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NATIONAL YOUTH DAY MEET ATTACKED, COPS JAIL SEVEN WORKERS

ARMY OF THUGS

William Ferguson, League Organizer in Washington Among Those Jailed

ATTACK SPEAKERS

Jailed Workers Will Be Aided by International Labor Defense

(BY I. R.)

Kelso, Wash., May 30.—William Ferguson, militant United Farmers League organizer and six other workers were arrested today when the police and other gun thugs smashed up a National Youth Day demonstration, after the permit for the parade was given and revoked.

About 15 minutes before the time for the parade the police assembled at the main corner two blocks away. There were about 30 motor police, 30 state police on foot, the town chief of police and several stool pigeons. These latter mingled with the crowd.

TRY TO INTIMADATE WORKERS

The chief of police and the prosecuting attorney were sent to tell us not to parade or we would be arrested, and charged with disobeying the city ordinance and inciting to riot.

The workers formed into line. The police marched toward us. One of the workers got an apple box and took it up the street one block to where the crowd was.

DRAG DOWN WOMAN SPEAKER

A woman worker got up on the box to tell the audience why we could not parade. She was dragged from the box very brutally. I could tell that she was hurt by the sound of her voice.

A member of the young Communist League got on the box. He was pulled down and his arms were twisted by the cops. Another member of the Young Communist League got up but was dragged down and away before he could say anything. Four policemen dragged him down the main street.

Those arrested in addition to William Ferguson are Helmi Huttunen, Carl Syvanen, Walter Hakala. Aarne Pisila and Aug. Hammer. Another unknown man was arrested in the crowd for saying "Dirty Dogs" to the cops.

LABOR DEFENSE IS BUSY

My pockets were searched by the policemen but they found nothing and let me go. The International Labor Defense is on the job and will handle the defense of the arrested workers.

TAYLOR, LUX AT DEFENSE MEET

Defense Committee Being Built in Each County

(BY C. W.)

Loup City, Nebr., May 25.—We had a very fine meeting at the court house with three speakers, Harry Lux, Rob. Hall, and Charles E. Taylor, national chairman of the United Farmers League They sure gave us splendid talks. We had a full house. The meeting lasted until 12 o'clock. The crowd was very quiet and took in everything that was said.

We are sure thankful that such folks can be found who will go out and tell the farmers the truth and expose the rotten capitalist system. I cannot find words in the American language strong enough to condemn the rotten conditions we are working under.

It was a very busy evening. I was put on a defense committee. We took up a defense collection of $19, and a small collection to defray expenses. Collections will be taken in each township as soon as the defense committee is completed.

I received the bundle of "News" but had so much to do at the meeting so had no time to sell and after the collection we was all broke. But we will have a county meeting May 27, so I will do my best then.

SMALL COMPANIES HIT SHARPEST BY INSURANCE DECLINE

Despite the ballyhoo turned out by the insurance companies, in April reported by 43 insurance companies controlling 81 per cent of the total volume of life insurance outstanding in United States legal reserve companies, showed a drop of 23.5 per cent from a year ago.

The figures show that while the insurance as a whole is declining, the drop has been most noticeable among the smaller and otherwise weaker companies. This drop in business, together with a depreciation in the value of the companies' assets, has caused a number of failures and receiverships and an increased concentration in the business.

Wm. A. Berridge, economist of the Metropolitan Life, declares that the ten largest companies have 69 per cent of the assets while the next ten have 13 per cent of the assets. Thus 20 companies control 82 per cent of the total assets of all the U. S. legal reserve insurance companies.

TAYLOR STARTS ANOTHER TOUR

Widespread Demand Results in Second Tour of Lux and Taylor

Lincoln, Neb.—Charles Taylor and Harry Lux have returned to Lincoln after a speaking tour conducted under the auspices of the State Defense Committee of the Holiday Association. More than 25 meetings were held in all parts of the state.

In response to the clamor for return meetings and picnic dates, Lux and Taylor are leaving, after a two days' rest for another tour of the state.

Now that warm weather is here, picnics are much in demand, and the county holiday associations are arranging picnics to take advantage of the speaking dates of the Lux-Taylor tour. The State Defense Committee is pushing the idea of picnics.

"Get together for a full day in congenial surroundings, and let's discuss among ourselves all the problems which are facing the Holiday at this critical period," says Harry Lux. "Let us not drift apart at this time and thereby undo the valuable organizing work we did last fall and winter. We must close ranks and the picnic is one of the first steps.

TO BUILD DEFENSE

The Lux-Taylor tour was undertaken to build a defense committee to handle the defense of the farmers arrested in the state for militant Holiday activities, and to build a defense fund, for the Lux case and other farmers cases.

The National Committee for Action secured for this series of the meetings services of Charles E Taylor, of Montana, former state senator and national chairman of the United Farmers League and managing editor of the Producers News.

Although Mr. Taylor has plenty to keep him busy in the Northwest the United Farmers League, which is affiliated with the National Committee, was willing that Mr. Taylor should spend this time in Nebraska because it was realized that the Lux case is an important part of the national fight of the farmers to stay on the land.

Otto Anstrom of the North Dakota State Committee for Action and Rob. Hall, editor of the Farmers National Weekly, accompanied Mr. Taylor and Mr. Lux.

The State Defense Committee is inviting Lem Harris of the National Committee for Action, with which the Nebraska Holiday is affiliated, to join the tour for as long a time as is possible. Mr. Harris will also speak at some of the Holiday picnics.

County Holiday officers or members are invited to write to the headquarters of the State Defense Committee at Lincoln, 3626 Sumner Street and arrange a date for a picnic in their county.

LEAGUE PROGRAM

The new League program is out. It is called the "Militant Program for American Farmers." Get your copy now from the Producers News, Plentywood, Mont. Five cents a copy.

TEAR GAS AGAINST FARMERS

This farmer is being led away for having picketed the highways, acted as a picket on one of the Wisconsin highways in the recent strike. The troops were ordered out by Gov. Schmedeman who was elected with the aid of the "progressive" LaFollette Republicans on the new deal Democratic last fall.

HITLER'S WORK PLAN IS FALSE

Peasants Get no Relief in Fascist Program, Jobless at Forced Labor

Berlin, June 1.—The Hitler economic program which has just been made public is conclusive proof of the bankruptcy of all of the fascist promises of relief for the workers and farmers of Germany.

The program provides for a government financed public works program of 1,500,000,000 marks ($415,000,000). The workers will get nothing out of this program except forced labor.

NO WAGES FOR JOBLESS

They will get no wages. They will have to live on the miserable unemployment doles they have been getting thus far, plus one warm meal a day (which they cannot get under Hitler's unemployment relief), plus $1.50 per week in script to buy clothes and household goods. At most 400,000 of Germany's 8,000,000 unemployed will get even this.

The peasants receive similar treatment. Hitler promised them the abolition of mortgages and enough land to live on decently. What he now offers them is a reduction in interest rates to 4½ per cent —The fascist peasant leader, Darre, has been promising the farmers a 2 per cent interest rate. The German peasants have just as little chance of paying 4½ per cent as what they are now paying.

But the rich mortgage holders will not have to bear even this cut. The Hitler government will pay them one per cent, up to 300,000,000 marks ($83,000,000) so that they will get a total of 5½ per cent on their mortgages.

WORLD TRADE FOR FIRST QUARTER IS LOWEST FOR CRISIS

Geneva, May 31.—The total value of world trade for the first quarter of 1933 was estimated by the League of Nations today to be $5,381,000,000 gold, or 35 per cent of the total for the first quarter of 1929.

The League report said that, except for a recovery in the last quarter of 1932, the decline has been continuous for four years and the level for the first three months of this year is the lowest yet.

Incomplete statistics for several countries indicated, the report said, that imports and exports were declining still further in April, after a slight recovery in March.

LEAGUE PROGRAM TO COLO. FARMERS

Speakers Tell Farmers of Denver United Front Against Misery

Denver, Colo., June 1.—Positive interest in the program of the United Farmers League and appreciation of the necessity for militant, united action of workers and farmers were clearly indicated by 100 once-prosperous Jefferson county farmers at the Lakewood school house, near Denver, assembled to learn the way out of the present miserable conditions confronting them.

Success of the Denver United Front in its struggle against the mass misery of the city's industrial workers and the battles of the United Farmers' League during the past year were stressed by the three speakers. Other meetings are being arranged and an organization will be started soon.

S. D. FARMERS DEMAND RELIEF

100 Per Cent Support for Relief Demands on County

(BY T. E.)

Hettinger, N. D., May 29.—One hundred per cent support of militant action and of demands for relief was the sentiment of the farmers who met last Saturday in the Seymour school house, Strool, South Dakota, which is just across the line from here.

The demands included:

12 days a month work for a married man and five children; 8 days a month for men with smaller families; and six days a month for single men.

One dollar per day per horse.

Eight hour day.

Cash payment for relief work.

COULD NOT GET CLOTHES

These demands will be handed to the county commissioners. Last winter the road work checks could only be spent for a limited list of commodities. The farmers could get neither mittens, shoes, or clothes to battle the northwest blizzards which hit here early in the fall.

One farmer traded out his bean check with the exception of a few cents. He had one h....l of a time getting some papers and Bull Durham. They finally called it "apricots" and he cashed out his check.

ONLY 20 POUNDS OF SUGAR

Many people caught a ride in to the railroad, over 60 miles, to get 100 pounds of sugar for the winter. When they got there they were turned down because their "bean checks" only called for 20 pounds.

NEW BEER DEAL FOR KANSAS FARMERS IS BASIS FOR STRUGGLE

Denver, Colo., June 1.—Here's prosperity in lovely Colorado. A farmer from Goodland, Kansas, arrived on a Sunday, at noon, at the Coors Brewery (a scab concern) at Golden, near Denver, with a truckload of barley. Thirteen other barley-loaded trucks were there for the same purpose, all unable to sell.

Monday passed, then Tuesday. Wednesday night found the Kansas farmer broke, ready to trade barley for gas so that he might get home. He was invited to join the United Farmers League.

FARM EXPORTS CONTINUE FALL

Deepening of World Crisis Drives Down U. S. Farm Products Export

The sharpening of the world economic crisis carried down the index of exports of farm products to 59 in April. Exports of wheat and flour were only 1,754,000 bushels. Exports of wheat and flour during the ten months ended April 30 were 37,982,000 bushels compared with 118,880,000 bushels during the corresponding period of the previous year.

With the exception of fruit and tobacco, all farm products were below the pre-war volume. Based on the pre-war volume as 100 the index numbers were: grains and grain products, 22; animal products, 56; dairy products and eggs 84; cotton, 65; wheat and flour, 20; hams and bacon, 31; lard 98. The volume of fruit exported was at 154 and tobacco at 118.

