

# LABOR ROUSED TO RESIST F. D. R. HUNGER PROGRAM

## Meet The Reverend Dictator

By HERMAN WOLF  
"The Veterans of Foreign Wars are a real group of patriots and we are willing to follow a real American patriot like Father Coughlin."

With these words, unreported in the capitalist press, James E. Van Zandt, National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, concluded

This week the CALL brings you the first complete story of the definite fascist turn taken by Father Coughlin at his meeting Wednesday night. The article on "Coughlin's Pals," which was to appear in this issue, will come to you in the CALL next week. It was put off to leave space in this issue for another CALL scoop.

his address for the bonus at Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

Just previous to this speech Coughlin had mounted the platform in dramatic Hitlerist fashion.

An official guard of honor of 36 soldiers and sailors in full uniform, with flags waving overhead,  
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## Tenn. Labor Assails Long And Coughlin

By ZILLA HAWES

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Liberty League, Governor Talmadge of Georgia, Huey Long and Father Coughlin were condemned as enemies of labor at the thirty-eighth convention of the Tennessee Federation of Labor, held in this city last week.

A few of the 123 delegates present protested the inclusion of the last two in that category.

Their objections were overriden when Franz Daniels, representing Local 90 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, took the floor in condemnation of Long and Coughlin on the basis of the threat to labor in their fascist methods.

Other important resolutions passed by the convention protest.  
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## \$19 A MONTH



"We lose sight from time to time of our ultimate human objectives."—Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Drawn by Harry Herzog.

## We Shall Not Be Gagged

WHEN the spectre of revolution comes too uncomfortably close, the ruling powers try to gag its utterances and bind its arms. So now, when capital is giving up all pretense of the New Deal, and is preparing to establish an American form of dictatorship.

In Michigan the Dunkel Bill has passed the Senate. Hearst, the automobile manufacturers and the financial interests are exerting all the pressure they can bring to bear on the lower house to secure its passage.

If it passes, any act in a labor controversy, any political speech by an opponent of capitalism, even the possession of a leaflet or a newspaper article attacking the institutions of capitalism, becomes an at-

tempt to "overthrow the government." Such an act is punishable by imprisonment for terms ranging from one to fourteen years, and/or by fines up to five thousand dollars.

What Michigan is doing is being attempted in Alabama, California, Illinois and Texas. The old Lusk Law, barring from the ballot parties that do not accept as perfect all our governmental forms, has been passed in Arkansas, Delaware, Indiana and Tennessee, and is being considered by the legislatures of California, Iowa, Massachusetts and Michigan. The Municipal Assembly in New York is considering a measure to license private schools.

In the meantime, Congress is considering a sedition bill (HR 4313) which will  
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## Threaten Strikes On Projects

By AARON LEVENSTEIN

The announcement by President Roosevelt of the wages to be paid on the projects of the \$5,000,000,000 work-relief program has evoked tremendous protest on the part of labor groups throughout the country.

The President's wage-scale fixes relief earnings between \$19 and \$94 per month. Only one person in a family may be employed in the works program, thus limiting the income of whole families to the sums just cited.

The scale varies in different parts of the country between the \$19 and \$94 limits. Roosevelt refers to such pay as a "security wage."

The executive order, establishing these rates, came after the defeat by Congress of a bill which would have made the prevailing rate of wages mandatory.

William Green, head of the American Federation of Labor, took part in the fight to protect the unemployed from being used as a means of lowering union scales. Following the defeat in Congress, Green called upon all state federations of labor to join  
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## Machine Guns Fail to Stop Relief Rally

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Speaking to over two hundred picketers from the luggage carriage of a machine while deputies from the roofs of adjacent buildings kept sub-machine guns trained on the crowd, Norman Thomas told the demonstrators that their only hope of salvation from the present economic crisis was to organize as fast as possible for the abolition of capitalism and for the establishment of a cooperative commonwealth.

The demonstration, which began last May 8, was started when the Relief officials in Overland refused to recognize the grievance committee of the American Workers Union.

Deputies went into the relief station, dragged out Harlan McCally, choked him, beat him up and arrested him because he refused to leave the station until he had spoken to the superintendent.  
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# Mass March In Illinois For Relief

By LOREN NORMAN

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—In a wonderful display of militant solidarity, 3,000 members of the Illinois Workers' Alliance converged on Springfield Tuesday in a mass hunger march for the immediate reopening of relief stations and the defeat of the sales tax.

As the jobless army marched past the statue of "Honest Abe" Lincoln which stands like a sentinel at the foot of the capitol grounds, frantic Democratic leaders in the Legislature watched their fifth attempt to pass the vicious sales tax increase go down in defeat.

A sixth attempt finally proved successful, but the tax will not go into effect until July, since it failed of adoption as an emergency measure.

### Flock to Capitol

From towns as far as 200 miles from Springfield, determined men and women, many of them with nothing to eat in the house, set out for the state capitol on freight trains, in cars, hitch-hiking and by trucks. A large empty building was rented, an emergency kitchen set up and hot coffee served all through the night as delegations from distant points came trekking in.

Despite police threats that no march could be held and the temporary arrest of Gerry Allard, chairman of the central Illinois district of the IWA, the unemployed refused to be cowed and definitely staged a monster demonstration and parade through the heart of the business district, past the state house where Governor Horner was tearing his hair in the effort to get the necessary 102 votes to put the bill through. The fifth roll call vote showed the legislators standing 94 and 54 against the bill, a gain of four in favor being recorded by an amendment limiting the duration of the tax to ten months.

### "No Sales Tax"

The fighting unemployed organization has remained unalterably opposed to the sales tax even in the face of terrific odds. Knifed by such leaders of the Illinois Federation of Labor as Victor Olander, a member of the state relief commission, and Rube Soderstrom, a Republican state representative, who launched a vicious attack against the Illinois Workers Alliance for their opposition to the sales tax, the fight of the jobless has been made even more impressive by the fact that it is a lone fight.

Illinois unemployed were tremendously impressed by the active moral and financial support given them by other working-class groups, particularly unemployed organizations, in other parts of the country. Paul Rasmussen, national secretary of the Workers Alliance of America, has been on the job, active in the preparations for the demonstration.

## Wild Revels in Call Office

The office of the SOCIALIST CALL resounded with enthusiastic cheers when the new addressograph machine was installed as another step in the campaign of industrialization and Socialist construction.

The CALL continues in its growth. Bring on your increased subs: the business office is ready. The labor of comrades need not be ground out through long hours, as the workers are masters of the machine.

# Bread—Not Profits



This leader of the unemployed in Circleville, Ohio, looks like Lincoln, and he talked like him when he led a hungry, shivering delegation to the state capital to demand more food and clothes from Governor Davey. Scenes like this are being enacted in hundreds of spots throughout the nation as relief funds dry up. It's the latest new deal for the jobless.

# Tom Mooney Seeks Vindication and Pardon, Not Mere Commutation

By SAMUEL S. WHITE

SAN FRANCISCO.—Vindication and full pardon, not commutation of sentence—such is the desire of Tom Mooney.

The famed labor martyr made known his wishes in a statement issued as a result of the vote of the Assembly of the California Legislature asking Governor Merriam to commute the sentences of Mooney and Warren K. Billings.

Mooney terms the effort to free him by commutation of sentence as "an attempt to block my vindication." He asserts the move is "cowardly" and also "contempt of the Supreme Court of the United States."

### No Comment

Governor Merriam made no comment on the statement of Mooney. So far the governor has not acted on the commutation resolution. Should he commute the sentence, Mooney would have no choice but to accept freedom, according to legal authorities.

In contrast to Mooney's stand, Billings would accept commutation. Billings has twice applied for a parole.

Mooney's statement was made through his attorney John F. Finerty, of Washington, D. C., on the latter's visit to San Quentin to consult his client.

Just a few days previously the State District Court of Appeals had handed down a decision denying a writ of habeas corpus to Mooney. The court held that such a writ could be granted only by the State Supreme Court.

While three judges signed the opinion, Judge D. A. Cashin dissented. He stressed the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, and asserted a preliminary writ should be granted.

### Mooney Says

Mooney's statement asserts: "I have always been willing to accept an unconditional pardon as an innocent man.

"I am not willing to accept a commutation that would stigmatize me as a criminal—a convicted murderer and an ex-convict. I demand that the governor, if he is not willing to pardon me, permit my case to take its ordinary course through the courts, as indicated in the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

"To attempt to block my vindication by commuting my sentence would not only be cowardly, but it would amount to contempt of the Supreme Court of the United States.

"I realize that the great major-

ity of the members of the Assembly who voted for the commutation of my sentence acted in the best of faith and I am deeply grateful to them.

"Nevertheless, such commutation would be granted to me only to prevent my vindication, and I protest against any action, the purpose of which would be to force me to accept liberty without vindicating my innocence."

# He Who Shouts and Runs Away Plays the Game Like Hathaway

The SOCIALIST CALL is offended. And what is worst of all things in the worst of all worlds, is that we have been offended by a class brother.

Here is the story, dear readers. In our May Day issue we ran an article by Ben Gitlow on the war danger. Comrade Gitlow has his differences with class-brother Stalin on the foreign policy of the Soviet Union.

The omnivorous editor of the Daily Worker gobbled it up. It didn't digest well, for soon thereafter a column of belly-ache made itself seen in the pages of the D.W.

We thereupon invited Clarence Hathaway to meet Ben Gitlow in a debate, with the foreign policy of Soviet Russia as the subject. Telephone calls from our office have netted only evasive replies; letters have brought no answer; even messenger service has gotten us only an "unofficial" reply, direct from the lips of Hathaway himself, to the effect that he would not debate.

Which moves us to the following musings: Can it be that Hathaway does not know what the foreign policy of the Soviet Union is? But indeed he is writing articles on the subject at the present time—which, of course, is still not inconsistent with our query, just put. Now, of course, it may be that he does know and understand the disputed policy. Can it be that

## Call Association To Meet May 25

The Socialist Call Association will meet Saturday afternoon, May 25, at 3 p. m. to take up the business left unfinished at the end of the last meeting held two weeks ago.

The unfinished business includes the election of members, who do not reside within the metropolitan area, to the Board of Directors; consideration of those provisions of the constitution which were not reached at the last meeting because of lack of time; and the report of the applications for membership referred to the membership committee.

### Clown

Father Coughlin moved into New York's Madison Square Garden for a one-night stand just after the circus had moved out.

# Thomas Asks Labor Voice In Industry

By JOHN NEWTON THURBER CLEVELAND, Ohio. — Introduced by A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen as the former Socialist candidate for the Presidency of the United States, Norman Thomas was greeted by a thunderous ovation from the 2,000 delegates at the Brotherhood's convention.

"While I favor public ownership of the railroads and of all the basic means of production and distribution," Thomas said, "the inadequacy of public ownership is apparent. What we must strive for is social ownership, with directorates elected by the workers and the consumers, instead of chosen by stockholders who know nothing about the conduct of the industry.

"Slavery is as possible under nationalized industry as under capitalism. The serfdom of the workers in the nationalized industries of Italy and Germany proves this, as does the government-subsidized slavery of the cotton workers of the South."

### Hits Supreme Court

Commenting on the recent action of the Supreme Court in declaring unconstitutional the Railroad Pension Act, Thomas declared:

"The members of the Brotherhood have learned the bitterness of excessive constitutionalism. They are shackled by the arbitrary decision of one lawyer in a group of nine assembled in Washington. We are not far from a dictatorship, when one man can lay down the law for all time. Democracy cannot survive if this situation is to prevail.

"All of our efforts at improvement have been thwarted by the financial overlords of the nation. If mankind is to be delivered from slavery and from the threat of war, the workers must join in an army set upon winning government. We are out for the capture of power. The workers have created all wealth and have got little of it. In all ages they have been exploited. The hour has come when we must break the yoke. We must conquer poverty and establish a regime of abundance."

### Labor Solidarity

PHILADELPHIA. — Shipyard workers on strike in nearby Camden will help the workers of the Suitcase, Bag and Portfolio Makers Union in their strike against the Samuel Brier Co., largest luggage manufacturers in the area, Murray Baron, manager of the suitcase union, announced.

The strike was called two weeks ago and has paralyzed the plant. The company has arrogantly defied the regional and national labor boards when decisions were handed down against it.

