEND DELEGATES TO UFL CONFERENCE

Elmer, Minn., April 29.—The United Farmers League called a meeting at Elmer, Minn., for April 20. The meeting was attended by about 20 farmers. The St. Louis county organizer of the United Farmers League was the speaker.

The response of the farmers present for the militant program of the United Farmers League was very enthusiastic.

Here in this farming community as elsewhere, the farmers are facing continually worsening conditions to the present capitalist economic crisis. Many of the farmers have mortgages on their farms which means that they are subject to the robbery of the bankers. Taxes have in many cases increased. No outside work is to be gotten and the farmers have to depend entirely on the meager incomes from their farms. At the same time the prices that the farmers get for their products are below the cost of production.

When the farmers heard the militant program of the United Farmers League; the program of struggle against the bankers and capitalists, against evictions and for tax exemption for the poor farmers, they wanted a speaker to come to speak at their next farmers' club meeting, as there will be more farmers present.

Six of the farmers subscribed for the Producers News and they also promised to send two delegates from their farmers' club to the St. Louis County Conference of the U. F. L.

The prospects for building a U. F. L. local in Elmer are very promising.

DOWN WITH THE JAPANESE IMPERIALIST INVASION OF MANCHURIA!

THRESHING IT OUT

Where 2 Equals 1/2!

A farmer of Otego, Kan., sold a cowhide for 45 cents a few weeks ago. Immediately afterward he had his 9-year-old daughter's shoes half-soled for 90 cents. When it takes two cowhides to half-sole one pair of shoes who will say that cowhides are not something rotten in this capitalist system? And what sane farmer will refuse to vote for the Communist Party—the only party which fights this system—at the next election.

Barbarous Barbers Needed!

How would you like to crank up the old law and drive into town any time you wanted to get a shave, a haircut, and maybe a shampoo thrown in and not pay a durned cent for it? You have to do to get these tonsorial attentions free of charge is to be one of the 96 senators supposedly represent the "people" of the U. S. Congress.

Not only do all haircuts and shampoos come out of the pockets of the workers but each of the senators has a beautiful shaving mug with his name printed on it in gold letters. These mugs are as chinked upon the government bill as well as the salaries of the barbers who attend the senators. And the workers and farmers foot the bill!

The next time you dig up 40 cents for a haircut remember that your so-called representatives in Congress are getting theirs at your expense while in the Soviet Union, representatives of the workers' and farmers' government have pledged themselves to accept a salary no higher than that of a skilled worker. You can also remember the time you stop the old razor that the time is going when the whole caboodle is going to get close shave and the workers and farmers will be the barbers!

The above story, by the way, was sent to us a comrade from Washington. We hope that every farmer will keep his eyes and ears open for stories and clippings for the Producers News in that way build the paper into the living voice of the struggling farmers of the U. S.

Democracy In "Our" Banana Empire

The following item is taken from the calendar of President Hoover of May 2:

2:30 p. m.—Charles Francis Adams, Secretary of the Navy; William R. Castle, Acting Secretary of State; Francis W. C. Wilson, Chief Division of Latin American Affairs, Department of State, called to discuss plans for supervising the election to be held in Nicaragua next November.

Which only goes to prove that Nicaragua is independent republic. Unfortunately the guy writes out the calendar at the White House to mention that the United Fruit Company and W. Seligman Company, Wall St. bankers who own and run Nicaragua were present proxy at the meeting.

The Worst Victims

While the newspapers are full of stories about child health, it is well to remember that 100,000 boys and girls under 21 years of age in only states are injured in industry each year, and 3,000 of these are under 16 years of age, according to the White House Conference on Child Health. The same men who prate about proper diet and care of children are throwing their parents and work and injuring in factories the children who the parents can't afford to feed.

A sick German shepherd dog was found in a lumber yard in Boston the other day and was taken to a dog hospital. Within 48 hours, 2,000 pups, 900 of them in person, applied to adopt the dog. Suppose a sick and hungry child had been found in that lumber yard, how many would have offered to adopt it?

"Starvation Means Revolution"

Speaking before the General Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church at Atlantic City, May 6, Acting Secretary of State Castle pointed out the program of Wall Street at the "disarmament" conference. He pointed out other things why the United States was opposed to a boycott as a means for keeping peace and the imperialists.

"There can be no doubt that a boycott universally applied, would bring a man to its knees, but at a cost that would be almost worse than war. Except in a very able to feed itself from its own resources it would mean starvation. Starvation means revolution and the collapse of all government."

A boycott would mean "starvation" and revolution means revolution and the collapse of government. What Castle fears for his capitalist masters is not that starvation would mean hunger and suffering for millions but that it would mean the collapse of capitalist government and the establishment of a workers and farmers government, where there would be food for all.

From Sewing Machine to Cartridge

A sewing machine is a handy thing to have around the house. The Singer Sewing Machine Co. made a lot of money selling them to wives in bygone years. Of course, you can get a sewing machine from the Singer Co. and scrape up enough cash, but the Singer Co. found a better business.

Its huge plant in Elizabeth, N. J., is turning out cartridges and parts for war planes. The guile of sewing machines, materials are manufactured for the next war. Things may be peaceful on the prairies, workers and farmers, the largest sewing machine company in the world isn't making cartridges to shoot bears with. IS NEAR.

NEW PIONEER

MAY 1932



JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BANKRUPT IN MINNESOTA

The Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank was put into bankruptcy May 2. The bank had outstanding on April 30, \$21,000,000 of bonds. Its total resources amounted to about 23 million dollars and the loans outstanding amounted to \$11,000,000.

The failure of this bank is one other indication of the severity of the crisis among the farm population.

It means that the small and middle farmers who have loans from the bank will be robbed during the next several months by the receiver for the bank until its affairs are liquidated, until the mortgages are redistributed among the capitalist class.

PIONEER PETE HAS A TREAT FOR PIONEERS

Meet Pioneer Pete! Every week from now on he'll be up to something in our Pioneer Corner. This week he is going to ask five questions, the correct answers to which will be printed and will equal 10 points in the New Contest. What new contest? The winners of all puzzle story, report competitions will receive points. When they get 100 points they will receive a prize. What's the prize? That's a surprise. Try and get one then you'll know.

1. What electric power plant was put into service in the Soviet Union on May 1?

2. Who is the commander-in-chief of the Red Army?

3. What is the name of the last governor of California who refused to free Tom Mooney?

4. Who were the three members of the Young Communist League killed by thugs during the last year?

5. The mother of which of the Scottsboro boys is now in Germany?

Hello kids, I'm Pioneer Pete, All my comrades I've come here to greet

My purpose is steady I stand ALWAYS ready.

Now all you have to do is make up the last line so that it rhymes with the first two. Five points worth.