CALIF. STANDARD TO END CREDIT DEALING

(BY S. W.)

Livingstone, Calif., May 27.—After ten years of dealing with the Standard Oil company a farmer here was denied any further credit recently He was unable to pay a small bill this spring which is the slack time for all farmers.

The collector said that hereafter all dealings with the company would have to be in cash or not at all.

WORKERS GET 25c AN HOUR ON KRESS STORE IN ARIZONA

Phoenix, Ariz., May 15.—The construction of the new Kress store building is well under way. Despite the huge newspaper propaganda of good wages, short shifts, etc., the men are in reality receiving 25 cents per hour, and work straight thru nine hours. Practically no Union men are employed on the job. The total cost of the building is reported to be about $100,000.

Cut Mothers' Pensions In Michigan

County Is Broke But Can Pay Welfare Director $100 a Month

(BY G. S.)

White Cloud, Mich., May 31.—On May 27 we had a meeting of widows and workers on the welfare in White Cloud. There were about 200 present. Clyde Smith and Chester Grahm were the chief speakers. The supervisors of this county who are getting four dollars a day refused to take a dollars' cut in their wages. One voted, however, to cut the mothers' pensions in half.

We mothers are not getting what the law of Michigan allows us and we have never gotten it. The laws says we are to get $2 per week for each child but this county is giving about $1.25 per child per week.

Furthermore, it has been two months since we mothers have got our pensions.

NOT TOO BROKE TO PAY SALARIES

The county is broke they tell us and we will have to wait until the last of June before we get any more money, but the county is not too broke to give a wealthy man the job of welfare director. This welfare director gets $100 per month and five cents per mile for his car.

He is just a slave driver, he sent each man that was getting work on the welfare a quesestionnaire to fill out. The ones that did not send these questionairres back did not get any work on the welfare. He asked such questions as "How much money have you?" and "Have you got it at home or in the bank?"

GET 25c AN HOUR

These workers on the welfare have to work like slaves at 25c per hour and eight hours a day and four days a month. If any of these men have a license for their car they do not get any work on the road.

They all have to walk to work. Some of them have many miles to go. The slave driver tells them that they should be glad to have a job that they can walk to.

This welfare director is an exsheriff of this county and he sure knows how to treat the poor working class.

Our neighbor, a man 80 years old, whose wife is past 70, has been living on the county for the past two years. Since this welfare director got in office he sent him one of these questionairres and told him to fill it out and send it back at once or he would have to work on the road with all the other welfare workers if he got groceries.

GOV. SCHMEDEMAN'S STRIKE BREAKERS

The farmers who struck recently in Wisconsin got a taste of all that democracy means. Note the gas masks and the clouds of gas.

STRIKE STRUGGLE IN PHILA. MILK SHED IS OUTLOOK BY AUGUST

SUPPLY OF WHEAT IN NORTH AMERICA ENOUGH FOR YEAR

The United States carryover of wheat is expected to be as large on June 30 as a year ago. Canada is reported to have had nearly 75,000,000 bushels more wheat on hand on May 1 than a year ago.

Total supplies of wheat in North America are about 40,000,000 bu. larger than at this time a year ago. These supplies are sufficient to supply the domestic needs of both Canada and the United States for a whole year, without taking into account the crop now in the ground.

Despite this mountain high supply of wheat the working people of both the United States and Canada are being driven to ever lower levels of existence.

WHEAT STOCKS OF WORLD RISE

Food Supplies Grow While Mass of Working People Face More Misery

As a result of the declining standard of living of the working people thruout the world stocks of wheat available for export or carry-over in the principal exporting countries on May 1 were 49,000,000 bushels larger than on May 1, 1932. The total on May 1, 1933 was 774,000,000 bushels.

World shipments have declined rapidly during the past six weeks and in April were 21,000,000 bushels less than for April 1932.

"It seems unlikely," the Department of Agriculture is forced to admit, "that world shipments and consumption will increase sufficiently during the remainder of the crop year to prevent the world carry-over of wheat being larger than the record carryover as of July 1, 1933."

INFLATION PUTS UP FARM PRICES

Higher Prices Will Lower Living Standard and Hit Farmers Thru 'Surplus'

As a result of the campaign put on by the speculators in anticipation of widespread inflation, prices of farm products rose 17 per cent from April 15 to May 15. The general index of farm prices prepared by the Department of Agriculture advanced from 53 to 62.

Even with this increase, prices are below the level of January, 1932, the second year of the crisis. The index of grain prices rose 15 points. Meat animal prices were up 8 points, chickens and eggs 6, cotton and cottonseed 6, dairy products 4, fruits and vegetables 2. Wool advanced 42 points in the month.

MORE PROFITS TO THE SPECULATORS

These higher prices mean more profits to the speculators at the expense of the working people in the cities. Relief given to the unnemployed is being cut. Despite all of the propaganda handed out by the capitalist press about wage increases the wages of those still working are at bare existence levels.

Mass unemployment and miserable wages for those who have a job a few days a week mean that the city workers will be able to buy less of the farmers' products at the higher prices than previously. This means not only a lowered standard of living for these working people but greater "surplus" after next harvest, of farm products.

Starvation is on the order of the day under the new deal. As long as the working people get no larger income, any increase in the prices they have to pay can mean only a lower standard of living and a greater "surplus" on the farms, leading finally to a new downward tobaggon in farm prices.

MAYBE SOONER

Struggle Will Be Carried on in Unity With City Workers

TO FEED CHILDREN

Regional Action Committee Will Prepare Strike in Four States

Perkasie, Pa., May 29.—The Philadelphia Regional Committee for Action, comprising several farm and labor organizations, held its first meeting Saturday, May 27, at Hilltown, Pa.

On the basis of the resolutions adopted at the Milk Shed Conference on the 17th, it was decided to work with a perspective of strike by the middle of August. A strike may come much sooner, depending upon national developments.

"Recognizing that when the farmers sell a quart of milk, or when city consumers buy a quart, that both are robbed, we demand that a deep cut be made in the spread of profit of the dealers so that farmers receive more and city consumers pay less. At the present day we demand for 3.5 per cent butterfat content 9 cents to the city consumer, 5 cents to the farmer at the farm, and 4 cents to the dealer; other grades proportional."

WON'T STRIKE AGAINST CONSUMERS

This strike will be carried on in cooperation with consumers organizations. Detailed plans are being made to keep the children of the city supplied with milk while the strike is in progress.

A protest against the cutting off of relief to the unemployed is being sponsored by the Unemployed Councils, Unemployed Citizens League and the Unemployed Cooperative Leagues. Lewis C. Bentzley and A. M. Stover, president and vice president of the United Farmers Protective Assn., Dublin, Pa., were chosen to speak to the workers on June 1, to ask for their support in the coming strike.

The Regional Committee members are returning to their respective localities determined to carry on a wide campaign in proportion for strike, which will involve New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

The Philadelphia Regional Committee for Action grew out of the Philadelphia Milk Shed Conference which met in Philadelphia on May 17 with an attendance of 250 delegates. Some of the organizations represented there are: the United Farmers Protective Assn., Farmers Protective Assn. of Penna., West Jersey Dairymen's Union, Farmers Union, Farm Holilay Assoc., Capital City Milk Producers Assn., Unemployed Councils, Unemployed Citizens Leagues, etc.

TWO BILLION AND HALF LOST DURING THE BANK HOLIDAY

On May 3 there were 1,211 member banks of the Federal Reserve system which had not recovered from the Roosevelt bank holiday in March. Licensed member banks totalled 5,478 on that date.

While nearly 20 per cent of the member banks remained closed they contained less than ten per cent of the deposits. The banks which remained closed were, therefore, the smaller banks which could not get the help of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as the big ones did.

Total deposits of the closed member banks totalled $2,618,000,000—over two and a half billion dollars robbed from the small depositors primarily.

GOOD CROP BRINGS FARMER $250 LESS THAN IT COST HIM

Denver, Colo., June 21—A farmer near Castle Rock (35 miles from Denver) toiled nobly all of last summer and got a good crop. Then came the day of settlement and—he had to pay out $250 to break even.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR THE LEAGUE AND FOR THE NEWS

The financial condition of the United Farmer League and the Producers News about which we have spoken briefly in past has become so aggravated that we must devote our editorial column this week to a call for immediate support from our members, readers, and sympathizers.

For several weeks we have carried calls for help for the establishment of the National Headquarters. Last week we announced the new address of the National Headquarters.

Now we must tell our readers that the National Office cannot be kept going much longer unless support is immediately furnished by the farmers themselves. Our calls for help brought in only $30 which has long since been expended for postage and printing. Most of the League locals did not respond to the call and those that did, with the exception of the Washington locals, turned in only a few pennies.

A group of militant farmers in Pennsylvania, not members of the League, understood the need for supporting the National Office and contributed about one quarter of the total amount raised.

The situation facing the Producers News is similar to that facing the National Office. Subscriptions and bundles have fallen off disastrously during spring's work. Renewals have been neglected. If it were not for the renewals in our home county, Sheridan, this issue of the paper could not have been published. There is a limit, however, to help from that source and we have about reached it.

Future issues of the paper can only come out if we get immediately a widespread response to this appeal.

The maintainence of the National Office and of the Producers News are now more necessary than ever. Requests for assistance continue to pour in to the National Office.

THESE REQUESTS CANNOT BE ANSWERED BECAUSE OUR NATIONAL OFFICE IS STRANGLED THROUGH LACK OF THE FEW PENNIES TO BUY POSTAGE, STATIONERY, AND A FEW OTHER ESSENTIALS.

Farmers everywhere who get acquainted with the Producers News recognize it as their own fighting paper. But subscriptions and bundle orders are only obtained by continuous activity on the part of the Advance Guard, members of the Leaue, League locals, readers and sympathizers of the Producers News.

Now, more than ever, is it necessary to have a paper that will unmask the false promises of Roosevelt and his administration, will expose the betrayal of the misleaders, and will continue to point out the necessity for mass action to the farmers. The Producers News is that paper.

Immediate action alone can prevent a break down in the national organization of the United Farmers League and the stopping of the publication of the Producers News. We have not placed the situation before our readers so plainly before, perhaps mistakenly so. Now we do so and call on each and every reader of the Producers News to do his part to help us through this crisis in which we find ourselves.

Words are not enough. Concrete action is necessary. We, therefore, offer the following suggestions for immediate action. This is what can and should be done.