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## Chelsea Labor College Starts New Semester

CHELSEA, Mass.—The New England Labor College has just announced its schedule of courses for the academic year of 1935-1936. Subjects to be covered include various classes in economics, sociology, labor, English, etc.

The New England Labor College is housed in the Chelsea Labor Lyceum. Information may be obtained by writing to Morris Berzon, the secretary, Labor Lyceum Building, Chelsea, Mass.



# Colt Picket Line Moves to Capitol To Force Action

HARTFORD, Conn.—The picket line around the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company is larger now in the eleventh week of the strike than at any time before.

A delegation of workers is carrying the picket line to the White House and the Department of Justice in Washington in an effort to force the President's hand or find out why the New Dealer refuses to put into effect the decision of his own National Labor Relations Board, registered in favor of the strikers.

Among the pickets bound for Washington are Daniel F. Hurley, young chairman of the Joint Shop Council of Colt's Workers, and William F. Kuehn, president of the Hartford Central Labor Union. Stops were scheduled to be made for demonstrations at New Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford, Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia and Baltimore. The delegation will include both men and women.

### Spurn Ultimatum

Last week's ultimatum by the company, stating that those who did not return to work immediately would be replaced, seems to have spurred the strikers. With the assistance of other unions the picket line contains at times as many as twenty-five hundred.

Union leaders believe they hold a trump card in the solidarity shown by the "gun-men," the highly-skilled mechanics who assemble the machine guns. Practically one hundred per cent of these workers have signed an agreement that they will not return to work until everyone else does.

Information from inside the plant indicates that although the company pretends to be maintaining production, actually nothing is being turned out in the gun section and orders are piling up.

### Arrests Continue

Arrests continue to punctuate the story of the strike. Clayton Lawlor, red-headed young Socialist, whose hard work on the strike relief fund and the picket-line has made him well-known to the Colt's men, has been made the special target of police attack. Out on bond pending appeal of an earlier case in which he was fined one hundred dollars and sentenced to fifteen days in jail, Lawlor was again arrested on a charge of assault.

The policeman who arrested him was compelled to ask for a continuance of the case because he had no evidence to offer in support of the charge.

David Clendenin, Socialist from New Haven, who has been leading a contingent of Yale students on the picket line, is also out on bail, pending an appeal of his case to the superior court.

# Labor Keeps Up Boycott Of Uneeda

NEW YORK. — Labor's boycott against the National Biscuit Company is still on. The Central Trades Council, at its meeting last week, refused to lift the ban, but referred the matter to committee.

About 1,200 biscuit workers, as well as teamsters, have returned to work. The cake drivers and about half of the biscuit workers who struck have not been re-hired.

At a conference Wednesday afternoon company officials agreed to discontinue distributing intimidating circulars to re-hired workers, but gave no indication of whether they would live up to the verbal agreement made in Washington before the Labor Board.

# Fur Union's Convention Plans Unity

TORONTO, Ont.—The convention of the International Fur Workers Union affiliated with the A. F. of L., held here on May 16, 17 and 18, almost unanimously adopted a resolution laying the basis for unity of the fur workers and the building of a powerful union.

The only opposing vote came from a supporter of the Industrial Union.

The convention opened with a general stoppage of the fur workers in Toronto and a well attended mass meeting. Forty-one delegates were present, fourteen from New York, Toronto, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Boston, New Jersey, Brooklyn, Buffalo and San Francisco were among the other cities represented.

In addition to the resolution on unity, which was the feature of the convention, other resolutions adopted included endorsement of a general strike for the 40-hour week in Toronto, the formation of a Labor Party based on the trade unions, condemnation of fascism and dictatorship in capitalist countries and demanding the freeing of all class war prisoners. The peace policy of the Soviet Union was approved.

### For Unity

The resolution on unity, after enumerating the intolerable conditions created in the fur industry by the fratricidal struggle and the lack of a strong union, calls for:

1. The unity of all fur workers in a single union affiliated with the A. F. of L.
2. The liquidation of the Industrial Union.
3. The admission of all Industrial Union members and unaffiliated workers with full rights.
4. The reinstatement of all expelled members.

A committee of five, including two representatives from New York, was elected to carry out the unity resolution. It is authorized to secure assistance from the A. F. of L.

When the Industrial Union is dissolved and its members absorbed, an election for officers will be held. The Industrial Union bloc in the convention had eight supporters at the opening of the convention and one at the close of the convention.

Pietro Lucchi was unanimously reelected president. Harry Goldstein, Harry Begun and Nathan Frieman were unanimously elected vice presidents from New York.

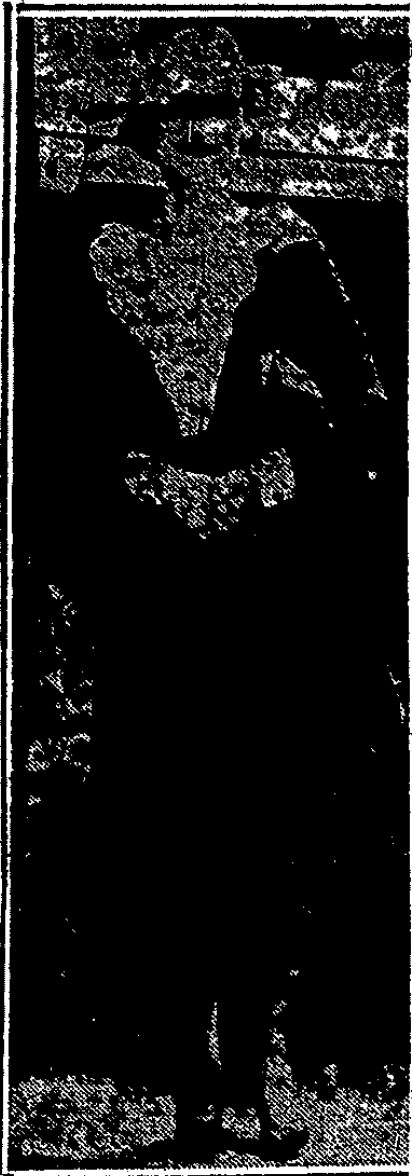
### Cuts and Speedup

At that time they signed a written contract and verbally agreed that working conditions would remain as before the strike. Since the strike ended, however, the number of people on machines has been cut, and there has been tremendous speedup.

Discrimination against many active unionists continues. A hearing before the Regional Labor Board, called for last Wednesday, has been postponed until Tuesday.

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# No Sales Girls



The millions of dimes she takes from Woolworth salesgirls all over the world make Barbara Hutton popular with what remains of foreign nobility. Divorced from a prince, she married a count—and the salesgirls yawn, "So what?"

# Hoopes Demands Workers' Rights As Political Aim

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Speaking at the convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, Darlington Hoopes, Socialist legislator, called for independent political action. Pointing to the record of Socialist law-makers, he pledged himself and the Socialist Party to uphold the rights of the workers. "There is not an industrial state in the entire union," he said, "that has adequate social legislation. And right there lies the weakness of the present administration. It believes in the profit system and the right of the employer to exact sweat from the brow of the worker."

### Labor Party

Stating that such conditions would persist unless "you have a political party of your own," he declared:

"The time is ripe for consideration of the possibilities of independent political action. Not merely by passing resolutions but by organizing a labor party, possibly after the manner of the British Labor party, and by supporting it with money as well as with votes. This is the only kind of a party that will accomplish anything."

The speech was loudly applauded and the convention decided to send copies of the address to all local unions affiliated with the State Federation of Labor.

The convention endorsed, on motion by George M. Rhodes, president of the Federated Trades Council of Reading, a proposal to aid the Workers Alliance of America in the organization of relief workers. Steps were taken to encourage the spread of workers' education.

### 175 to 1 Against AAA

WASHINGTON—(FP)—First returns on a nationwide ballot of farmers conducted by the National Farmers Union show a 175-to-1 majority against the AAA program.

Meanwhile, some 4,000 well-to-do farmers in Washington told the world that the triple A was okay with them.

# Hitler Heils Peace

## "GOD AND CONSCIENCE" OBLIGATE DER FUEHRER

Addressing his puppet Reichstag, hardly representative of the sentiments of the German people, dictator Adolf Hitler of Germany delivered himself of a speech that is meant to re-assure the world of his peaceful intentions.

# All Shipyard Locals Hold Strike Vote

CAMDEN, N. J.—A general strike vote in the shipbuilding industry has been referred to the locals of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers by its General Executive Board, which came to Camden last week as the Camden local went on strike against the New York Shipbuilding Company, largest unit of the industry.

Representatives from Bath, New London, Fall River, Wilmington, Chester and Newport News consulted with the Camden officers on all phases of the strike, and decided to refer the vote on a general strike to the locals, following a campaign of education on conditions in the shipbuilding industry.

### Meet Company

The Camden negotiating committee, under the chairmanship of Tom Gallagher, met the company for the first time on Tuesday, in the presence of federal "ace" mediator, Philip Chappell.

The union did not give an inch on its demands and the conference ended in a deadlock. There is little doubt in the minds of striking shipworkers that the powerful New York Ship is receiving the backing of even more powerful forces in the industry and the government in its fight to break organization in the shipyards.

But the company faces an indomitable spirit among the shipworkers and their wives who are determined to fight a second victorious strike within the year.

Wives and daughters of strikers gathered for the first of the weekly women's gatherings which featured last year's fight. Entertained by professional vaudeville stars, and given first hand account of union activities by union leaders, the women responded with an offer to picket with their men if the lines showed any signs of weakening.

### Canadian Labor

MONTREAL, Canada—(FP)—The All-Canadian Congress of Labor, in annual convention at Montreal, went on record in favor of public ownership of basic industries, all land and natural resources.

Explaining that he, "as leader of the German nation," and "obligated before God and my conscience," was compelled to "re-establish Germany's equality," Herr Hitler described how Germany violated only the armament clauses of the Versailles treaty.

### Hearts and Flowers

While Germany is re-arming, he continued, "our love of peace perhaps is greater than in the case of others, for we have suffered most from war." Pointing to the accumulation of armaments by other nations, he sought to justify Germany's preparations for the coming conflict that threatens to tear civilization to shreds.

Disclaiming any intention to interfere with other nations, particularly with Austria, he took occasion to show belligerence toward Soviet Russia. "If I am not mistaken," he said, "the impression of the British Keeper of the Privy Seals is that the Soviets are entirely averse to any aggressive military intention. Nobody would be happier than we if this impression should prove correct in the future. But the past speaks against it."

### Right Hand, Left Hand

At the same time, Hitler piously proposed treaties and pacts limiting the armaments of the nations. The remarkable parallels that exist between world affairs of today and the conditions of 1914 are thus extended. While talking disarmament, Hitler, like the powers in other capitalist nations, continues to swell his arsenal and to make preparations for a renewed world outbreak. Hitler continues to sing hymns while sharpening the sword. "Whoever lights the torch of war in Europe," said the Reichstag incendiary, "can wish for nothing but chaos."

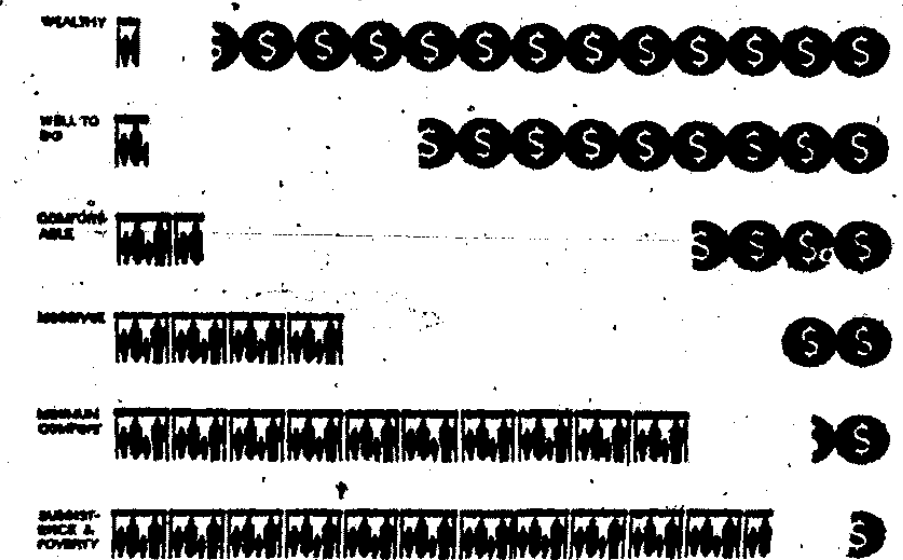
But even in this speech by means of which Herr Hitler hoped to impress the world, a few real rays of hope creep through. For, with lamentation in his voice, Adolf complains to the world:

"An army of emigrants is agitating from foreign centres like Prague and Paris. Revolutionary literature is smuggled into Germany with calls to violence; radio senders make propaganda for illegal terrorist organizations in Germany; courts are set up abroad which attempt to interfere with German administration of justice, and so on."