Immediate aid to the National Office. Collection lists for this purpose have been printed. If you do not have one drop a card to the National Office and obtain one. Ask your neighbors to contribute a few pennies by pointing out the important role of the National Office of the League in the struggles of all the farmers.

Picnics, dances, card parties, and other social affairs can be used to obtain for the League the funds that are now so absolutely nececssary.

An energetic effort to build the subscription and the bundle circulation of the Producers News. There should be at least one subscription book and a bunch of 25 cent subscription cards in every community which is reached by the Producers News. Where sub books and cards are available an energetic campaign should be made to build a mass circulation for the Producers News in the community. If there are no sub books or cards we will be glad to send them at once.

Wherever there is now a subscription to the Producers News there should be a bundle also. If any effort is made every bundle will pay for itself easily. Even if you can only manage a small bundle now, order it. Every bundle of five a week means that five more farmers will read the paper next week than last week.

These are only suggestions. If you set yourself to it many other ways will be found.

We want to hear from every League local, every member of the Advance Guard, every reader of the Producers News, telling us what is being done in your community to help the National Office in its present critical situation and to build a mass circulation for the Producers News.

Every answer that we get to this response will be published in coming issues of the paper. Be sure that your local, your community, is represented.

One League Local Near Collapse

KALAMA, WASHINGTON, LOCAL STARTED WITH ENTHUSIASM; SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY TO RALLY FARMERS PASSED OVER THRU INACTIVITY; CRITICISM MAY HELP

(BY A. P.)

Kalama, Wash.—Having written about the successful organization of a United Farmers League local here less than two months ago it is no more than fair for me to write now about its collapse. By criticism, let us hope that life may be injected into this local which is seemingly headed towards complete oblivion, and that others by reading about our sad experience might profit by it and take steps to prevent a similar occurance in their respective organizations before it is too late. We learn by our mistakes and self-criticism makes us strong.

LEADERS FELL ASLEEP

This local, although it was started by a small group, had plenty of enthusiasm and plenty of possibilities. The first times the Commttee of Action was called it turned out one hundred per cent and succeeded in winning its first small fight. This should have been an incentive to continue.

Later at a united front meeting a splendid struggle was started to lower the outrageous electric light rates. Every farmer in the vicinity was back of this move and it was being spread into the surrounding communities also. This was an excellent opportunity for the United Farmers League to prove to the doubtfull ones the effectiveness of its method of struggle. But the committee of action by being asleep and each one depending upon the other, allowed this struggle to pass out of their hands and consequently die down just when they were on the verge of victory. At the present time no one seems to know what progress has been made, if any. Under ordinary circumstances the fight should have been easily and successfully finished a long time ago.

DIES OF INACTIVITY

At a following meeting several members were unavoidably absent from the county and were, therefore, unable to be present. Several more were not present on account of "being too tired" and other such flimsy excuses.

No effort had been made to bring in new members. Nothing was done about the electric light struggle. No new business was brought up. Consequently the meeting was dull and uninteresting.

The next meeting had a still smaller attendance and had practically nothing to meet about. This should have been a very significant warning to all. At the last meeting only four members showed up and they sat on the steps cursing for awhile and then went home. Even the secretary did not bother to come over.

All the time that this local was going backwards, the United Farmers League in our neighboring community only about twelve miles away, was growing with leaps and bounds. In their town, stirred up by a few U. F. L. members, a powerful Unemployed Council was organized. This shows the result of even a little bit of activity.

Here in Kalama "prosperity" had come. The price of strawberries had gone up. This being a strawberry community the farmers were all preparing for the coming season. Everyone was too busy to bother with the U. F. L. activities now, that could be postponed.

Right now we must work and work hard. We must work to produce more farm products for the already overflowing market. Work so that we can become stoll poorer. Work so that we can lower our already miserable living standard some more. Evidently the demagogy of the Roosevelt hunger program has fooled a great many.

NOT THE TIME TO QUIT

This is not the right attitude to take. Surely those of us that have followed up the activities of the President should realize by now that he is only successfully carrying on the policy of his predecessors but in a much more underhand way than Hoover did. We must get up and fight for our rights. We must fight day in and day out, not ever relaxing one bit. We must not give our enemies a single chance.

And when we form a fighting organization, it is up to each and every member to do his utmost. It is an honor to be on the Executive Committee of a United Farmers League local or on the Committee of Action.

If the committee members are asleep on the job—get rid of them! There are others that still have a little fighting spirit left in them.

But don't leave all the work in the hands of the committees. It is up to everyone of the rank and file to help and try to be in the forefront of the struggle.

If we regularly keep on missing meetings with petty excuses of being "too tired" or "it rained" or "too far to walk" and so forth, then we do not deserve to ever get any freedom or the right of decent living.

If we let such small trifles stand in our way now, what will we do when we are going to be faced with real struggles in the very near future? If we are too lazy or are too afraid to fight for our rights, then we are certainly not very class conscious yet. If we are ashamed to participate in the struggles, then we are also ashamed of being honest workers.

A WARNING

Are we still anxious to remain always for our masters? Whether we like to admit it or not, that is exactly what we are, slaves.

Inwardly we should be proud of ourselves if we are taking an active part in the class struggle. No work could be more noble than the work of the one who fights for humanity and for justice. It is up to everyone of us to understand our rights, then let us continue our fight until we fight the last time. Let us fight for our immediate demands. Let us fight for the right to live.

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These experiences should be a warning to the United Farmers League locals and higher bodies throughout the country. The leaflet by Alfred Tiala, "Coming to the Meeting?" contains a number of good directions to avoid such disastrous experience.

If the leaders of the United Farmers League in Kalama had followed the directions contained in Comrade Tiala's article the U. F. L. there would still be growing instead of being on the rocks, we venture to state.

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Order a bundle now. The price is a very little—10 cents for 25 and 35 cents for a hundred. Order them from the Producers News, Plentywood, Montana.—The Editor.

Doings of the Advance Guard

Some people write and tell us that people have no money and it is hard for them to sell the Producers News, so they give them away and pay out of their own pockets if there is anything there.

We think that some of you don't go about this just right. Every time you have a meeting you should give a short talk on the Producers News. Point out to them what they can find out by reading the Producers News that they cannot find out by reading any other paper.

Then you should have someone going around selling the paper at 5 cents while the meeting is still going on, and you will find that practically everyone will dig up five cents and buy the paper. If you wait until the meeting is over you are not going to get much results.

If you have sub cards they should also be sold during the meeting, after a short talk boosting the paper and mentioning the cards. Taking subs and giving receipts takes a little more talking and can best be done after the meeting, and still better by going from house to house.

By all means give a good talk on the paper wherever you have a chance, it is so very important that the paper get a wide circulation.

This week John Boulds added another 72 points to his list, making a total of 460 points. Harry Gulbank, Wisconsin, is number two with 58 points; then comes C. Conradsen, Montana, with 40; F. L. Edwards, North Dakota, 30, and Frank Denk, Wisconsin, 23 points. We have one more week to go.

DOINGS OF LAST WEEK

Martha Bachman, Becker Co. Minn., subscribes, 2 points.

Frank Hayden, Lewis Co., Wash., sends $2 for 10 sub cards, 8 points. "We are doing our best to sell subs. Most everyone wants our paper but money is scarce," he writes.

David Wilson, Carbon Co.unty, Mont., sends one sub, 6 points.

Mrs. Gus Johnson, McLean Co., N. D., sends stamps for sample copies.

M. M. Clapp, Muscatine Co. Ia. pays for 200 papers to be sent.

Eino Hill, Brown Co., S. Dak, sends another sub, four points.

A MILLION IS RIGHT

Oskar Johnson, Sibley Co., Minn., sends a dollar for renewal, 4 points. "Our paper is good and ought to have a million circulation. The capitalistic system is tottering today as never before and it ought to come to an end soon."

Finnish Workers Club, Fresno Co., Calif, orders 12 papers per week and wants receipt books.

J. W. Lindgren, Sonoma Co., Calif., renews for a year and he sends one more yearly sub, 16 points.

BEST FOR FARMERS

Hugo Fisher, Milwaukee Co. Wis. writes for a bundle of papers to be sold to farmers. "We consider your paper best suited for the farmers," he says.

A. E. Husa, Mountrail Co., N. D., sends another sub, 4 points.

Julius Walstad, Roberts Co. S. D., remits for bundles.

Wm. Borgen, Marshall Co., S. D., subscribed, one point.

M. Willer, Goshen Co., Wyo., sends one sub, four points.

Sabina Impecoven, Marshall Co. S. D., subscribes for a year, eight points.

S. A. Coles, King Co., Wash., one sub, one point.

Finnish Federation, New York, N. Y. sends a year sub to be sent to the Soviet Union.

G. Erland Sandelin, Baraga Co. Mich., sends order for 25 copies per week.

Frank Langdon, Clallam Co., Wash., pays for bundles received.

V. Haines, Whatcom Co. Wash., pays for bundles.

Joseph Phillips, Racine Co., Wash., sends two more subs, four points.

WORK AND FEW BEANS

L. Vomocil, Yuma County, Arizona sends two subs, four points, and says: "All we get out of it here is plenty of work and a few beans."

M. C. Munger, Adams County, N. Dak., remits for bundles and orders more of them.

J. Schulthus, Cooke Co. Ill., is interested in farm problems and orders sample copies.

Mrs. L. N. Petersen, Pierce Co. Wash., pays for bundle and says she will try to get some more subs.

Bert Baird, Itasca Co. Minn., subscribes for six months, four points.

LOCAL DOINGS

John Boulds, Plentywood, Mont. got us 11 subs and renewals this week, 72 points.

Those in our own locality who subscribed and renewed this week are:

A. F. Nelson, Ivar Barlaug, and Peter Barrey, Bonetrail N. D.; G. S. Glud, Four Buttes; Geo. Hatfield, Navajo; H. H. Bauldhaupt, Richland; Henry Styve, Archer; C. Conradsen, Antelope; Ole Mathiason, Raymond; Peter Hjelm, Comertown.

Magnus Danielsen, A. C. Andersen, Mads Strandskov, B. R. Guenther, O. Thorstenson, Christian Sandvig of Dagman.

C. W. Paulson, John Olson and C. C. Gronlie of Homestead.

Niels M. Andersen, J. L. Scholl and M. G. Schmitz of Medicine Lake.

Paul Andrilenus, C. M. Thornburg, L. M. R. Paulson, Reserve.

Dan Campbell, I. C. Metzger, R. Wigmore, Redstone.

MILITANT FARMERS PLAYS SOUGHT BY A CORRESPONDENT

Hecla, S. D., May 24.—I am trying to gather material for a short article about plays for and about militant farmers. I have a few leads I am following up. I should like to get information from anyone who can send it. When I get my article ready I will probably offer it to you for publication in the Producers News if you can use it.—Edwin Pfutzenreuter, Hecla, S. Dak.

FAILURE OF WORLD PARLEY ADMITTED

Leading French Paper Says Not One of Problems Will Be Solved

Paris, June 1.—The French paper Le Temps admits that the World Economic Parley, which has been proclaimed as the turning point in the world crisis by the capitalists, is doomed to failure in any of the problems which will be discussed.

"Preparation for the economic conference, which opens Monday, June 12," says Le Temps, "gives the impression that it is particularly laborious that one fails to ee what progress can be accomplished with the view toward reaching an accord on any sort of formula of compromise. There is not the slightest indication at present of stabilization of the pound and the dollar, and such stabilization is indispensable.

NO HOPE OF DEBT SETTLEMENT

"There is nothing which would permit a belief that the war debts question will be solved in good time. There is not the slightest prospect of agreement on a tariff regime acceptable to all powers. Less than two weeks from the opening of the conference all the problems that must be discussed remain unchanged."

"The problem of security, which completely dominates the problem of disarmament, is far from being solved" Le Temps draws the conclusion that, even if discussions were resumed on June 27, little progress can be hoped for.

DAIRY FARMERS FACE SELL OUT

Roosevelt Administration Manoeuvering With Milk Trust Agents

In at least three market areas of the country where struggles of the milk producers are probable the federal government has already entered the situation. During the last week of May the Roosevelt farm administration held conferences with representatives of the milk trust from Detroit, Philadelphia, and Georgia.

SMALL HOME OWNERS OF OHIO WILL ORGANIZE ENTIRE STATE

Convention Makes Plans for Statewide Organization; Bill to Protect Home Owners Is Drawn up; Will Aid Home Owners in Other States

The Small Home Owners of Ohio have organized themselves to protect their homes. At a convention May 14-15-16 at Columbus, they gathered in meeting for the purpose of unifying their organization on a statewide basis into the Small Home and Land Owners Federation of Ohio. Delegates concluded this work with a march to the State Capitol to present to Governor White the Home Owners Relief Bill.

The Home Owners Relief Bill demanded the immediate enactment of the following, in brief:

1. Complete moratorium to small home owners on all the debts, mortgages, interest, and principle, until economic recovery.

2. Fifty per cent reduction in taxes and utilities rates.

3. All small home owners foreclosed since 1928 be compensated to the amount he invested.

The Convention spent considerable time exposing the Roosevelt Home Owners Bill as a relief measure for the bankers. The program and constitution adopted pointed out that though the small home owners would use every legal and legislative means to protect their homes, they would make every effort to enforce and support all measures by mass organizations, mass protest demonstrations, and mass delegations, as as required.

BANKERS TAKE AWAY HOMES

As the delegates took the floor they spoke of how they worked all their lives to build themselves a home only to find in their later years, the bankers taking it away from them.

The convention went on record to support the unemployed farmers and veterans in their struggle for more relief. A state resident committee was set up in Cleveland Ohio, for the carrying out of the decisions of the convention and for the further extending the organization. A plan is being developed to extend the organization into every county in Ohio.

WILL AID HOME OWNERS ELSEWHERE

The Ohio State Committee of the S. H. O. F. extends its support to all groups of home owners thruout the United States who are interested in supporting the fight to defend their homes. We welcome any request for information on how to build a home owners organization in your city.

If you feel that in your city or county there is a place for such an organization, we ask that you write a letter to our State Executive Committee which is setting up a committee to handle such organizational matters.

(Small Home and Land Owners Federation of Ohio, 441 Society for Savings Bldg. Cleveland, Ohio.

In each case the farmers themselves have been left out of consideration. In order to make the manoeuvers appear plausible representatives of Milk Producers Associations have been invited to discuss the situation with the farm administration.

MILK TRUST AGENTS PRESENT

In the Philadelphia discussion the farmers were "represented" by H. D. Allebach, secretary and manager of the Interstate Milk Producers Association. The Interstate, although 22,000 farmers belong to it, is a direct agency of the milk trust. The Roosevelt administration did NOT call in representatives of the Philadelphia Regional Committee for Action to discuss the milk situation. This Regional Committee is a dirt farmers committee elected by the farmers in a United Front Conference on May 11.

In the conferences for the Detroit and Georgia milk sheds the same sort of agents of the milk trust were also invited to represent the farmers.

THE NEW DEAL

The Roosevelt administation is entering the milk situation in order to pacify the farmers in this field where the sentiment for strike struggles is growing most rapidly. But the "new deal" will mean as little for the working people here as it has meant for the workers and the veterans thus far. Only struggles organized and led by the farmers themselves can win higher prices.

LEAGUE PROGRAM

The new League program is out. It is called the "Militant Program for American Farmers." Get your copy now from the Producers News, Plentywood, Mont. Five cents a copy.

Distribute the new United Farmers League programs to your neighbors. For 25 or more, four cents each; for 100 or more, three cents each, plus postage. Order them now.

CALIF. IRRIGATION TAXES DISCUSSED

(BY S. W.)

Livingstone, Calif., May 27.—One hundred farmers attended a meeting of the United Farmers League in Atwater, May 24. The topic for discussion was irrigation taxes. There were three tickets and the meeting was quite a success.

FARMERS IN TEXAS SLOWLY AWAKEN

Many Favorable Comments Herd on League Program

(BY J. M.)

Honey Grove, Texas, May 30.—Be sure I am with you in every effort to extricate the laborer from the ruin of bankruptcy. Unfortunately I am compelled to admit that we are a tame set here in this community and are not disposed to fight just yet. I have heard many favorable comments on your militant spirit but we are not yet ready to join you in your wise and just opposition to the great injustice we all suffer.

You understand we were inoculated in our early history with the virus of semi-serfdom and the Civil War reinoculated us with the opposed germ of freedom and then came along Mr. Wilson with his seductive phrase Liberty and Democracy illuminated by the most damnable inflation which we did not understand—all these have stupefied and paralyzed our motor system until we can't move just yet.

SLOWLY AWAKENING

But we are thinking and slowly awakening so much that when the Roosevelt Bubble bursts, as it is sure to do we will arouse and again show our old time courage.

I am working for 75 cents a day and just as soon as possible I will have you put me on your mailing list. People hare are just not able to subscribe. Let me suggest that those in sympathy with you place a fund at your disposal to be used for the distribution of your paper among the worthy though unfortunate.

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FARMERS HAVE SURPRISE PARTY FOR RESERVE BANKER

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

It was about noon, a week ago yesterday, when cars and trucks, loaded with men and women surrounded the bank in the little town of Reserve. The bank is one of the few still doing business in Sheridan county.

About 75 people had responded to the hurried call for this surprise party on the banker. Among them could be seen many of the leading and most respected farmers, mostly from the Dagmar country. They all had a determined look on their face. Gonius Laursen of Dagmar, was picked as their spokesman. The banker was taken by surprise and had no way of escaping.

What lead up to this demonstration had been printed in the county issue of the Producers News a few weeks before.

Paul Mouritsen, a prominent farmer of Dagmar, had been beat out of $48.50 by the Reserve banker, George Lund. Instead of sending this money to Nebraska, as the banker had promised to do, he kept the money and applied it on Paul's combine note held by the bank, on which Paul and his brothers had paid $1300 but still owed another $1,000.

The 75 farmers insisted that the $48.50 should be turned over to the farmer by the banker, but the banker refused to do it. He admitted he had done the wrong thing, but was not going to let a bunch of farmers tell him how to run his bank. His neck was too stiff to be bent, he said, which brought the remark from some farmers that a dose of castor oil could probably limber that stiff neck up, but no one had supplied themselves with the fluid.

Halver Everson, local lumber man and director of the bank was sent for and ok'd the banker's action. "Why don't you farmers stay at home and attend to your own business," was what this lumber man wanted to know. One farmer had just bought two sacks of cement from Everson but said he was going to bring them right back, never again would he spend a penny with Everson, to which others also agreed.

A couple of hours of heated discussion was spent with the banker. Before leaving, the 75 farmers gave George Lund the assurance that they have done business with him and his bank for the last time, and that they would do all they could to get other farmers to take the same stand. So, probably Sheridan county will be minus another bank in the near future.

George Lund has posed as a friend of the farmers but this action of his shows that he is as greedy and just as dishonest as the rest of his class.

HUSA CLOSES OUT GROCERY STORE

John Husa, who came to Plentywood from Belden, N. D., last fall and opened a grocery store, has closed out his store and moved to his home at Belden. Sickness at home and Mr. Husa himself, not feeling too well, were the reasons for making the move.

What stock he was not able to dispose of before closing was shipped to Belden, where they will be added to the stock of goods at his store there.

While ehre Mr. Husa has made many friends. People from all parts of the county come and traded in his store, where they could always do a little better than in any other store in town. The farmers felt at home here and his circle of friends and amount of business were getting larger right along. His many friends as well as patrns are sorry to see him go.

Monday evening a farewell party was given for him and his two daughters at Mrs. Chas. E. Taylor's home where a number of friends spent the evening playing cards and enjoying a midnight lunch.

Local Brevities

Mrs. Grant Stoner of Outlook, underwent a major operation at the local hospital May 29.

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Evelyn Robke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robke, underwent an operation Friday evening for appendicitis. At this writing she is reported to be getting along nicely and will no doubt be at home again in a day or two.

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Azel Ramstad, Antelope, was a business caller Friday.

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Peter Dahl was in town Monday from his farm south of Dooley.

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Mrs. Ted Lindell was an Westby caller in Plentywood Thursday to have some dental work done.

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Mrs. Carl Hammer, Westby, was transacting business in Plentywood Thursday of last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Fransen were callers here Wednesday from thei farm near Comertown.

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Peter Bruvold, Comertown, was in Plentywood Monday. He was accompanied by John Madsen who will spend some time at the Bruvold home visiting.

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Nig Collins of Wolf Point, was visiting friends here Saturday.

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Harry DeSlva is preparing his park this week and states that the swimming pool will soon be open.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Grantham of Raymond were in town Wednesday.

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Wm. Hass motored down from Outlook the forepart of the week to attend to business matters.

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Pete Vig spent Sunday here visiting with friends. Mr. Vig is employed at the Henry Hansen farm south of Comertown.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fridberg were down from their farm near the Blue Trail Monday. While here Mr. Fridgerg attended to school matters at the court house.

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George Omar, Outlook, left on Monday by train for Chicago to attend the World's fair.