Yes, and so on, and on—until the regime of blood shall be swept away.

# Where the Money Goes

THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN VARIOUS INCOME GROUPS, 1929



EACH FAMILY GROUP REPRESENTS ONE MILLION FAMILIES, EACH CIRCLE \$2,000

# World Socialism

By HERBERT ZAM

## Franco-Soviet Alliance And International Labor

A great deal of uneasiness was manifested among the thinking sections of the revolutionary movement when the news of the Franco-Soviet military alliance first became known. It was feared that the foreign diplomacy of the Soviet Union, which has hitherto been characterized by its difference from that of the imperialist countries, would now become indistinguishable from theirs.

Revolutionists had always opposed military alliances as a preparation for war. This opposition would now be robbed of a good deal of its effectiveness by the fact that the country of the workers, which stands for peace, also participates in military alliances.

In spite of these doubts, however, there was great reluctance on the part of the real friends of the Soviet Union to engage in any public criticism. It was generally granted that the Soviet Union as a country had to do things which revolutionary parties or individuals could not do. The Soviet Union had to take advantage of the disagreements among the imperialists to promote its own interests. It was questionable whether more would be gained than lost by this form of diplomatic activity.

### STALIN LANDS WITH BOTH FEET

If there was uneasiness at the signing of the military alliance, there is outright indignation at what has followed. For in justifying this pact, Stalin, Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and Pravda, official organ of the Party, have made statements which not merely depart from the beliefs of all true revolutionists, but which are completely contradictory to the lifelong teachings of Lenin, of the Bolsheviks and of the Communist International.

The joint statement issued by the French and Russian representatives contains the following sentence:

"In this regard M. Stalin understands and approves the national defense policy of France in keeping her armed forces at a level required for security."

The capitalist press interpreted this as an instruction to the French Communists, and justly so.

There could be no other reason for such a statement. This means that so long as there is this alliance between France and the US SR, the French Communists must vote for the military budget, for conscription, for armaments, must urge "loyalty to the country" and discourage anti-military activities.

### 'ONE MUST BE STRONG TO DEFEND PEACE'

Pravda tries to justify this attitude by the threat of Nazism. It declares:

"One must be strong to defend peace. The weak will not be able to defend their borders. Military weakness would only be an additional reason for the National Socialists to hasten aggression."

Nothing could be more false or deceiving from a revolutionary point of view. This is nothing but a vulgar concession to national chauvinism. This is the argument which was heard in 1914. Then it was "protection" against the Kaiser, or against the Czar, or a "war for democracy."

Only a few months ago there was a popular referendum in Switzerland to increase the military establishment as a defense against Nazism. The Communist and Socialists both voted against the proposal. The Pravda argument was made by the militarists and reactionaries, "One must be strong to defend peace."

The theory preached by Stalin and the Pravda is the much-

despised "lesser of two evils," against which the Communists have spilt so much ink, but this is in an even worse form.

### WORKERS WILL FIGHT FASCISM

It is an illusion to believe that a bourgeois anti-Nazi government can be a real bulwark against Fascism or a real friend of the Soviet Union.

Today in France there is a "democratic" government. But the transition to Fascism may be very easy, as the Stavisky events showed. A Fascist France may hate Nazi Germany just as much as democratic France, or even more. Would that be justification for an alliance with it?

The Soviet Union must depend for real assistance only upon the international labor movement, not upon bourgeois governments. Consequently its present policies are dangerous because they tend to give the reactionaries arguments against the labor movement and weapons against the revolutionists.

In 1923, when France invaded the Ruhr, some Communists wished to defend Germany as a "colony." The Communist International refused to adopt such a policy. "This is the continuation of the imperialist war," it said.

Can not this be said with equal justification of the present struggle between France and Germany? Only the roles have changed. In 1923 France was the aggressor. Today Germany. In 1923 France was pushing the anti-Soviet campaign. Today it is Hitler.

It is true that as a result of the ruinous and splitting policies which the official Communist movement has carried out in the last half dozen years, the Soviet Union has become isolated from the international labor movement. But is that a reason for seeking friends among the imperialists?

On the contrary. What the Soviet Union needs is to move closer to the international labor movement. Its leaders must stop considering all critics as enemies, and stop trying to dictate the tactics and strategy for the entire world.

Above all, they must give up the childish belief that only the members and sympathizers of the Communist parties are friends of the Soviet Union or can be relied upon for assistance.

### 'DEFEND THE USSR' VS. 'ARM THE IMPERIALISTS'

The revolutionary workers in all countries have on many occasions shown their willingness to "defend the Soviet Union."

The British workers prevented war against the Soviet Union in 1921. The French and Belgian Socialists duplicated this action. But "Defend the Soviet Union" never meant "Arm the imperialists." If the two are made synonymous, there will be mighty few defenders of the Soviet Union in the capitalistic countries.

"The enemy is at home." This must remain the slogan of all true revolutionists. We must continue to oppose all chauvinism, all militarism, all military alliances as preparations for wars of imperialist aggrandizement, in which the workers are the main sufferers.

Only when we have established a workers' government will we be justified in taking measures to strengthen it and defend it against foreign attacks. And only such a government can become a real ally of the Soviet Union.

## Labor Weakened; Fascists Sweep Czech Elections

The elections in Czechoslovakia show the reality of the Fascist danger in that country. In the German sections, the fascists received the largest vote cast for any single party, 1,294,000 votes, and will have forty-four seats in Parliament.

The German Social Democratic Party suffered a tremendous loss, dropping from twenty-one to eleven seats, but the Czech Social Democratic party lost only one seat and will have thirty-eight in parliament. Thus the Social Democratic bloc will have forty-nine seats. The Communists retained their thirty seats. All purely bourgeois parties lost votes.

The Fascist gain was not confined to the German districts of Czechoslovakia. The Czech Fascists (Gaja anti-semites) obtained six seats as against none previously. Thus the combined Fascists will have fifty seats.

The gain is all the more significant, since two years ago all openly Fascist parties were supposed to be dissolved. They promptly declared themselves in favor of "democracy and national unity" (the government's formula against the fascists who want unity with Hitler Germany) and under a new leadership continued their openly fascist activities.

These elections are in sharp contrast to the French elections, where unity among the workers organizations defeated the threatened Fascist advance.

## Cops' Guns Can't Stop Relief Rally

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Fred Meyer, militant labor fighter, went to the St. Louis County jail and pushed his way through the sixteen armed deputies and told the sheriff that unless McCally was immediately released that he would have to answer to both him and the American Workers Union. McCally was released.

### Will Hold Convention

The American Workers Union will hold its first National Convention in St. Louis, June 1 and 2. Delegates are expected to come in truckloads from all over the South and Southwest.

The convention will be preceded by a mammoth mass meeting to be held at the St. Louis Coliseum Friday, May 31. The meeting, which will be the most significant of unemployed and part-time workers ever held in the Midwest, will be addressed by Oscar Ameringer, veteran labor speaker and editor of the American Guardian. Sam Sandberg, editor of the Southern Voice, and either Leo Krzycki or Franz Daniels of the Socialist Party National Executive Committee.

## ETHIOPIA RESISTS ITALY TO MAINTAIN AUTONOMY

By V. SHARP

Will Ethiopia (Abyssinia) become the Manchuria of Africa? Will Italy swallow it up as Japan did Manchuria? Will Italy succeed in squeezing out all other powers as Japan was successful? Is Ethiopia another weight in the scales rapidly being piled with war materials?

Following Japan's lead, Italy has declared that she will permit no outside interference in her struggle with Ethiopia. The League of Nations will play the same role here as it did in Manchuria, notwithstanding claims of "dialectic changes" in it. If Ethiopia is to escape rape at Italy's hands, it must be with her own powers, as she did in 1896.

Italy already has extensive possessions in Africa, but they are of little value. They are dry and hot and contain vast stretches of desert. Libia is mostly desert. Eritria contains only a small fertile stretch of the inland plateau. Italian Somaliland is barren and has no good harbor.

### Rich Country

In contrast to these neighbors, Ethiopia is well watered and has a fertile soil yielding two, three, and even four crops a year, in spite of primitive agricultural methods. Its valleys produce tropical and sub-tropical crops, sugar cane, cotton, oranges, lemons, bananas. Higher up, coffee, barley, wheat and other temperate crops abound. On the plateaus sheep, horned cattle, horses, mules, are raised.

Ethiopia, the "roof of Africa," possesses enormous mineral wealth. Gold, coal, copper, sulphur and salt are known to exist. It contains vast forests of great value. Enormous power is locked up in its swiftly flowing streams and rivers. In sharp contrast to its neighbors, the climate of Ethiopia is well varied, and over most of the country is mild throughout the year.

### A Juicy Morsel

With the narrowing of the capitalist world market by the present crisis, and the exhaustion of the main sources of raw materials, Ethiopia would be a juicy morsel for imperialists to exploit.

For many years it has been a battle ground among several powers, largely Italy and England. England invaded the country in 1868. Italy invaded it in 1881, but rivalry between these two prevented definite possession. In 1891 they reached an agreement dividing the country among them, but Abyssinia refused to recognize the treaty. Again Italy sent troops, but suffered a crushing defeat in 1896. Italy then recognized Abyssinia's independence, and England followed.

### Surrounded by Imperialism

Ethiopia is completely surrounded by Italian, British and French possessions (Eritria and Somaliland, British East Africa, Somali-

land and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, and French Somaliland). It has no port of its own and all its commerce passes through Jibuti, in French Somaliland. The sole railway, from Jibuti to the capital, Addis Adaba, is French. The Bank of Abyssinia is under British control and has the privilege of minting the Abyssinian coinage, issuing legal tender notes and engaging in commercial, industrial and financial transactions.

France and Italy have in recent years played an increasingly unimportant role in the life of the country, while England's influence has grown. The recent reforms, abolition of slavery, changes in governments, etc., have been chiefly due to British pressure. England found effective exploitation of the people and the resources difficult because of the feudal and tribal organization of the country.

### May Cause Strife

Italy has long sought an opportunity for stepping into Abyssinia, and like the wolf in Aesop's fable, having no excuse, stepped in anyway. England, however, will not give up without a struggle. England is particularly interested in building a dam across the Blue Nile, which would convert the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan into one of the world's finest cotton producers and make England independent of American cotton. England is not interested, however, in saving the 10,000,000 people of Ethiopia from exploitation and colonization. If Italy shows sufficient determination, it is possible that the 1891 agreement might be revived, dividing the country between them.

Contrary to general belief, the inhabitants are largely white and Christian, their church being one of the oldest in Christendom. There is a minority of Jews (Falashas) and Mohammedans (Gallas). There is, of course, a good deal of intermingling with Negroes.

Ethiopia is large in area, being estimated at from 350,000 to 430,000 square miles (Italy including the islands, is 120,000 square miles in area). Its people are strong and virile. Most of the males are trained in military activities from boyhood, which accounts to some extent for its successful resistance to imperialist aggression.

However, it is very backward, has practically no industry, and is poorly equipped to withstand a modern army for any length of time. But it can carry on guerilla warfare for many years.

## Not Pigs—Just Republicans



The Republicans complain about the Democratic brain trust, but these leaders of the G. O. P. look as though they haven't thought about anything but food in weeks. Stuffing themselves at a luncheon in Washington are (left to right): Rep. Snell, Sen. Borah, Gov. Nice of Maryland and William Allen White of Kansas.



# Father Coughlin Aspires To Be an American Hitler

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marched down the center of the auditorium to salute the Reverend Dictator.