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A cherry welcome at the Beaufort Hotel, 112 3rd Street South, opposite Fededal Building, Minneapolis, 75c, $1, $1.50 per day. Parking next door.

—oo—

Raymond Guenther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guenther, underwent an operation at the local hospital Wednesday morning for removal of his appendix.

WORKED TWO DAYS IN FIVE YEARS

(BY W. C.)

Deer River, Minn., June 1.—I have managed to get 50 cents to send for your paper. Hope to get enough money to keep the paper but do not know. I am crippled and can use only one hand. I have not been able to get but two days work in five years so you can see how it is with me. I am going out with your paper to try and get some subs.

Want Ads

LOST—Package containing silk dress on highway south of Reserve. Notify Box 182 Antelope Mont. 11-1p

FOR SALE—One registered Short horn milk cow, 1 Short horn heifer calf, eligible for registration. Call or write Aksel Olson, Dagmar, Mont. 11-1p

FOR SALE—Early Fortune Millet seed, 2 cents per lb. 1½ mile west. H. R. Smith, Plentywood, Mont. 11-2t.

LOST—Ford tire on rim near the Peter Degan's place. Finder please notify Simon Hansen, Comertown. 10-2p

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CHURCH PICNIC TO BE HELD JULY 4

The Fourth of July will be celebrated at Kanterud's grove 5 miles west and one mile south of Westby, Mont., or one mile east of the old Race rance, or three miles north of Sig Nelson's ranch.

There will be a talk on how much it costs in Norway to baptize a poor man's child and how much for a rich man's child, also the difference in the burying of a poor and rich, and a lot that you never heard of before. It may be difficult to hear it again so do not miss this interesting speech. The churches, Skandia, Oslo and St. John's, are putting on this program.

Church-going people especially, will enjoy this program.

THEODORE WELTER DIED MONDAY A. M.

Theodore "Dutch" Welter, 65, passed away at the local hospital early Monday morning following a short illness from pneumonia. He had not been in the best of health for a week or two but it was not thought of sufficient consequence to get medical attention, he being a county charge, until the day before he passed away. Burial was made Monday evening in the local cemetery.

Welters was born in Germany and came to this country thirty or forty years ago, being employed in a brewery in Milwaukee for a number of years, later going to Minneapolis. He has lived in Sheridan county for the past ten years. A brother, who lives in Chicago, is the only known relative in this country.

Comertown-Dooley

The Chapel choir of Comertown held a picnic in the Jensen hills list Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete LaVerdure visited the home of her son Horace for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mekklesen and children visited at the David Nelson home Sunday.

Many people from the Comertown and Dooley country attended the show "The Road to Life" in Plentywood Saturday. They all seemed to enjoy it.

A very good meeting of the U. F. L. was held in Comertown Saturday May 27.

Howard McCall, secretary of the Cometown U. F. L. opened the meeting, giving a short talk on dues of the U. F. L. members. A number of the Plentywood Pioneers and Y. C. L. members sang a number of songs. John Boulds then spoke in regard to the school tearhers' situation, after which this problem was discussed by the U. F. L. members. A motion was made and carried that resolutions be drawn and sent to the R. F. C. that necessary funds be furnished to pay school teachers for the rom ing term. Resolutions were then draw up to this effect. Peter Gallagher of Plentywood spoke briefly in regard to the value of education and organization. The resolutions were then read to the U. F. L. members. The meeting was then adjourned and lunch was served after which a dance was held in the Andreason restaurant.

Albert Hovland, McNess agent, attended the U. F. L. meeting in Comertown last Saturday evening.

Miss Georgia Rebo of Comertown is employed at the Selmer Espeland home near McElmy.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Torgensen and family visited the Carl Hagen home Sunday.

Chester Hagen son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hagen, who was operated on May 4 at the Memorial hospital for ruptured appendix returned to his home near Dooley on Sunday. He is now able to be up and is very much improved in health.

Chris Tufton and Arnold Hanson visited Mr. Hanson's brother-in-law, Louie Dixon on Thursday May 25. Mr. Dixon had just returned from the Plentywood hospital where he had been operated on for ruptured appendix. He is living near Westby.

RESERVE

The Wakea club met at the Geo. Hunte home last Thursday. Mrs. Claus Strand was hostess. The attendance was small due to the bad weather.

Mrs. N. B. Eidsness was ralled to Williston last week to assist in caring for Mr. Eidsness' mother who is ill.

A large group of the boys are camping in the hills west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lund attended a bankers convention at Wolf Point Wednesday.

Mrs. Evensen was the honored guest at a bridge party last Wednesday at the Strandskov home. Five tables were in play with Mrs. Ray Kallak and Mrs. Erik Lyngas winning high scores. A silver powder box was given Mrs. Evensen as a guest prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Holje and children left Wedsesday for Maddok, N. D. to attend the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. Helje's parents.

Miss Mildred Barnstad is the guest of her uncle, Charlie Barnstad.

Julia Asved is asssisting at the Tjomsos store.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Faaberg and Norma Lucia were guests at the Gibbons home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Soren Rumborg left Tuesday for parts in the east, including the World's fair at Chicago.

Miss Audrey Wahl of Alamo is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Lund.

Robert Henderson was operated on at the Memorial hospital in Plentywood last Thursday.

Nils Christensen returned from the Williston hospital last Thursday.

The D. C. Murk family are moving into the H. P. Anderson house this week.

ARCHER

Miss Margaret Clark, who was employed in the western part of the state for the past several years, returned home last week, and will make an ertended visit with her mother, Mrs. Art Kazeck

Nels Thompson and daughter Irene were callers at the Joe Whitish home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boelens, Dot Lipska and Clarence Whitish were callers at Victor Kissler's Thursday evening.

Robert Cook, who has been attending Plentywood high school the past year, is helping his uncle finish his crop.

Miss Viva Boelens and Dot Lipska were Plentywood callers Friday.

Walter and Wallace Bareje visited at the J. M. Whitish home on Sunday.

Miss Rosa Greff called on Mrs. Art Kazeck Sunday.

Ed Boelens transacted business in Redstone Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and daughters Irene and Phillis called on Mrs. Joe Whitish Friday.

Miss Orlinda Lacy closed a very successful term of school Friday with a picnic which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Leonard Smith called on Robert Cook Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Stone and son Jack, spent the week end with Mrs. Stone's mother in Plentywood.

Mr. and Mrs. Herold Redden and children were shopping in Plentywood Saturday.

Miss Alice Whitsh, accompanied by her brothers Herold and Delbert called on Miss Dot Lipska on Sunday.

PRODUCERS NEWS WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

Saving $700 by Refusing Medical Aid

BY RODNEY SALISBURY)

Last month T. C. Spaulding, the chairman of the RFC for the State of Montana, issued an ultimatum to old Jack and his yes-men to cut out giving hospital and medical aid to the victims of Sheridan county. Of course there was no protest by these yes-men, as medical attention and hospital care was something that the farmers had to fight them to get all winter.

Old Jack has repeatedly told expectant mothers that children could just as well be born without a doctor. Many women heard him hollering at the top of his voice "What did people do before they had doctors?" Yes, as the pious Rev. Simundson would say: "Wasn't Jesus born in a manger?

Sure, but why did you recently take your wife to the hospital and get the very best of medican attention you could get for her when her last baby was born?—Why did you and old Jack with the aid of the sheriffs force, push expectant mothers off your porch when they come to see you as a member of the Central Committee, asking for relief and clothing for their babies?

As a result of the work of old Jack's yes-men, they have been able to get the Sheridan county monthly allowance reduced from $14,200 per month, down to $12,000 per month.

Out of this $12,000 last month they saved $700 that they pinched out of the needy people of this county. So this next month they can show Spaulding that they have $700 left over that they did not need, so they can take less next month. Think of this you farmers whose relief has been cut. This is their game to keep cutting the relief until they have it cut out entirely. This $700 saving will almost pay Spaulding's salary and expenses for the month. We understand he gets a salary of $5,000 per year and expenses.

This $700 will buy half a dozen coffins for those who are unable to survive. The yes-men seem to reason something like this: Now if a person dies for lack of food or medical attention and the county has to buy him a coffin, you see the expenses as far as that particular individual is concerned, is over. A dead person doesn't ask for relief and doesn't fight for nor need any relief. And, why not give the undertakers a job, it is cheaper in the long run than to hire doctors.

Mark Twain said there is no use in fencing graveyards for those on the inside couldn't get out and those on the outside don't want to get in. I think the yes-men will all agree with Mark Twain.

A couple of weeks ago Mrs Snuggins brought Mrs. Weiss of Outlook down to see old Jack about getting her into the hospital thru the R. F. C., but, of course they were not even treated decently by this old moron.

So they went to see the county doctor and the usual buck passing started from doctor to doctor and then commissioners until finally one of the doctors told Mrs. Weiss who's face and body were swollen from pregnancy, to go home and take castor oil and quinine in order to bring on a premature birth.

This woman should be in the hospital right now and if the old moron and his yes-men cannot act then the county commissioners should.

Raymond O'Toole's wife was unconscious for several days last winter before the yes-men would admit her to the hospital. Even the bull-necked Dr. Storkan crawls to old Jack.

Mrs. John Boulds after having the unusual amont of trouble with old Jack's yes-men, was put out of the hospital seven days after her baby was born, to go home to her eight children, then only to be cut off from relief entirely because her husband refused to lick his boots. Mrs. Boulds could use part of this $700 saved last month very nicely.

You all know of the John Enderlin case.

An old man from the poor farm died in the hospital Tuesday. Probably that place would stand inspection.

A one hundred per cent Republican told me last week that old Jack was making Communists faster than anyone in the county. We know that but the point is we must end this needless suffering by organizing.

Farmers, come to the U. F. L. convention June 10.

Say farmers—They say C. G. and old Jack only got $750 in relief orders last month. Well 40 per cent of that is something anyhow. Take quite a while to work out $12,800 on the road wouldn't it. Work is good for the other fellow anyhow.

Paying Double

(By a Citizen and Taxpayer for 25 years)

The county commissioners and the county surveyor in Roosevelt county are busy these days in burning up the roads, putting in mileage and per diem, nder the pretext of getting farmers to work out their "relief." If the farmers are gullible enough to be persuaded into doing so, these officials will them be given an eycuse for more mileage and per diem in supervising the work. It is for this purpose that they are so interested. This is evident, as they tell the farmers "You won't have to do much, just so you're out"

With a few farmers scattered over the county, how much mileage and per diem could be put in will only be governed by how much is available for that purpose.

That the commissioners and surveyor will cover the county several times, you can be sure.

A little work doesn't bother the farmers. They have doie this all their lives and their fathers before them. It's the morale of working out this relief that gets under their hides.

For, to begin with, whose money paid for these meager orders on the local stores? Was it the local henchmen set up to administer this relief? Was it the county commissioners? Or the governor or perhaps the President himself? Judging from the amount of noise made it must be the two first groups. No, the fact of the matter is it was the peoples' own money. The money was borrowed by the American people thru the R. F. C. from the big banks of New York City, paying 4 per cent interest on it. This money will be repaid by the American people thru a sales tax; a tax placed on about everything the American farmers and workers use to sustain the lives of their families.

If the farmers ae foolish enuf to pay back this so-called "relief" they are at least repaying double. Through the sales tax, and by work. Further when ou consider that all the farmer got was an order, not the cash, compelling him to buy of local merchants, paying a premium of from 20 to 70 per cent on everything he bought, is it any wonder that the idea is so repulsive?

Summing up the repayment, if the farmers elect to work it out they will be paying county officials to run around the county trying to coax the farmers to work, they repayaying by the actual work, paying more county officials to over see and supervise; repaying the relief in money thru a sales tax; paying the 4 per cent interest and paying the merchant a 20 to 70 per cent profit on the purchases.

I imagine all told the farmers would actually repay three or four times the amounts of relief he received.

Farmers are always expected to pay. Paying, paying always paying. They have always been the shock absorbers of society. They, with the workers, pay everything. In return for feeding and caring for the world they are forced to beg to preserve their own lives. For the little they can beg back every numbskull expects them to repay a dozen times. The capitalistic system depends on this kind of thing to continue its existance.

So it will remain as long as farmers will submit to working and giving away. Farmers have worked for ages. A few manage to save a little, but periodically the system robs them of this too. Producers are never able to retain a thing but their birth rights—that is their hide. The present state of things is the results of being peaceful and friendly. Farmers you must get tough. You have to or perish. Do as you know yun should. Don't let others dominate you. Tell these county officials that come around, asking you to work your relief, not to insult your intelligence (you know the average county commissioner is but a moror, the tool of someone else). Nor to disrupt your good nature. If they persist get tough, get real tough, you have to so get sed to it.

Whatever you do, don't pay double, don't work out your relief. No moral reason exists for doing it It will do yoy good once to use your own judgment. Listening to these ..bone-heads ..has got you where you must beg for a living. Choose for once, see how it feels. Don't let any one browbeat you or push you around. The only difference between you and the ones that moke you dance is habit. They have developed the habil of making you dance. For once show these fellows that you are not the slaves, but men. They will respect you for it.

PASSING BUCK TO CO. COMMISSIONERS

At the county commissioners meeting Fred Mork presented a resolution to the Commissioners. From what we could learn from the srattered remarks made, the resolution was manufactured by the Plentywood Commercial club with the intention that the Commissioners should pass it as a product of their own.

The Commercial club wanted to get a lot of people out wirking on the roads without pay, and want d to pass the buck to the commissioners. But, the commissioners refused to bite, called the resolution nonsense and left it for the Commercial club to pass their own resolutions.

LINDHE-FELLON NUPTIALS SAT.

The marriage of Miss Gladys Lindhe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lindhe of Outlook, to Wesley H. Fellon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fellon of Daleview, took place Saturday morning, June 3, at 10 a. m. in Plentywood. The Rev. O. M. Simundson performed the ceremony.

Miss Lilliam Lindhe, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Lyal Fellon, brother of the bride groom was best man.

Immediately following the ceremony the party returned to the home of the bride's parents at Outlook where a dinner for the bridal party and a score of close friends and relatives was served.

Mrs. Fellon is a member of the 1933 graduating class of the Outlook high school.

After a short trip they will return to Daleview where they will make their home.

JOBLESS WORKERS IN ARIZ. SENTENCED

Worker Injured as Police Attack Crowd in Police Court

Phoenix, Ariz. May 17.—Two workers were sentenced to serve 15 days in jail or pay a $15 fine, following a police court conviction yesterday of creating a disturbance at the Reconstruction Finance Corporation employment headquarters.

They were John Gustandos, 40 years old, and Clay Naff, 30. Both stood trial on the charges. Similar complaints against two other men, members with Gustandos and Naff of a committee of the Phoenix Unemployed Council, and which carried its demands to the R. F. C. were dismissed because of "insufficient evidence to prosecute."

200 GATHER

When first proceedings in the peace disturbance trials were held last Friday, a crowd of some two hundred workers and sympathizers gathered in the court room and corridors. The crowd was immediately dispersed by armed police after brutally beating one aged worker, Ralph Duncan, who will be tried next Friday on charges of "resisting an officer and creating a disturbance.'

The International Labor Defense of Phoenix defended the arrested workers, and have announced an appeal from the Police Court to the Superior Court on the cases of Gustandos and Naff. They will also defend Ralph Duncan at his trial.

Clarence Lynch, militant labor attorney for the International Labor Defense, was in charge of the defense.

TRY TERROR ON MINN. FARMERS

Threaten U. F. L. Organizer and Impoverished Farmer in Clearwater

(BY H. C.)

Bemidji, Minn.—Three carloads of men with tar and feathers and rope set out May 12 to find Ed Bauman, organizer of the United Farmers League of Clearwater county and Otis Daigle, a farmer who is being foreclosed on by the State Rural Credits Bureau.

Although they didn't find either Baumann or Daigle, statements are continually being made, threat ening bodily harm and violence to these two farmers.

U. L. F WINS RELIEF

The attempt to frighten the farmers' leaders was begun by businessmen of Bagley and the ring of politicians in Clearwater county who brought in Walter Souse, alias Walter Adams, alias Tom Roy to incite the farmers and break up their organization.

The United Farmers League has put up a militant fight all winter to get free feed relief for the drought stricken farmers whose stock were dying of hunger. The United Farmers League finally surceeded in getting $25,000 appropriated from the state for feed after 350 farmers had gathered in the largest meeting ever held in the county.

CHARGE 4 PER CENT INTEREST

Even after this money was appropriated it was withheld by the businessmen for a month and when it was given out the county agent made the farmers sign notes for it at 4 per cent interest.

On April 17 the State Committee of Action meeting in St. Paul forced the definite assurance that their feed relief was free and the notes would never be collected. They were instructed to go back to Clearwater county and collect the worthless notes which would be destroyed by Governor Floyd B. Olson.

The local paper, The Bagley Independent, refused to print Governor Olson's decision. This paper had previously refused to print any news of the $25,000 free feed relief that had been brought into the county.

The threats to Baumann and Daigle are threats against the United Farmers League and the interests of the farmers of Clearwater county. All farmers are asked to send protests at once to Governor Floyd B. Olson, St. Paul, Minn. and to Sheriff Oliver Barness, Bagley, Minn.

ON THE FIRING LINE

(BY E. C.)

Hillsboro, N. H., May 31.—You probably haven't had much news from New England, but we have been on the firing line. We have held a number of farm meetings in New England with fairly good response. Vermont and New Hampshire held some good milk meetings.

On June 18 a farmers' picnic will be held at the farm of Mr. Wirkkala at East Lampster, N. H. Speakers are coming from the Committee of Action of the Farmers National Relief Conference.

Hard Time
Dance
at the
SNUGGINS SCHOOL
North of Outlook
Sat., June 17th
Tickets 35c Lunch 15c

"ROAD TO LIFE" GOES OVER BIG; RECORD CROWD IN ATTENDANCE

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

The Russian picture shown here last Saturday turned out to be a big success. Farmers from far near made up the largest crowd the city of Plentywood had seen for years; some sad come as far as two hundred miles.

Never before had a picture drawn a crowd like this before in Plentywood. Four shows were given during the afternoon and evening, each one lasting over two hours. Nearly eleven hundred tickets were sold.

Just one week before, the Commercial club had put on what they called a Farmers picnic. They had extra policemen with little sticks standing on street corners directing the traffic but, the crowd expected didn't come. And what a surprise it was to these mainstreeters last Saturday when cars of all descriptions lined their streets. What they had hoped would be a failure turned ot to be one of the biggest days the town had seen.

This remarkable fiim advertised by educators and leading papers in our largest cities as being educational and interesting was boycotted by the town of Plentywood. Long before the picture was ever shown, letters were received by the manager of the theatre advising him not to put the picture on, letters written by people who did not know the first thing about the picture.

On Friday evening a few reels of the picture were run for trial and a committee of the town, consisting of C. C. Johnson, Dr. York and the City Mayor, were present to pass judgment and see if the picture was fit to be shown in their town.

On the day of the show snippy ladies of the town told everybody who wanted to listen that they would not see that show if it only cost ten cents. A leading oil man who hadn't seen the picture at all, loudly denounced the picture as being no good. Many a farmer decided right there that they would never again buy another gallon of oil from him. A lady clerk working in the store for starvation wages all at once got so dignified that she "wouldn't even look at the poster".

This is the Plentywood business element for you. A thousand people had come to their town and no doubt spent several thousand dollars. Had we asked these business men for a 50 cent donation to help put the picture over, we'd have been turned down flatly. Not even did they buy a ticket.

The manager of the Penny store said that he done 50 per cent more business than on the Commercial club picnic day and could have done a lot more had he put on extra clerks.

Not a bargain of any kind was offered on this day. Strawberries sold in Plentywood at 25 cents a box while they could be bought on the same day in the Dagmar store for 19 cents, and everything else in the same proportion.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEET WEDNESDAY

Wednesday afternoon a meeting of school trustees and clerks were held in the court room at the court house, where the conuty superintendent and county attorney were present and explained laws passed by the last legislatpre.

It is now against the law for a school board to hire any teacher closely related to any of the school trustees. Neither must a school clerk be closely related to any one trustee, but a clerk and teacher can be related.

Discussion of the financial situation took up the biggest part of the time. The situation being none too rosy. In some districts teachers had worked a whole term with out being able to cash a warrant. The State Equalization Fund listributed $375,000 to the schools last year, this year there is only $100,000 in the fund.

By passing a resolution before June 12 a school board can sell funding bonds to the amount of the unpaid warrants issued up until July 1, providing the warrants are issued within the limit of the districts budget. It is presumed the state would be willisg to buy these bonds and thereby put the districts finances on a cash basis for time being. Of course, this information is given out too late for most school boards to be properly informed and act on it.

That a lot of outside money will be needed in the county in order to keep our schools going the full term is beyond question. Large sums of money are being appropriated right along for lots of things not nearly as important as our school system. No doubt money for school purposes could also be had if the proper demand is made strong enough and made in time.