Two army bands, one from the National War Veterans and the other from the Catholic War Veterans played "Over There," and other martial airs.

Guns by their side, the flag-bearers stood at attention.

## Storm Troops

This was Coughlin's well-staged entrance. It was the first public tie-up of the radio priest with a strong military group, which has the possibility of becoming an American Fascist army. Storm troopers behind Coughlin!

This was the third, and probably the most important to date, of Coughlin's state organization meetings. The first two were held in Michigan and Ohio; the fourth is scheduled for June 5 in Chicago, Illinois.

Included in Coughlin's show were not only the veterans, but Congressmen Moritz of Pittsburgh, Sweeney of Ohio, and Connery of Massachusetts.

Coughlin's all-round Man Friday and official weathervane to report on "which way the wind blows," Louis B. Ward, well-known for his anti-union activities against auto workers in Pontiac, Michigan, some years ago, opened the meeting.

## Absent

Absent from public view was Robert M. Harriss, southern plantation owner and Wall street partner in the investment house of Harriss & Vose, who opened Coughlin's 1933 showing at the Hippodrome.

There can be little doubt, however, that behind the scenes, advising Coughlin, as they have done for the last three years, were Harriss, Vanderlip, and others of the big business inflationists in the Committee for the Nation.

Coughlin has become a sure bet to win the paper bunting as America's Foremost Fascist Demagogue. Drunk with his own self-importance and the praise that has come to him from the thousands deluded by his mouthings of "social justice," he reached new heights of futility Wednesday night. Futility, of course, for the working people, not the employers.

## Comic Relief

During the course of his oratory, Coughlin attacked newspaper owners for kowtowing to their advertisers, and Roosevelt for vetoing the bonus and endorsing low pay on relief projects.

There was comic relief when he launched into a tirade against the dictatorships in Italy and Germany and accused Karl Marx of siding with the international bankers.

"Not once did Karl Marx attack the international bankers," screamed Coughlin. To such depths of falsehoods will demagogues descend!

## Against Hitler?

At last Coughlin has come into the open against Hitler. It was only a few short months ago, on January 29, when asked what he thought about the German Nazi program, that he replied, "I'd rather not discuss it."

Now Coughlin says that we should not surrender "our form of government into the hands of a dictator, be he Fascist or Communist." His attack on Communism has been of long duration, that being one of his main claims as far back as 1931.

Later in his speech, Coughlin spoke of the "American manner" being preferable to "the imported heresies of Moscow or to the dictatorial mandates of Berlin."

This linking of Stalin and Hitler, of course, weakens Coughlin's attack on fascism, if we are to assume it to be sincere. This we cannot assume, however. Last January

was not a strategic time for Coughlin to slam Hitler. Today, with the official blessing of the war veterans upon his head, which adds untold power to his fascist possibilities, Coughlin must mouth phrases against European fascism.

## Clever

Coughlin is a clever orator. When he felt the crowd was not following his speech he yelled for a "just and living wage" or for the right of the people or Congress "to coin and regulate the value of money." That got them every time, and the crowd burst into wild applause.

The pattern of Coughlin's speech was this: First an attack on Roosevelt, the bankers, and the credit system; second, a call to labor, agriculture, small merchants and industrialists to organize for freedom; third, another tirade on money, a call for inflation, and a last hurrah for the soldiers' bonus.

When he had his audience aroused for action, Coughlin had nothing to offer but an inflation which would raise the cost of living, and public ownership of the Federal Reserve banks. As if these would bring prosperity!

## Swish, Swish

Swishing his arms through the air like the coming messiah, Father Coughlin preached all things to all men. He called upon "the laborer, the soldier, the farmer, the industrialist, the merchant," to back each other in whatever struggles they might have.

Just how the merchant or industrialist is to back the worker in his fight for a "just and living wage" was not explained—and will not be explained. It cannot be done unless the owners want to join the picket line and fight against themselves and their class.

"The National Union for Social Justice," declared Coughlin, "is an organization which subscribes to the theory that there is no prosperity for any one class unless there is prosperity for all classes."

Thus he tempts Americans with a vision—a vision impossible of fulfillment. It is exactly the type of speech Hitler made before he grabbed power. Workers and farmers are fast learning from this depression that their interests as a class are forever opposed to those of the industrialists for whom the radio priest shows so much solicitude.

## Dictator

"By means of the radio," Coughlin informed his listeners, "information relative to desired or proposed legislation is brought into your home. By means of the telegraph or the Post Office, the National Union urges you to contact your Representatives for the purpose of informing them of your thought on any specific legislation. This is a government by the people and for the people."

How beautiful! Father Coughlin—and how undemocratic! Coughlin does not say, "I will instruct you over the radio." Oh, no, "By means of the radio . . . information . . . is brought into your home."

This is neither government by the people or for the people. Coughlin's use of the word "government" here is an indication of his belief that he and his organization must assume the reins of government.

## "I'll Tell You"

Said the New York Post in an editorial on May 10:

When a questioner in his lecture audience on January 22 asked Father Coughlin, "How shall we know how to vote in the election?" the answer was: "That's my job to tell you!"

A Mussolini, a Starbemberg, or a Hitler might have said that.

A Jefferson, a Jackson or a

# AT THE FRONT

by

## Norman Thomas



WAGNER BILL VALUE DOUBTFUL,  
UNION STRENGTH IS FULCRUM;

WORKERS GREET RADICALISM;

SOCIALISTS DO YOEMAN WORK  
IN EVERY LABOR STRUGGLE

Labor has a right to rejoice in the passage of the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill by the Senate and to demand its passage by the House. That's not saying that the Wagner Bill will work miracles or that it has no dangers.

The criticisms which have been voiced by the majority of the Civil Liberties Union certainly have weight. Theoretically, and probably in practice, the provision for the recognition of the union acceptable to the majority as the spokesman for all the workers, may at times result in injustice, but experience has already proved that, under American conditions, to try to provide for the recognition of more than one union as the spokesman of the workers makes for confusion and inefficiency. It facilitates the application by the bosses of the ancient maxim: "Divide and govern."

A more serious danger lies in the plain fact that the labor board set up by the Wagner Bill under a reactionary or semi-Fascist government would be an agency for further enslaving the workers.

Even if the legal safeguards of the right to strike were better drawn than they are, a thoroughly hostile labor board could circumvent them. But that is only saying that inevitably when the power of government over industry is increasing there is no safety for the workers except as they control government under the ideals of the cooperative commonwealth and not of the totalitarian state.

## The Proof of the Pudding

The test for judging legislation like the Wagner Bill is not its perfection, but whether or not it will make it easier for workers to organize and win their rights. My strong conviction is that organized labor is correct in thinking that the Wagner Bill will make its struggle easier. The dangers which the Civil Liberties Union fears, and in more exaggerated form the Communist Party professes to dread, would in substance exist anyway under the terms of the modern labor struggle, and labor will be strengthened rather than weakened by the formal recognition of the right to organize and bargain collectively in their own unions without interference from employers.

The arguments which make the benefits of the Wagner Bill outweigh their possible dangers do not in my judgment apply to the extension of NRA.

One of two things or a mixture of both will happen under the extension of NRA: it will become increasingly futile except as it provides good jobs for chair warmers, or it will become, even more than it is today, a legalization of government of business, by big business, for private profit. It will put a capitalist government more than ever into the business, not of winning workers' rights, but of keeping industrial peace at any cost.

The uniform history of recent months during which labor has lost outright, or got the worst of the bargain in every major industrial dispute, in which NRA has intervened, will be continued. The logic of the whole Socialist position on NRA is that it should be defeated, not extended, and that whatever advantages in its earlier stages it seemed to give workers should be maintained and increased by the passage of the Child Labor Amendment; the Wagner Bill, the thirty-hour week bill, and security legislation.

Above all, the hope of the workers lies in their own organization, economic and political.

## American Workers Turn Left

On this trip in the industrial centers of the Middle West two things are definitely encouraging: the decided increase in the strength of organization in the last two years, and the even more definite increase in the awareness of the workers that they have got to have a more radical program than did their fathers in the days of craft unions and the old slogan, "a fair day's wage for a fair day's work."

What is discouraging, particularly in the basic heavy industries—steel, automobiles and rubber—is the well justified discontent of the rank and file with the quality of the AFL leadership and strategy.

Lincoln couldn't.

More loudly than any words Father Coughlin's actions tell the country, "I am opposed to democracy."

As clearly as if it were stated among his 16 points, Father Coughlin's actions tell the country, "I believe in dictatorship."

Coughlin may yelp and yap about democracy but his actions speak louder than words—and his actions spell dictatorship, dictatorship over you.

## Thomas to Answer Father Coughlin

Following on the heels of Father Coughlin's New York appearance, Norman Thomas will deliver his reply under the title, "The Menace of Coughlin and Long."

Thomas will speak at the Bronx Labor Forum, 809 Westchester avenue, Monday evening, May 27. Matthew M. Levy will be chairman.

## Growing, Growing, Grand!

MONTEZUMA, Ind. — Formed only a year ago, the Indiana Unemployed Union, affiliated with the Workers Alliance of America, has now 39 locals in over 15 counties. On January 28 of this year it had only three locals in one county.

The IUU is the fastest growing jobless union in the Mid-West.

In Toledo among the Chevrolet workers, in Akron among the rubber workers, in Massillon among the steel workers, I heard substantially the same story. The AFL has been slow and reluctant in building up international industrial unions in all three major industries; there has been no large strategy at all for an aggressive campaign, with the result that the bosses have been able to mass their forces to win every individual battle; worst of all, leaders like Mike Tighe, and to a less degree Dillon in the Toledo strike, have played the part of little Mussolinis whose great concern has been for their own power. The official labor organ in Toledo printed a blistering editorial attack on certain features of Dillon's leadership.

But everybody, and most of all our Socialist comrades who have been active in all these struggles, realizes how important it is, in spite of mistakes and discouragement, to keep up the union and to avoid the weakness that dualism would bring.

## Socialists on the Front

My hat is off to the good work I find Socialists individually and the party collectively doing in every labor struggle.

Socialists were active in the leadership of the Chevrolet strike in Toledo. They are active in the rayon strike in Cleveland. I saw Okey Odell, leader of the union workers' strike—a good Socialist comrade—in Toledo. He tells me that there is an increasing number of federal locals of agricultural workers. He is looking forward to the formation of an international which, of course, must include the Southern Tenant Farmers Union.

Not only in work with labor, but in the organization of the party, the Ohio comrades are stirring themselves. They are planning a great pilgrimage to Canton on June 16, the anniversary of Debs' magnificent speech which cost him years in prison. I heard many echoes, all of them good, of the Cleveland May Day celebration and of Leo Krzycki's rousing speech.

## Encouraging Signs

Some high spots in this trip:

The good meeting at Fort Wayne, Ind., where on the following night the local comrades with the help of Roy Burt were expecting to form a local for the first time in years.

The great labor parade in Toledo, under the auspices of the Central Labor Council with the cooperation of the Socialists, and the big mass meeting which I addressed.

The splendid convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the meeting of the Grand Lodge of its Ladies' Auxiliary, both of which I addressed in Cleveland.

And three unusually fine high school meetings in Cleveland, a good meeting in Akron and a better one in Massillon and in the rubber making town of Willoughby.

Yes, one of the high spots was to read in Cleveland a good news story of the activities of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union in Washington!

## Not by Bread Alone

The President has done exactly what we expected in fixing rates of pay on relief work below the prevailing standards.

The effect on wage scales and organization will be exactly what we prophesied. It is all part of the business of trying to solve the desperate relief problem by establishing a low subsistence level of existence. It goes along with sales taxes by which the poor have to support the poorer.

Even as I write these lines, I am wondering about the Hunger March in Springfield, Ill., which the Illinois Workers Alliance is sponsoring. Terrible as is their need of relief, they have been demanding that the Legislature find some other way than a sales tax to raise funds so that the relief stations can reopen.

There are other ways that might even at the eleventh hour be found if Governor Horner, with the consent of weak-kneed liberals, the approval of New Deal Democratic politicians, and the applause of powerful sections of the owning class, did not insist on an increase in the sales tax or nothing.