"It's good to have it back again"

"I'm glad we have our own telephone again. I can call the stores, friends' homes and elsewhere as often as I like. For the daily errands saved, it's well worth the few cents a day it costs. In emergencies—sudden sickness, fire or accident, the telephone brings aid immediately."

Any employee will take your order.

The Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company

Outlook
will celebrate
July 4th
Watch for further Announcements

Friends, Patrons

Having been granted a Hotel Beer License we are now able to serve you with the best of beers on the market. Come and visit us while in Plentywood.

Grand View Hotel

"World in State of Bitter Economic War,"—Hull

New York, May 31.—"The entire world is in a state of bitter economic war," Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, admitted today when he sailed for London to participate in the World Economic Conference.

The French capitalist press has already admitted that the conference will be a failure. The working people of the world can expect only more bitter economic war and preparations for military conflict from this conference.

Hitler Agent Will Not Speak at World's Fair

Chicago, June 1.—A delegation of 15 elected by the Anti-Fascist Conference visited the Chicago City Council and the management of the World's Fair to protest against the recognition of Hans Weidemann, Nazi agent. Dawes of the World's Fair Executive, as well as Chicago officials stated that Weidemann would not be allowed to speak.

Two Scottsboro Boys Sentenced Illegally

Decatur, Alabama, June 1.—Judge James H. Horton, who presided at the trial of Haywood Patterson and who sentenced him to die in the electric chair, today remanded Roy Wright and Eugene Williams, two of the youngest Scottsboro boys to the Morgan county juvenile court. This is the result of the two year campaign which has been carried out under the leadership of the International Labor Defense. This action is an admission that the boys were illegally tried two years ago.

Roosevelt Waiting on War Debt Terms

Washington, May 30.—It has been virtually admitted here that Roosevelt will wait until Congress has adjourned to make known his terms to foreign imperialist countries on the war debts. Roosevelt wants to avoid even the appearance of opposition to his plans by Congress.

Will Get $23,000,000 R. F. C. Loan

New York, June 2.—Hale Holden, president of the Southern Pacific has had his salary cut from $109,305 to a bare $60,000 a year. This was done so that the S. P. could get a loan of $23,-200,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Good business—$23,200,000 for $49,000. Holden ought to be able to get along on the $60,000 with the rakeoff from the R. F. C. loan.

How to Make Racketeering Effective

New York, June 2.—Major Chester P. Mills, former state prohibition director, has been indicted for diverting denatured alcohol to bootleggers who cleaned it. Mills won a prize of $25,000 offered by W. C. Durant in 1928 for the "best plan for making the Eighteenth Amendment effective."

Ford Still Has Hundreds of Millions

Concord, N. H., June 1.—The Ford Motor Company has reported a net worth of $628,344,180 as of Dec. 31, 1932 to the New Hampshire Secretary of State. On that date cash on hand, stocks and bonds, accounts and notes receivable were reported at $303,186,084.

Wall Street Attack on French Franc

Washington, June 1.—World wide legalized inflation will be part of the U. S. program put forth at the World Economic Conference it is reported. The plan would provide a 25 per cent backing of gold behind currency throughout the world. This is part of the attack of the U. S. on the French franc which is the only important currency still on the gold standard.

Try to Pacify Veterans With Crumbs

Washington, June 1.—In order to pacify the nationwide resentment against the $400,000,000 cut in veterans benefits the Senate leaders have agreed on a limit of 25 per cent in the cut of any veteran suffering frim service-disabilities. How insignificant this is, is shown by the estimates that this will amount to between $15,000,000 and $40,000,000 out of the total of $400,000,000 robbed from the veterans from the veterans under the Roosevelt "economy" program.

Colder and Colder

Pasadena, Calif., May 31.—Professor Alexander Goetz of the California Institute of Technology has succeeded in obtaining a temperature within four degrees of "absolute zero," 269 degrees below zero on the centigrade scale (452 degrees below zero on the Fahrenheit scale.—Ed.)

The Old Deal in Other Words

Washington, June 1.—The new securities law covering issuance of securities, which has been proclaimed as one of the fruits of the new deal provides nothing basic that was not already provided for by law, according to Federal Trade Commissioner William E. Humphreys.

In Humphrey's own words,

"It is wrong to assume that this law makes illegal anything that was not illegal in fact prior to its enactment. In other words, misrepresentation in connection with the sale of securities was always unlawful and this law does not construe as crooked anything that was not crooked before. It merely provides a method by which such things can be checked up."

Welfare Agent "Explains" Hunger Policy for Reliet

PASS THE BUCK

Local Capitalists Plan to Have Unemployed Sent to Pick Berries

U. F. L. AT HEARING

Puyallup Stores Put Out .. Special Brand of Bread .. .... for Relief Vouchers ....

(BY L. N. P.)

Sumner, Wash. May 23.—Recently Mr. Comfort, head of the relief in the city of Tacoma, at a meeting of the Puyallup Democratic club tried to explain the origin of the McDonald bill and the functioning of the Pierce County Welfare Board.

The floor was then thrown open for questions, and there's no need to say there was plenty of grief.

WIDOW'S DAUGHTER REFUSED AID

One woman reported that her husband was refused a voucher because her mother received a widow's pension. Mr. Comfort said that under the State Law of Washington parents must support their children regardless of age.

An article was published in the local papers saying that the unemployed would be asked to pick berries, and if they refused their vouchers would be cut off. Mr. Comfort stated that he knew absolutely nothing about this article that it did not come from the Welfare Headquarters.

A report was made that the stores of Puyallup were putting out a special brand of bread advertised as Welfare bread sold at an additional cost to voucher customers only. Mr. Comfort denied any knowledge of this discrimination and said it should not be done that way.

WON'T FURNISH LIGHT AND WATER

Another report that in two neighborhood families of five each, one was drawing a voucher of $5 and the other less. Mr. Comfort stated that perhaps the family receiving less had more resources and perhaps the family receiving more were used to a better standard of living.

The question of furnishing light and water to the needy was then brought up. Mr. Comfort stated that he R. F. C. had made no appropriation for this, and thought that the R. F. C. had made no apshould cooperate and take care of this.

A question of the housing problem was brought up by the secretary of the United Farmer League in regards to four local cases. But Mr. Comfort had no remedy for this either, just passed the buck on to Mr. Case, state treasurer who was present at this meeting, saying "Thresh it out with Mr. Case."

A man wanted a pair of shoes for his child, and was told that he would have to work for them first. He insisted that he must have them right now or keep his child out of school. Well, he had to work for his voucher first. On Tuesday he was given a work card to work the following Friday and Saturday, which he did. Saturday evening he could not locate the work foreman to sign his card. Then he waited until Tuesday again. When he presented his work card, the relief hoarder said it had not been signed so he had to go hunt up the foreman and have him sign it. He finally got his shoes but the child lost a weeks schooling.

TRAVEL 60 MILES

Another question of efficient relief disposal from Orting was a man who lived ten miles out and had to make three trips to get his voucher, traveling a total of 60 miles.

Another one from Orting, the investigator goes out eight miles to investigate six families living in the same neighborhood, he visited five of them and then went back to Orting and makes a special trip out to see the sixth one.

One of the relief staff fromPuyallup was asked about a pleasure trip to Orting. She admitted the trip but said she didn't know whether the mileage was charged up or not.

The vice chairman made the announcement that there were about five from a certain organization present, who he said would not get quite so much floor space at another meeting.

NEW DEAL FOR THE VETS

When several thousand vets came to Washington recestly to get their bonus Roosevelt told them "nothing doing" and offered them jobs in the forced labor forest camps instead. Some of them accepted, as shown in this picture

EVAPORATED MILK COMPANIES ON JOB

Purchasers of "Surplus" Milk to Place Demands Before Government

The evaporated milk manufacturers have already drawn up the demands to the Roosevelt farm administration. On April 10 and 11 a special committee of this section of the milk trust worked out a series of proposals which will be submitted to Secretary Wallace, George Peek, Administrator of the farm measure, and Charles Brand, Co-administrator.

In the last week of May Dr. Frank E. Rice, executive secretary of the Evaporated Milk Association and acting secretary of the emergency committee of the evaporated milk manufacturers, came to Washington to carry on the work for the milk trust.

These manufacturers are among the first to start their campaign because among the dairy farmers a sentiment of struggle for higher prices is developing. As one of the chief purchasers of the farmers 'surplus' milk, evaporated milk manufacturers are getting the Roosevelt farm administration lined up for their demands.

Wheat Piled Higher as Working People Starve

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ADMITS THE WHEAT CONFERENCE WILL BRING NO RELIEF TO U. S. FARMERS

The lowered standards of living of the people in United States and throughout the world has resulted in piling up of the wheat carryover in the United States from the normal of about 125,000,000 bushels to nearly three times that amount.

In the years before the present crisis started about 20 per cent of the American crop was usually sold abroad. As a result of the lowered standard of living of the people in the other capitalist countries and the tariffs which have been put up to aid the rich farmers in those countries only 5 per cent of this year's crop will be sold abroad.

Ever since 1925 the working people of the world have not had sufficient income to consume the wheat crops. The carryover of the four principal exporting countries, usually about 300 million bushels, has now grown to 650,000,000 bushels.

The working people of the world have been robbed of the food from 350,000,000 bushels of wheat as a result of the crisis for which they are not responsible but all of whose miseries they must bear.

Exports have dropped from 206,-000,000 bushels in 1926 to what will be about 35,000,000 bushels for the year ending June 30, 1933. The drop in exports has been more than sufficient to overcome the sharp decline in acreage planted during the past six years. This year there were 61,000,000 acres of wheat sown as compared with 71,000,000 acres in 1928.

MOUNTAIN-HIGH CARRY-OVER

Partially as a result of the falling off in exports the carryover in the United States has grown to mountainous proportions. On June 30, 1928 there was a carryover of 124,000,000 bushels. The next year it was 248,000,000 bushels. It continued to grow and last year the carryover was 363,-000,000 bushels which was about half of the crop for that year. The Department of Agriculture estimates that this year the carryover will be no less than last year's.

The "domestic dissappearance," the amount of wheat consumed in the country, has increased while the standard of living of working people has gone down. The working people have not been getting more wheat products but less.

"The domestic dissappearance in this country has increased," the Department of Agriculture is forced to admit "CHIEFLY FROM GREATER USE FOR LIVESTOCK."

The living standard of the livestock in the country has been going up, as far as the wheat is concerned, while that of the working people has gone down.

The Department practically admits that the consumption of the American working people will not increase under the new deal by stating that the increased prices will maintain the "stagnant supplies."

A wheat conference is now taking place in Geneva at which the United States government is represented. The farmers have been told that some results can be expected from this conference.

WHEAT CONFERENCE WILL HAVE NO RELIEF

Now, however, the Department of Agriculture is forced to admit that this conference will be just as lacking in results as all of the other conferences which have been held by the capitalist countries during the past 15 years.

"The Adjustment Administration (the part of the Department of Agriculture dealing with the new farm act—Ed.) does not look for a sudden revival of export markets. Although steps are under way to negotiate foreign agreements, it is certain that the European acreage put into production in the last 10 years is not going to be quickly curtailed."

The only outlook that the Department of Agriculture can see from the new deal is a continuation of starvation midst plenty or stabilized starvation.

STARVATION MIDST PLENTY

"The carryover a year from now is likely to be almost as large as ever if exports remain at their present low level. Furthermore, unless the farmers reduce planted acreage next year to less than 1933 . . . the Nation's wheat crop would be more than 800 million bushels. If total domestic disappearance continues at about 600 million bushels, this would leave about 200 million bushels for export or to add to the carryover. The present United States carryover is about 360 million bushels and there is very little business in sight to lower it."

Starvation midst plenty is to continue under the new deal unless the workers and farmers put an end to it. Only a united front between the city workers and the farmers can win a better standard of living for the working people throughout the country and thus secure a market for the farmers' products.

HIGHER PRICES TO GERMAN WORKERS

Increase in Food Prices Benefits Rich Farmers, Hits Working People

Berlin, May 21.—One of the first general results of Hitler's victory is a general rise in prices that is steadily lowering the living standards of the working people. The capitalist press is forced to admit this.

"German housewives," it says "are beginning to grumble over the rising price of the bread and butter and their grumbling is being heard over the pa..ans of victory."

The official wholesale price index for May 17 was one and one-tenth per cent over that of the previous week. During the same week, however, the price of foods rose nearly three per cent. These price increases are taking place in all the stores.

AID RICH FARMERS

The increase in the price of foods was started by an increase in the price of butter. Dr. Alfred Hugenberg, Minister of Agriculture, decreed a tax measure which has raised the price of butter from 80 marks to 100 marks per hundred pounds. This is being done for the benefit of the rich landlords and rich farmers and at the expense of the workers and farmers.

In order to make the working people believe that the Hitler regime was opposed to these price increases the government has issued "warnings" about price increases. Prices have gone up regardless.

LEAGUE PROGRAM

The new League program is out. It is called the "Militant Program for American Farmers." Get your copy now from the Producers News, Plentywood, Mont. Five cents a copy.

Farm Workers Win Wage Increase

Salamana Spain, May 30.—Spanish workers have won a 20 per cent increase in wages from the rich landowners. The increase was won as the result of plan to call a general strike on June 5.

Munition Firm Makes Big Profits

Paris, May 31.—Hotchkiss and Co. one of the largest munitions firms in the world, announced a 60 franc dividend on basis of its excellent business last year.

Soviet Press Grows Rapidly

The growth of the Soviet press has been unprecedented. There are now 6,680 daily newspapers being printed, or eight times the pre-war Russian level. The daily newspaper circulation in the Soviet Union total 38,000,000 copies now, or an increase of 1,400 per cent over the total circulation of newspapers in Czarist Russia.

"Catastrophe" Approaching in Germany

Berlin, May 30.—"An even greater catastrophe" than the terrible inflation of 1923 unless foreign capitalist come to the aid of Germany, Dr. Schacht head of the Reichsbank told foreign bankers yesterday. The gold backing for the German mark has practically disappeared and economic activity is continuously lower.

Sino-Japanese Truce Signed

Tangky, China, May 31.—A truce has been signed between the Japanese and Chinese generals to conclude the struggle that has been going on in North China. The truce gives the Japanese practically full control north of a line marked out by them. All questions relating to Manchukuo and the demand for an indemnity will be dealt with by the Chinese and Japanese governments directly.

British Insist on "Police Bombing"

London, May 30.—The British government demands that the disarmament conference permit "police bombing" is outlying districts. The British imperialists intend to continue their airplane attacks on the natives in northern India and in Africa under the name of "police bombing."

Huge Statue of Lenin on Palace of Soviets

Moscow, May 30.—A huge statue of Lenin will surmount the proposed Palace of Soviets. The statue will be from 150 to 200 feet high. After three competitions a design by B. M. Iofan, Soviet architect, has been accepted.

Anglo-Japanese Trade War Sharpened

London, June 1.—The Federation of British Industries has issued a report bittedly attacking the Japanese competition on the world markets through the depreciation of the Japanese currency. The British government has already given notice of the withdrawal of the British West African colonies from the Anglo-Japanese trade agreement thus hitting Japanese exports to these colonies.

Forced Labor in Belgium for World Trade Struggle

Brussels, Belgium ,June 1.—The Belgium government today announced a forced labor program for the unemployed. "The government intends to organize Belgium's jobless into an army of cheap labor (to) regain some of the lost (world) trade" reports the capitalist press.

Enthusiasm Will Not End Crisis

Vienna, May 31.—The suggestion of Prof. T. E. Gregory, British economist, that the capitalist countries of the world return to a gold standard was greeted with "enthusiasm" by the International Chamber of Commerce meeting here. That is as far as it will go—enthusiasm.

Living Standards in Belgium Hit

Brussels, Belgium, May 31.—The Belgian government has announced a new attack on the living standards of the working people. There will be sharp cuts in the pay of government employees, unemployment relief, and veterans' pensions. Increased taxes will be levied for a public works program.

Predict Failure of World Economic Conference

Paris, June 2.—"Everything considered," writes the New York Times correspondent, "the French hopes for the Conference are low."

Oil War on an International Scale

Paris, June 2.—Rumanian oil producers have renounced the production limits set at the international oil conference here last January. They base their act on the failure of the American companies to agree to limit production to two million barrels a day.

German Treasury Income Slumps Further

Berlin, June 2.—Receipts of the German treasury during the fiscal year ending March 31, were 817 000 000 marks short of the budget estimate. Compared with the preceding fiscal year the Reichs revenue fell over one billion marks. The shrinking process is continuing. In April this year the treasury collected 67,400,000 marks less than in April 1932.

Clyde Smith Tells of Frame-up

(BY CLYDE SMITH)

Beulah, Mich.—Up to the time when the Farmers National Relief conference, which met in Washington, D. C., Dec. 7 to 10 was called little unrest was evident among the Michigan farmers, especially against mortgage and con tract foreclosures.

The fact that ten delegates from widely scattered sections of Michigan were present at the conference and participated in the adoption of a program for farm relief, proved however, that such unrest existed.

RISING TIDE OF PROTEST

On January. 15 George Casper and myself started on an organizing trip along the line of action mapped out at the Washington conference. This campaign resulted in two months in stopping directly or indirectly nearly all of the mortgage sales in five counties in which we worked and many in other sections of the state. During this time Sears, Roebuck sales were held at Howard City, Bad Axe, Ithaca, and elsewhere, in lower Michigan and in the upper peninsula.

This rsing tide of protest from the farmers and the evidence of growing unity with the city workers resulted in a gathering together of the interest and mortgage buzzards on a program of repression and terror against the farmers and farm leaders.

Their first move came on March 13 when seven farmers at Bad Axe Huron county, were arrested and charged with criminal syndicalism. This is a legal blackjack dug out of the ruins of the dark ages and put in the arsenal of the ruling class during the hysteria of the world war for the purpose of slugging the idea of freedom out of the minds of farmers and workers.

FOUR ARRESTS

Two days later I was arrested on the same charge at White Cloud, Newaygo county. Three other farmers were arrested for getting their heads in the way of the deputies' black jacks. They were charged with "resisting an officer."

I think that there will be little difficulty in proving that the whole affair was deliberately planned by the sheriff and prosecutor or those that dictate their policy, that an agreement was intentionally started with the idea of developing trouble, and that when the farmers refused to be provoked into an offensive act, they were deliberately attacked with blackjacks and tear gas.

During the attack John Babcock a young farmer living near White Cloud, was knocked down and kicked in the face by a deputy named Hammond from Hesperia.

Bird, the sheriff, evidently felt he couldn't get enough men to do his dirty work in his own county so went to Hart, Muskegon, Grand Rapids and other places to secure the thugs necessary to do his bidding.

ARRESTED BY RUSE

During the attack on the farmers three men were arrested: John W. Rose, secretary of the Newayago Committee for Action, John Casper (arrested I believe because he was mistaken for his brother George) and John Babcock.

At the close of the demonstration a meeting of the Township Committees of Action was held and a member was chosen to see the sheriff and find out what the charges would be placed against those in custody. The sheriff sent word back that if we wanted to know what the charge was Clyde Smith should come over and he would be told.

I went over and was immediately locked in solitary, where I was kept for about ten days. When the pressure from outside got too great the cell door was unlocked and I was given the same privilege that the rapists, burglars and the bootleggers enjoyed. During the time I was in the single cell the other prisoners were forbidden give me a single paper or book or anything else to read.

MASS PRESSURE HELPS

As time went on the pressure continued to increase from outside through letters, telegrams, and telephone calls and our treatment continued to improve until at last we were treated almost humanly.

If the workers and farmers could only realize the power mass pressure the lot of many prisoners would be improved and doors would open that remain closed.

When I appeared before Justice of the Peace Decker (known locally as the pool room justice) for hearing bail was set at $5,000. When two bondsmen appeared with $10,000 worth of property it was refused and cash bail was demanded.

As all the banks were closed, they thought it would be impossible for us to secure this. Later trey decided that we were going to get it and bail was raised to $7,500.

This resulted in my staying in jail for 49 days until the arraignment before Circuit Judge Pugsley. There the bail was reduced to $1,000 property bail. This was immediately furnished and I was able to take my place again in the firing line.

At my hearing perjured testimony was introduced to implicate George Casper who was immediately arrested and subjected to special abuse during the entire time he was in jail.

As soon as we were arrested the papers all came out with the most vicious lying propaganda against us. This has eased off a little but their hatred is still shown by the refusal to print any of our notices or news. They don't like to lose the income for mortgage foreclosure sale notices.

The Newyago County Bar Association immediately volunteered their services in helping to prosecute us. This was gratefully received by the prosecutor, Stanley B. Streeter and the sheriff. We have evidence showing that powerful interests have interceded, urging the sheriff on in the prosecution of the case.

Since our release on bail two others have been arrested on the same charge in Jackson county. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moross. Mr. Moross was one of the delegates to the Washington Conference. He has been active in the southern Michigan territory, and of course, was marked as a victim with the rest of us.

In spite of all their efforts, the work is going on faster than ever and now our preliminary work is crystalizing in organization. A state convention is being called for Lansing, July 3 and 4.

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