## Editorials

### The Wagner Bill

THE Wagner Labor Disputes Bill has passed the Senate. It may pass the House. Some sections of the labor movement express great satisfaction with the measure, although the loud chorus of acclaim that welcomed the Clayton Act in 1918 is lacking in this instance.

Labor has had the experience of Section 7A, as well as of the earlier "Charter of Labor," the Clayton Act. It is not ready to grow enthusiastic over what may prove to be not a true recognition of labor's own unions, but a cloak behind which capital can again play its game of deceiving labor with empty promises.

The Wagner Bill ostensibly provides for recognition of collective bargaining; it is supposed to end coercion of those engaged in union activities. In practice it will be what the government, and in particular the courts, want it to be. It writes into law the provisions of 7A; it sets up a Labor Board of the type the NRA has made familiar. It recognizes the principle of majority determination of the bargaining agent for the workers, although practice has shown that the company can coerce the workers in a vote.

The spokesmen for industry profess to see labor and industry handed over by the Wagner Act to the American Federation of Labor. They assert that it means a dictatorship of labor. We are, with good reason, less optimistic.

We recognize in the Wagner Act a grudging step, compelled by the campaign needs of the Roosevelt Administration and by the depression, toward the recognition of labor's fundamental rights. We know from experience that the meaning of the law will depend on labor's own strength. Labor cannot be "saved" by the provisions of a law. In so far as the workers themselves, in their unity, with the threat of strike and picket-line, lend substance to a measure of this sort, will it have real meaning.

Otherwise it may become as 7A and the NRA have already become, the agent for the oppression rather than for the liberation of the workers.

### Roosevelt's Coolie Wage Scales

THE wage scales announced by Roosevelt on the five billion dollar works plan is a brazen move against the workers such as has rarely been seen in this country. The most pessimistic warnings now appear to be rosy optimism as compared with the actual reality.

**Wages will range from 11 cents an hour for unskilled labor in the South to a maximum of 54 cents an hour for highly trained technical work (engineers, architects, etc.), in New York City. These scales are not only below the present work relief scales, they are even below the present home relief scales.**

The work week is 40 hours. The hypocrite in the White House talks about reducing hours of work, but sets the maximum hours existing in the codes for the relief work.

The American Federation of Labor has already announced that it will fight the Roosevelt coolie scale. The Workers Alliance of America has made a similar announcement. These two bodies represent the bulk of the organized workers and the organized unemployed respectively. Their lead must be followed by every worker and by every unemployed worker.

**This scale is a blow at the living standards of all employed and unemployed.**

**While the profits of the big corporations are again showing enormous totals, we are offered 11 cents an hour. Down with Roosevelt's miserable handout!**

**Support the fight of the A F of L and the Workers Alliance of America against the Roosevelt coolie system!**

### Herndon Must Be Freed

ANGELO HERNDON, Communist Party organizer, must serve from 18 to 20 years in the chain gang. What did he do?

Was he accused of murder? Did he gyp bank depositors of their savings? Did he violate any labor laws?

Oh, no—if he had done any of these things the police would have been too "busy" to arrest him and the district attorney too disinterested to prosecute.

Angelo Herndon had the audacity to try to organize the unemployed to demand higher relief wages. Worse than that, he committed the crime of leading a mixed demonstration of Negro and white workers.

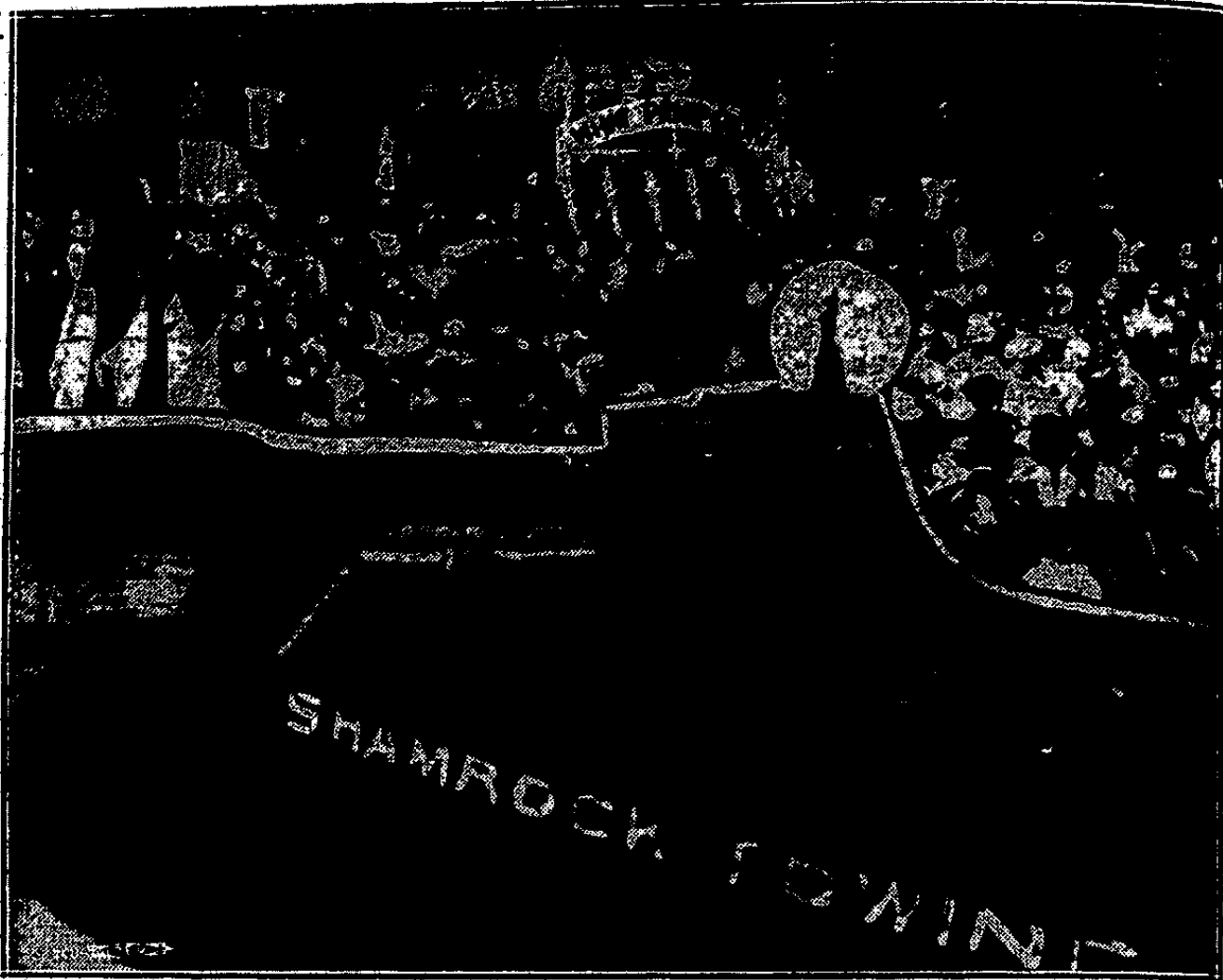
Of course this is no legal crime, even in Georgia. But the officials had no difficulty in digging up an old Civil War law against insurrection and twisting it to fit Herndon. And a lily-white jury found it no trouble at all, under the influence of a vicious prosecution, to find Herndon guilty.

And finally the United States Supreme Court okeyed the legal lynching by refusing to even pass on it—on the technical ground that the federal questions were not raised at precisely the right moment in the lower courts.

No one will believe that the Supreme Court would condemn a man to the chain gang because his lawyers did not object at the right moment!

The sentence was upheld because Herndon struck at the economic roots of the system.

## 'No More War!'



At the same time that 15,000 marched through New York's streets (upper) demanding "No More War," scores of boats lay in the harbor ready to carry to Japan thousands of tons of scrap steel and iron for the island empire's thriving munitions industry. "You can't interfere with profits," the death merchants chant piously.

## Poll Tax Disfranchises Share Croppers

To the Editor:

Just gave out some copies of the CALL today. Most all the laboring people are anxious for a chance to vote a Socialist ticket, but lots of them will not be able to pay Poll Tax to get receipt. If they don't they won't let them vote Socialist Ticket. The people been request me to ask you to print Crop Market, Poultry, Egg, and Provisions, as well as union meetings. Just received notice of a big union rally of about 3,000 new Southern Tenant Farmers' Union members. Also some Independent Union members about 3,000 strong, giving us about 6,000 strong (in Texas and Oklahoma). Best wishes for Socialist and Unionism.

J. J. LYNN.

### WHITE COLLAR

To the Editor:

I am a relief worker on the New York City Housing project working with several hundred other workers of the "not so white" collar variety for \$22 a week.

Not unlike thousands of other "white collar" workers, these have all been far from class conscious, feeling to a large extent grateful for having been singled out from the vast horde of unemployed to be given the opportunity to earn so magnificent a salary.

However, now that Roosevelt has announced that the maximum salary to be paid for "professional" or "technical" work is to be \$94 per month, some ten dollars less than the salary they are getting for ordinary clerical work, the situation is fast changing.

The letters appearing in this column do not necessarily express the point of view of the SOCIALIST CALL. This column is intended to present a cross-section of the opinions of Socialists and sympathizers.

Daily they gather in little groups to air their consternation and disgust at the "reward" they are about to reap for months of "loyal and conscientious" service.

This is the dawn of class consciousness, when these workers begin to realize that what they are getting is not a "lucky break" but instead a "raw deal," as they are beginning to call it. They talk of "protesting" and "demanding." I begin to see hope for even these most backward of American workers, the "slaves of the white collar."

Since it might endanger my job, I must ask you not to print my name.

White Collar Relief Worker.  
New York.

### PROTEST

To the Editor:

The SOCIALIST CALL is a good, clean, Socialist paper, but that is exactly what one should expect from Socialists.

My reason for writing is rather a warning and a plea to our comrades to keep the SOCIALIST CALL at the high level all Socialist papers belong.

The May 4 number, I am afraid, shows signals of danger.

The previous issue has treated the Lang-Hearst United Front against Russia fully and correctly

and therefore S. A. DeWitt's article was, to say the least, superfluous.

The letter from Haim Kantorovitch was worse than superfluous. It is an uncalled-for attack upon the Communist movement "psychologically" indicating that there may be something wrong with Kantorovitch's psychology.

Ben Gitlow's use of the SOCIALIST CALL for an attack upon the foreign policy of the Soviet government was another uncalled-for adventure.

I am not defending the Soviet foreign policy. I have not sufficient knowledge of the hidden facts which determine this policy to either defend or condemn it, but I am quite sure that Gitlow has no more access to this information than I have.

With the risk of being accused of heresy, I dare suggest that the space could have been used to better advantage, with a news article, giving a description of the Communist May Day Parade in New York and elsewhere.

It is in a spirit of cooperation and not pure criticism that I write this letter.

Our resources are meager and therefore should be used carefully. Waste of space in the SOCIALIST CALL is criminal.

Devote the CALL to Socialist education, to agitation and organization; give us news of the march and progress of the labor movement, keep us in constant touch with our comrades all over the country and the world, and you will fulfill your mission.

California. STANLEY MOST.

## We Shall Not Be Gagged

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punish written or spoken advocacy of "overthrow of the government by force and violence." It has also before it bills providing punishment for propaganda among soldiers and sailors, and providing for the deportation of any political dissenter.

Most of these measures are quietly introduced, and their sponsors hope to rush them through before public opposition is aroused. The degree of opposition already awakened is encouraging. Every Socialist can do his share in creating sentiment against these and similar measures.

He can:

(1) Talk about these measures, and

their meaning, in public and in private;

(2) Influence his union to adopt resolutions protesting against them;

(3) Write to members of Congress urging the defeat of these bills;

(4) Take the opportunity created by the proposal of these measures to point out the class nature of the existing state.

A loud protest coming from many workers' organizations may succeed in killing one or another of these vicious bills. More important than that is the working class unity and solidarity that will be created if great masses of them are seen in motion against this effort to establish gag rule and Fascism in America.



# Turn to The Left

By S. A. De WITT

Wherein by strange public acclaim, the Columnist is compelled to continue immediately . . . his

## Last Will and Testament

(Still after the method of Francois Villon)

7.

Item. . . . To Charlie Funk, the family friend  
Who lived with us in the hungered days,  
If his bright journey has yet to end,  
Give him my paeans of fondest praise;  
Since he first led me up the ways  
Where life is plain and thoughts are high,  
And steered my wander through the maze  
Of canyoned alleys toward the sky,

8.

Since he first taught me thirst for lore,  
And search for tales beyond the word,  
And hearing song beyond the score,  
Beyond the sound my ears had heard—  
I thank him when a storm or bird  
Touched the quivering inner strings,  
Or when a lyric thought has stirred  
My being—or a June night sings.

9.

Item. . . . To Steinberg and Miss Naftelin,  
My mentors in our Pitt Street Park,  
For all the hours I gamboled in,  
From afternoon until the dark,  
Grant their ageing eyes the sparks  
That lit mine own, when leap and run  
Lifted me, as when a lark  
Wings a pathway to the sun.

10.

Item. . . . In Corlears Hook, the trees I knew  
Are shrunken to a listless sight.  
Give their roots my strength; renew  
Their glamor even with the night  
When first I saw them strangely white  
And swaying as before a swoon. . . .  
Grant some other Ghetto mite  
May see them spellbound by the moon!

11.

Item. . . . For Johnny Spanish and Dopey Ben,  
For big Kid Twist and Sloppy Ann  
Bullet, dagger, river or "pen"  
Have ended their brief irk to man;  
And yet they lived where I began,  
Weeds in the plot where I was grown,  
And why I did not join their clan,  
May never be written, never known. . . .

12.

Though they be gone the ways of grief,  
The tenements still vomit out  
Picklock, killer, sput and thief,  
And while the righteous agents shout,  
And laws grow sterner, still I doubt  
If ever these will end the curse . . .  
For there are weeds, when rooted out  
Spring up more plentiful and worse.

13.

Oh, give them in their growing years,  
A tree, a field, a distant hill  
Where evening glows and dawn appears;  
Allow that they may know the thrill  
When first I heard a whippoorwill  
Confiding its melodic tale,  
While all the world and I stood still  
On the road to Martindale. . . .

14.

Item. . . . To Bertha Ostrander, if she live,  
Wife or widow, where she be,  
My tallest hedge of roses give,  
Nor ask if she remembers me. . . .  
I loved her long and silently;  
She was tall and tall and pale;  
And I was nine and ricketty,  
And newly come to Martindale.

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When I was a child on Allen street,  
I was so old in love and loot,  
And wise as the copper on the beat  
To pimp and lout and prostitute. . . .  
But here in a land of bloom and fruit,  
A little schoolhouse under the blue,  
I was a beggar with a lute,  
And Bertha, queen who never knew.

(To Be Continued)

\*Note: Martindale is a tiny village ten miles east of Hudson, N. Y., where I spent two years of my early boyhood.

# ANTI-NAZI JOKES FLOOD GERMANY

By DAVID P. BERENBERG

Even when all expression of opposition opinion is forbidden, criticism of existing institutions, and of the men guiding the affairs of state, finds a way of making itself heard and felt.

The wit of a Diogenes expressed itself when all the Greek world was under the heel of the tyranny of Alexander. Much in the fables of Aesop is the shrewd humor of the slave at the expense of the pride and the stupidity of the master. The biting satire of Swift in "Gulliver's Travels" is acid and searching criticism of the English monarchy, of its wares, its social classes, its corruption. Voltaire paved the way for the French Revolution by his humorous, yet earnest, exposures of the follies and the crimes of the church and the old regime.

Tyranny in the modern manner, as expressed in the Fascist government in Germany and in Italy, cannot hope to be immune from this form of attack. Jests at the expense of the dictators and of their institutions were bound to arise.

### Aimed at Rulers

Now "Graphia," the publishing house of the exiled German Socialists, located at Karlsbad, in Czechoslovakia, has issued a small volume of the jokes current in Germany, and aimed at the new rulers of that wretched country.

We have the word of the editor, Georg Willenbacher, that these "Whispered Jests" (Flusterwitz) originated in the main within Germany. Not all of them are good. Not all of them are capable of being translated, since they depend on puns or on current slang that loses force when rendered in another language. On the whole the book is evidence that the German people have not accepted their yoke, that they chafe under the idiocy of their masters, and discontent enough is present among them to give ground for hope that they can be mobilized in a revolution against the most oppressive, if not the most ridiculous, of modern tyrannies.

Many of the jests printed in this volume will interest the readers of the CALL. Here are a few:

### Anti-Nazi Jokes

God gave the German people three attributes: Wisdom, honesty and National Socialism. But no German possesses all three at the same time. He is either wise and a National Socialist. Then he isn't honest. Or he is honest and a Nazi. Then he isn't wise. Or he is wise and honest. But then he isn't a Nazi.

"Have you heard the news? Hindenburg is dead!"  
"You don't say."  
"Sure. But the old man doesn't know it. Meissner (his secretary) hasn't told him yet."

A clerk in Hindenburg's office was wrapping his lunch. Hindenburg's secretary, Meissner, saw him doing it, and shouted to him, "Hurry up. Throw that paper away. If the old man sees it, he'll sign it."

Hitler was to undergo an operation. The doctor gave him an anesthetic and told him to count. When he reached the number fourteen, it suggested something to him. He opened his mouth wide and began "Fourteen years of shame and disgrace have destroyed us—"

The doctor looked at his watch and said to the nurse, "I'll go out and get lunch. I'll be back in two hours. He won't be finished before that."

Prostitutes in Germany are to be divided into three classes:

1. Those who are pure Aryans.
2. Those who practiced their trade in 1914.
3. And those whose mothers fell in the war.

### Poor Charlie

A friend visited Charlie Chaplin and found him in a black mood. "What's up, Charlie?"  
"Aw—this guy Hitler makes me sick!"  
"How's that?"  
"Well," said Charlie. "I don't mind his stealing my moustache. And I don't care if people talk about him as much as they do about me, but I'm sore because people laugh at him more than they laugh at me."

A storm troop leader saw a Jew sitting in a train, and thought he'd have some fun. "Hey, Sheeny," he cried, "whose fault is it that we lost the war!"  
"The Jewish generals, sir."  
"Whaddya mean? We didn't have any Jewish generals!"  
"No — we didn't. The enemy did!"

A man was attacked on the street. He cried, "Help. Murder!" A cop came running up and arrested him for making a political speech.

A young worker at a volunteer Labor Camp wanted to let his parents know how badly he was faring. He pondered for a while, and then remembered the well-fed pig Emma in his father's pig-pen. He picked up his pen and wrote: "Dear parents, I am well. But how I envy Emma!"

Goering met Nero in Hades and called out:  
"Hall, comrade!"

Nero looked him up and down, and said, "How come you call me comrade?"

Goering winked at him and said, "I'm an expert in arson, too."

"Hell," said Nero, "I set fire to Rome all by myself, and you needed a whole regiment of storm troops to burn one lousy building!"

## Tenn. Labor Assails Long and Coughlin

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ed against the use of national guardsmen and state troopers in strikes, against wage differentials for Negro workers; supported the TVA public ownership power project, and demanded that "since capitalism has failed, the government provide economic security for the laboring class."

The legislative committee of the Federation submitted its report calling for Gov. Hill McAllister to demand repeal of the bill, recently passed by the assembly, at the special session of the legislature which may convene soon. The bill, making it a criminal offense to advocate the overthrow of the government or to belong to any organization advocating revolution, was slipped through the assembly before its opponents could marshal their forces against it.

### Blame the Typist

Because of an error in typing, a sentence in David P. Berenberg's article on Dreiser in last week's issue read: "It is worth noting here that in Germany the battle between the Communist Party and the Nazis was well-won."

It should have read: "It is worth noting here that in Germany the path between the Communist Party and the Nazis was well-worn."

# Coughlin and Nudism

By McALISTER COLEMAN

THAT great wind which blew from the neighborhood of Madison Square Garden in New York this week had its source in the bellowing person of a man with his collar on backward called Coughlin.

The Fuming Father, who is apparently cast in the role of John the Baptist for the next Nazi Messiah, says he thinks everybody should get a bonus. He's set to ride quite a way on this wave. Every now and then, thinking of our glorious martial career and going through our devastated treasury, we cast moon-eyes in the direction of the Detroit Demagogue.

If any one is entitled to a bonus with all trimmings, it is we who keep the Hun from the gate while in the U. S. Engineers, digging latrines in Virginia. We qualified for this as registering before the draft board as an "advertising writer." They thought and thought about it and finally decided that an experienced advertising writer was desperately needed as a latrine digger.

P. S. We got the job, and now we figure that a grateful government ought to do something pretty handsome by us.

### We're Particular

The only trouble is that we aren't just nuts about the company we have to keep to get this bonus jack. We have lately attended several meetings of the veterans where ex-quartermasters come out and play on cornets to prove that they should have something done for or to them. They play the mess-call on these cornets and service men from all parts of Times Square naturally come a-running. That was about the only call most of us who were in the Army can recognize.

Now that Coughlin, D. D., has sounded a national mess-call with the assistance of Buglers Long and Hearst, he ought to be able to get quite a large-sized smear of trough-wallowers. And from the appearance of Madison Square Garden this Wednesday that is about what he has fished up with all his angling in our muddled waters.

So I'm afraid they will have to count me out. I could, of course, send my bonus, when and if collected, to the American Civil Liberties or the LID or SP, in all of which organizations I am depressingly behind in dues, but, on the whole, by and large, and with all customary qualifications, I guess I'll pass it up this time and take out an enfeebled but wealthy old lady for a taxicab ride and knock her cuckoo with a blackjack. Compared with the American Legion drive, this is far more in our national tradition and furthermore involves the element of risk, which does not enter into the bonus-smooching picture.

Nineteen bucks for a month's work in the South! There's a handsome gesture. They tell us that this work is unskilled in its nature and that the future recipients of this munificence are not accustomed to handling cash of any sort, anyhow. Maybe so, maybe so, but I imagine even an unskilled Southern worker can work up a highly skilled appetite for himself and family in the course of a month of labor out on the roads or wherever.

### Wage Scale for Nudists

The only silver in the lining of this wage-scale is the big outlet it gives to the Nudists. Banned from New York State by the lobby headed by that Great Liberal Al Smith, who has now tapered down to Assistant Zoo Keeper, the Nudists, if they are anywhere near as smart as I think, will at once descend on the deep South. There, under the new Roosevelt wage-scale, they should find prospects galore. Those who foretell what the well-dressed Southern worker will wear inform us that there will be a rush for U. S. Government Gee Strings during the coming months.

One of our buddies among the analysts tells us that Hitler is a schizophrenic type of psychotic. This means that he is one of the dementia praecox boys with a split personality and Napoleonic delusions. (Note: We pulled an awful boner which went right over the head of our Faithful Reader the other week when we mixed up pik-niks and schizoids. It was only because we couldn't spell schizoids.)

### Once Upon a Time

Which reminds us of the story of the ninth string book-reviewer for the New York Times book review section. It was his unenviable lot to review four or five insignificant novels every week. He didn't even get his name pinned on these reviews. All he got was a permanent case of eye-strain and an inferiority complex. His name was, and is, Higgins.

One night he staggered over to our table and, having looked upon the wine when it was red, burbled in our ear:

"Mac, I have delusions of grandeur."  
"Indeed," said we with our wonted Southern chivalry. "What form do your delusions take?"

"I think I am Higgins, book-reviewer for the backside of the New York Times."

To be sure Adolph has better grounds for his delusions than the unfortunate Higgins, but in the long run a delusion is just a delusion and if persistently followed leads to catastrophic breakdown.

# The Machine Imperils Skilled Labor In Printing Industry

## Offset Press Endangers Both Typographers and Lithographers

By BRUCE STALLING

The typographic and lithographic workers are facing a tremendous problem as a result of mechanical changes. Witnessing a technical revolution in their trade, they now find themselves involved in tremendous difficulties, in one of the convulsions caused by a society in which new methods and new machinery redound to the benefit of employers instead of the workers.

In recent years lithography has undergone many changes. First came the offset press. This rendered many flatbed pressmen unemployed. Then came the adaptation of photography to lithography. This resulted in photo-composing machines that created a loss of jobs among the transferers; also the introduction of processes affecting artist employment adversely.

Finally came the small offset press. This is fed from a web or reel instead of by hand. Its output surpasses that of the larger, original offset presses. This combination of photography, lithography and small offset press has led to the introduction of planography, so-called.

### Planography

In practical every day industrial life, planography is a new division of lithography. It is confined mostly, at present, to the more rudimentary black and white work. The higher grade color printing, such as posters, calendars, etc., goes, as formerly, to the large offset press establishments or lithographer proper.

Planography tends to revive and expand lithography. It is entering fields formerly dominated exclu-

sively by type printing. Here develop the complications and strife.

Elmer Brown, writing in "Printing Worker," gives some conception of the situation as viewed by a typographical worker. He declares:

"The problem facing the printing unions is greater than merely whether the new methods are being done by type composers, photographers, stenographers, lithographers, or other craftsmen. The problem is what are the workers in the printing industry going to do when the photographic, planographic and intaglio printing processes supercede letter press printing?"

### The Offset Press

The advantages of the offset press over letter press printing are given by Brown as being eight in number. There are: less cost in plate making; less cost in ink; increased press speeds; less power use; no make ready; cheaper paper; decreased capital tie-up in keeping type, forms, machines, etc.; faster processes in page preparation.

What are the printing industry workers going to do about all this? asks Brown substantially.

Those in type printing are doing many things now. They are expending union moneys to prevent printing from being done by other methods than their own. They are trying to outlaw planography. Congress is being implored to pass legislation forbidding railroads from having their tariff schedules printed planographically. Municipal commissions are besought not to award contracts to planographic printers. Campaigns are being waged to have planography placed under the type printing, instead of the lithographic NRA codes, in order to render its competition unfair and illegal.

### Fire With Fire

But employing type printers are also taking to planography. They

## Socialized Machine Is the Only Way Out for Printers

believe in fighting fire with fire. Thus, the number of planographic printers is increasing, thanks to the small offsets. The latter are especially adapted to type printing, to circular, tariff, reprint, and other works. They are sold with plate-making equipment, being advertised as automatic and capable of operation by cheap, unskilled, inexperienced help after 30 hours of lessons. Here's where the litho employes' troubles begin.

They have not only to wrestle with their own unemployment; they have not only to fight off attacks of the type printers, in inter-industrial, capitalist competition; but they have also got to repel, if possible, this invasion of cheap, unskilled, inexperienced cameramen, strippers, plate makers and pressmen.

They have to combat the tendencies caused by the capitalist machine revolution, to tear down the present day standards of wages and conditions, in all branches of lithography. Like the type printers, the lithographers are caught in the whirlpool of capitalist-profit economics. It's making their heads swim.

### What to Do?

What to do about it? Brown, in the article quoted above, urges all printing workers to get together and reduce hours so as to provide employment for all; industrial unionism and shorter work days and weeks. That's emphatically okay with us lithographers.

Some of us would go even further. We'd abolish capitalism, introduce Socialism; in brief, socialize the machine and thereby make it a blessing instead of a curse to us workers.

## Union Leaders See Relief Strike Wave

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with the Workers Alliance of America, national unemployed organization, to fight against the threat of starvation wages on relief projects. Now that the threat has become an actuality, by reason of Roosevelt's order, labor is already moving to defend itself.

"I am very much afraid," said President Green, "that great social unrest will result. There is certain to be discontent and I would not be surprised if it led to widespread strikes among relief workers."

### All Wages at Minimum

George F. Meany, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, representing more than one and a half million workers in the state, and Joseph P. Ryan, head of the New York City Central Trades and Labor Council, have already attacked the government wage scales as tending to force all wages down to the minimum.

A giant mass meeting in Madison Square Garden, conducted by the largest trade unions of New York on Thursday, listened to denunciation by leading unionists of the President's executive order. Thousands of needle trades workers stopped work at 3 o'clock to march from their shops to the protest demonstration. The meeting had been called to protest against anti-labor moves and to demand the passage of pro-labor legislation.

### The Jobless Speak

The Workers Unemployed Union of New York sees in Roosevelt's newest deal "a reduction from the home relief standard of the income of the average family, when the extra expenses of carfare, lunch money, and wear on clothing are taken into consideration. There will be this reduction despite the fact that the income will be in the form of wages for a full month's work of 130 hours."

The Unemployed Union declares that "there can be no question that the works program will be welcomed and used by the employers of the country as marking a precedent set by the federal government for a drive to lower or eliminate union wages in all trades."

Labor is incensed by the inhuman remuneration to be paid the unemployed for their work. The highest wages are expected to be paid in the New York City area, where unskilled workers will receive \$55; intermediate workers,

## For the Record

"All God's Chillun" may have shoes, but the children of John Kryzak, of Staten Island haven't any. Therefore they cannot go to school. Hence the Attendance Bureau of the Board of Education is making trouble. But Supreme Court Judge Frantaler has just ruled that the city and the state are under no compulsion to supply them with shoes, or food.

So works the beautiful capitalist system.

How the ghost of Sir Thomas More, author of "Utopia," must chuckle when he sees the churches rising in honor of St. Thomas More, the newest of the Catholic saints. He hasn't forgotten that he was beheaded by Henry VIII, Defender of the Faith.

Al Smith, who nearly became President, has been indiscreet. He has written a book in which he gives away the whole Tammany racket of favors, picnics, charity, etc., in return for votes.

He doesn't tell the other side of the story—where the money for the favors comes from, and how the votes are used to betray labor.

Finding Professor Einstein himself too well protected, Nazis here slashed his picture. This proves, of course, the superiority of Aryan culture.

Tom Mooney refuses to be "kicked out of prison." He rejects "as cowardly subterfuge any commutation of his sentence." He wants a new trial, or he will stay in prison as a living reproach to class justice. All of which makes us feel that heroism is still a living force.

\$65; skilled workers, \$85; and technical workers, \$94 per month. The lowest wages will be paid in Southern communities, unskilled workers getting \$19; intermediate workers, \$27; skilled workers, \$35, and technical workers, \$39.

This means that the highest wage possible will be \$1,128 a year, in spite of the fact that government authorities have previously declared that \$2,000 a year for a family is the minimum income for any standard of human decency.

## MARXISM FOR TODAY

### Classless-Society Must Come

By HAIM KANTOROVITCH

#### IX.

At the outset of his career Marx declared, "we do not proclaim to the world in a doctrinaire fashion any new principle; this is the truth, bow down before it!" We do not say: "Refrain from strife, it is foolishness!" We only make clear to men for what they are really fighting, and to the consciousness of it they must come whether they will or not."

Contrary to all former Socialism, Marx and Engels did not go after new and better blue prints. They set the task for themselves to "interpret" the struggles and aspirations of the age.

#### Class Struggle

And what was the most outstanding fact in social life that called for interpretation? It was the class-struggle.

Armed with the materialist dialectical method, Marx and Engels perceived that the class-struggles of their time were not accidental, nor were they temporary or passing. The class-struggle theory became the most fundamental principle in Marxism, because in the antagonism of the classes, in their fight for their class-interests, Marx and Engels saw the driving force behind all social change.

Changes in mode of production, which are "in the last analysis" the causes for all other changes, manifest themselves in the forms of class-interests, class ideals and aspirations.

"The history of all hitherto existing societies is the history of the class-struggles." This declaration of the Communist Manifesto is fundamental in the Marxian view not only of the past but also of the future.

Marx did not discover the class-struggle; others had done so before him. Marx was not even the first to detect the power of the class-struggle in history, but he discovered the role of the proletariat in the class-struggle, the class that was somehow overlooked by those who did see and understand the class-struggle. In the class-struggle that is going on independent of our ideas of it,

Marx and Engels saw the "inevitability" of Socialism.

The class-struggle has reached a point where it becomes more and more an open war between the classes that are determined to uphold the existing social and economic order; and the class that is being driven by its class interests to fight for its destruction. The class-struggle has now reached a stage in its development when it is nearing its end. Class society has reached an impasse.

It can not go on much longer. It must end in the abolition of all classes; it is bent towards a classless society.

THE END.

## Jail Call Sellers At Coughlin Rally

NEW YORK CITY.—While Father Coughlin was holding forth in Madison Square Garden, members of the Young People's Socialist League selling copies of the SOCIALIST CALL were being rounded up and herded into police wagons.

A number of the young Socialists were attacked by Coughlin supporters. A girl member of the Young People's Socialist League was assaulted by a believer in "social justice" and her copies of the CALL ripped to bits.

Persons vending copies of Huey Long's sheet, "American Progress," Coughlin buttons, soldiers'

poppies, and the church organ, Catholic Worker, were unmolested by the police. Peddlers of capitalist papers like the "Daily News" were also left undisturbed.

Anybody seen selling a radical newspaper or distributing leaflets outside the Garden was promptly taken into custody. Members of the Communist Party and the Socialist Labor Party, as well as members of the Socialist Party and the YPSL, were seized by the police.

#### CALL Roused Ire

The SOCIALIST CALL, particularly, aroused the anger of the policemen because it carried a front-page story on Father Coughlin's anti-union practices. Copies of the CALL were unlawfully confiscated by the police.

## Bitter Pills are usually Sugar Coated

Coughlin pretends to be the "friend of labor."

Next week's article in the CALL will reveal that this is not true, that he is opposed to strikes . . . your only method of securing a decent wage.

#### COUGHLIN FAVORS COMPULSORY ARBITRATION!

He wants to take away the only weapon you have against the bosses . . . he would weaken your organizations. Does that sound like "social justice"?

Coughlin's interests, financial and social, are utterly contrary to yours. He is your enemy! Stop him NOW!

Remember Hitler's promises to Labor were sweet . . . his threats to Big Business more menacing than those of Coughlin.

Did the German workers get social justice? And neither will you at the hands of America's Reverend Dictator.

Coughlin offers you a sugar coating. But underneath is a bitter pill.

Continue to Read the Expose of Coughlin in Next Week's

**SOCIALIST CALL**



Books

Uncovering the War Mongers

"Road to War, America 1914-1917." By Walter Millis. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, \$3.00.

This book should be required reading for all Socialists. The volume should be read in conjunction with C. Hartley Grattan's study "Why We Fought." Taken together they treat comprehensively the entire problem of our entrance into the war in 1917.

Grattan's valuable contribution, which had a sale of only 800 copies and is now available at drug store book counters, gives a very clear picture of the economic forces which led the Wilsonian group to favor the Allies.

Millis, however, emphasizes the personal equation, and relegates economic consideration into the background. His story begins with the enthusiasm engendered in the American masses by the promises of the New Freedom which was to do away with all the iniquities in our social and economic life and give to the United States the moral leadership of the world.

This motif of moral leadership, usually monopolized by Great Britain, runs through the book like a theme song.

The Administration had no great knowledge of foreign affairs nor any great interest in them. Shortly after the inauguration of Mr. Wilson, it was faced by strained relations with Japan and Mexico, and soon the outbreak of the World War encompassed its ruin as a liberal democratic government.

Pen Beats Sword

On August 5, 1914, the British Navy cut the German cables and God was not on the side of the heaviest batteries but on the side of the greatest propagandists. Sir Gilbert Parker supervised the education of the American public, leading newspapers purchased their information from London journals, notable British authors prepared exegetic materials for American correspondents, and a variety of delegations, ranging from the ridiculous to the more so, appeared in the United States to point out the dangers of German militarism and perfume British navalism and French imperialism.

The atrocity stories began as early as August 6, 1914, and were current from that time on despite the formal protests of Harry Hansen and four other American correspondents, who opportunely accompanied the German advance through Belgium. Their denials of violations of what are ludicrously known as the rules of war meant little when the great Teddy, the Don Quixote of Oyster Bay, put himself forward as the avenger of the rape of Belgium.

Bryan was the only true peace lover. He recognized that the way to compel mediation was not by an appeal to the Christian sentiments of Europe but by refusing to loan money or to sell arms. Both Tardieu and John M. Keynes agree that the Allies could not have carried on without the financial aid of the United States in 1916 and it was the Entente that was averse to any peace discussions in 1915 and 1916.

A Trick of Fate

The chapter which Millis devotes to the sinking of the Lusitania is the most stirring in the book and the chance encounter between the Cunarder carrying war supplies and the U20 returning to its base gives one an example of the tricks which fate can play when in a capricious mood.

The attack upon the Lusitania roused the war-hawks to frenzy, and a demand for preparedness was fostered by Wood and Roosevelt. Wilson, acting upon the advice of Tumulty, captured this movement which might have endangered his re-election. The President headed the Preparedness Day parade in Washington and in

Gladstonian language demanded belligerent pacifism. Bryan resigned as Secretary of State, seeing that the path of the President lead to war.

"Kept Out of War"

Millis very successfully reproduces the 1916 campaign with its slogan, "He kept us out of war." Though Wilson kept us out of war, it was not for long. The churches rallied to the war cause under the leadership of S. Parkes Cadman, and sermons were preached to prove that Christ was not a pacifist. Protests of such clerics as John Haynes Holmes and such organizations as the American Union against Militarism and the American Neutral Conference were of no avail.

Mr. Millis, however, fails to make mention of the activity of the Socialist Party against the war, nor has he a line on the Peace Council, described by Morris Hillquit in his "Loose Leaves from a Busy Life."

Mr. Millis is nevertheless to be congratulated on his book which shows wide reading and careful preparation.

T. D. O'BRIEN.

Book Notes

Three pamphlets that seem to continue on and on: "The Struggle for Revolutionary Socialism" by Heinrich Ehrlich, "Towards Socialist Reorientation" by Haim Kantorovitch, and "Towards A Militant Program," have in the light of recent events become more and more indispensable to one's library.

These pamphlets containing good Revolutionary Socialist theory, have proved, and will continue to prove invaluable in the clarification of present day issues in the Socialist Party.

"The Struggle For Revolutionary Socialism," by Heinrich Ehrlich, 25c.

"Towards Socialist Reorientation," by Haim Kantorovitch, 5c.

"Towards A Militant Program," 15c.

All three of these can be obtained from Brendon Sexton, 21 East 17 street, New York, for 25c plus 3c postage.

Workers Fired, Girls Won't Cook

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Only thirty women instead of the usual 300 or more attended the Brooklyn Edison Company's weekly cooking school yesterday, as the evident result of picketing by girl students of the company's main office building in the fight to win reinstatement for six power-station operators allegedly discharged for union activities.

Leaflets appealing to the "wives and mothers of Brooklyn" and signed by the six jobless men were handed to all women who entered the company's Domestic Science Bureau quarters at 380 Pearl street, Brooklyn. As many as 50 women who went inside came out again after they had read the appeal.

The girl pickets were all-students from nearly Brooklyn College, and members of the Student League for Industrial Democracy.

What Is Revolutionary Socialism?

Send for These Booklets NOW!

Toward Socialist Reorientation-Haim Kantorovitch, 5c; The Struggle for Revolutionary Socialism-Heinrich Ehrlich, 25c; Toward a Militant Program, 15c. All three for 25c, plus 3c postage.

Address BRENDON SEXTON 21 East 17th St. New York, N. Y.

Hop Aboard the Red Special

There's no strike among the workers on the Co-operative Commonwealth Limited. Everybody should be on the job, to send the Red Special through on time.

By June 1, ten states should be aboard the Red Special. So far only one, Kentucky, has climbed on. The 1935 United Socialist Drive gives every organized state the chance to show its speed.

Remember that there is only one way for the working-class to escape from the clutches of capitalism. That's by putting on greater speed in the rush to socialism. Let any Fascist crew try to beat us at the crossing by ignoring our "Stop, Look and Listen" sign, and the Red Special will have to plow right through them. But it takes speed for that—and money is still

the fuel that is needed.

Darlington Hoopes, Socialist member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, tells us what's been done:

"The Socialist Party has members in State legislatures in three states. They have introduced and have been active in supporting measures which point the way to make the change from capitalism to socialism, and in addition are striving for the adoption of measures which will ease the conditions and increase the security of the workers pending that change."

But every Socialist knows that isn't enough. Splendid as is the work of our legislators, they demand the opportunity to do greater things: they want more colleagues to help them in the fight.

The possibilities at the moment are fine.

"In every instance," says Hoopes, "we have the wholehearted support of organized labor and are recognized as their spokesmen in our activities on behalf of legislation which will stop evictions, outlaw company unions, shorten the hours of labor, make possible effective collection of wages, repeal sedition laws, improve workmen's compensation acts, etc."

To do these things, Socialist propaganda must flood the country.

Comrade Hoopes points out that "it is absolutely necessary that the 1935 United Socialist Drive be a success. Without money we cannot print new leaflets, send out organizers and in other ways carry our message to those who are ready to receive it."

There is no time to be lost. The Red Special must go through on schedule time. Just say the word, comrades, and we can throw away the brakes as we head into the new society.

Churches Join Socialists In No More War Parade

NEW YORK CITY.—An astonished citizenry sat up and took notice as church groups marched with the Socialist Party in a No More War Parade, chanting, "War is hell; to hell with war."

The parade, consisting of some 15,000 persons, the largest proportion of which was youthful, was led last Saturday by John Haynes Holmes, Stephen S. Wise, Charles Solomon, Harry W. Laidler and Jacob Panken. The parade took more than an hour and a half to pass a given point.

Participating organizations included the Socialist Party, the Young People's Socialist League, the Young Circle League, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the International Women's League for Peace and Freedom, the Community Church, the Free Synagogue and churches of all denominations.

A substantial section of the parade was made up of high school students marching behind their official school flags. The banners of Thomas Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison and Tilden High schools were welcomed with cheers by spectators. The Teachers Union and Building Service Employees Union contributed to the size of the demonstration.

The most colorful section was that of the Socialist Party, led by some 500 members of the Young People's Socialist League. The blue-shirted youths and the brilliant Women's Guard carrying scores of red flags evoked applause all along the route.

The Student League for Industrial Democracy and the National Student League rallied other sections of young people to the anti-war manifestation.

A mass meeting, held in historic Union Square, listened to attacks on capitalism as the cause of war. John Haynes Holmes, of the Community Church, denounced war as a product of capitalistic

economy and led the gathering in reciting a pledge to oppose war. Harry W. Laidler was cheered when he called for organization against war.

Charles Solomon, representing the Socialist Party, called for the building of a new social order as the only escape from the menace of war. He pointed to Eugene V. Debs as the finest expression of opposition to militarism.

Aaron Levenstein of the Young People's Socialist League reminded the gathering that the conquest of war will be effected by the determination of the workers, organized on the economic and political fields. Other speakers included John Nevins Sayre, Rabbi Sidney E. Goldstein, Joseph Cohen and Morris Milgrim.

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# Gitlow On Labor Party At Call Forum

## Party Activity

**CONNECTICUT**  
**HARTFORD.**—A successful three-day bazaar for the benefit of the Colt strikers was held by the Women's Auxiliary of the Workmen's Circle with the assistance of the Socialist Party. Over two hundred dollars profit was realized on the event.

**ILLINOIS**  
**CHICAGO.**—The Organization Committee of Cook County is planning to use information obtained from Milwaukee, Bridgeport and Reading as a basis for building a political machine. Membership rolls have been carefully studied and a drive, to be opened by a mass meeting of party trade unionists on Saturday, June 15, will open the campaign for new members from the ranks of the unions and fraternal groups.

The Cook County picnic will take place at Pisen Park on August 24. The Brookwood Labor College Players will perform at the Workmen's Circle Auditorium, west side Chicago, Sunday evening, June 2nd.

**MISSOURI**  
**SEDALIA.**—The State Executive Committee has set the date for the state convention for Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16, at Convention Hall in Sedalia. Representation will be by delegates on the basis of one delegate for each ten members or major portion of ten. Only such membership as is paid up to and including March, 1935, will be eligible for representation. Delegates are to present lists of their members in good standing, when submitting their credentials. The names of delegates should be sent to State Chairman Martin B. Lochner.

Following the state convention, there will be a summer school to train party members in the vicinity of Kansas City for two weeks beginning June 17. The cost for the two weeks will be \$15. Roy Burt, prominent organizer, is expected to head the faculty.

**ST. LOUIS.**—The party has announced that its recent successful carnival and labor exposition will become an annual affair. Large crowds attended and heard Norman Thomas and William Brandt, secretary of the Central Trades and Labor Union. Among the most interesting sections of the carnival were those of the Gas House Workers Relief Committee, the Mattress Makers Union, and the Federated Press's exhibition of photographs of recent labor struggles. The ILGWU presented a dramatic number and music by their mandolin orchestra.

**NEW MEXICO**  
**CLOVIS.**—J. C. Thompson is now in New Mexico, beginning an intensive organization drive. Comrade Thompson is planning to go into unreached portions of the state. Persons interested in having him visit their communities should write to state secretary Pearl Swan Powell, Box 455, Clovis, N. M.

**NEW YORK**  
**NEW ROCHELLE.**—Martin Kyne, president of the Grocery Chain Store Employees Union, expressed thanks to the Socialist Party of Westchester for helping to win for the striking Butler workers the right to picket and distribute leaflets in Mount Vernon.

**OHIO**  
**CANTON.**—The Socialist Party of Ohio and a number of trade unions have arranged a pilgrimage to the scene of Debs's famous Canton speech which resulted in his sentence. The event will commemorate the 17th anniversary of the day on which the speech was delivered. Norman Thomas is making efforts to be there on the occasion. Those interested in joining the pilgrimage should communicate with the arrangements com-

mittee in room 605, Prospect-Fourth Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**PHILADELPHIA.**—Local Socialists will have the use of Comrade Rudolph Freund's 40-acre farm as a summer camp. Skilled workers in the North Philadelphia branch will fit out the place. The branch dramatic group has presented "Starvation Army" and a mass recitation called "Step." A leaflet on the Hoopes Anti-Company Union Bill has been prepared for distribution among unionists.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**  
 Local Washington has elected a Labor Committee, headed by Robert Shostek. A campaign of activities is being prepared together with the local Yipsels. Comrade Shostek, president of the Federation of Social Workers, has been elected delegate to the Joint Trade Union Committee on Housing and Rents, which is carrying on a fight for lower rents and government housing.

## Calendar

**Friday, May 24**  
 Jacob Bernstein will address the Concourse Branch of the American League Against War and Fascism, 1993 Jerome Ave., Bronx, on "Democracy and Dictatorship," at 8:30. Floor discussion will follow.

**Saturday, May 25**  
 Socialist Party members of local 22 of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union will give a dance at 8:30 p. m. in the headquarters of the SOCIALIST CALL, 21 East 17th street. Proceeds will go to the CALL.

Dance and motion pictures of "May Day, 1935" and "The Life of Debs," given by the S. A. D. Brooklyn, 167 Tompkins avenue. Admission, 35 cents.

Card party and social at the Workmen's Circle Building, 1638 East 172nd street, Bronx, given by the Lower S. A. D. to help raise its quota for the United Socialist Drive. Admission, 25 cents.

**Sunday, May 26**  
 Leon Rosser Land will speak on "Where Progress Is Being Made," at the Bronx Free Fellowship, 506 West 111th street, Manhattan.

Local 28 of the Workers Unemployed Union will install new officers at 864 Sutter avenue, East New York.

**Monday, May 27**  
 Norman Thomas speaks on "The Menace of Huey Long and Father Coughlin" at Bronx Labor Center, 809 Westchester avenue.

**Tuesday, May 28**  
 Robert Delson, of the Socialist Call Editorial Board will speak on "The Need for a Revolutionary Program" at the S. A. D., Bronx, 1 East 167th street.

J. J. Coronel will lecture at the Astoria Branch, 3032 Steinway avenue, Astoria, on "The Future of the British Labor Party."

Mary Allison will lead the Current Events meeting of the Morningside Heights Branch at Workers' Hall, 600 West 125th street, at 8:30.

**Wednesday, May 29**  
 Roof dance given by the Bellamy League at Greenwich House, 27 Barrow street, Manhattan.

A debate, "Share Our Wealth vs. Socialism," by Eugene Daniels against Joseph Glass will be held at the headquarters of the Socialist Party of A. D. 6, Kings, at 167 Tompkins avenue, Brooklyn.

**Friday, May 31**  
 The Morningside Heights Branch are holding a Red Smoker at 8:30 at Workers' Hall, 600 West 125th street. Entertainment will follow.

**Office Workers Elect Socialist**  
 At the last general membership meeting of the Bookkeepers, Stenographers, and Accountants Union on May 20, Leo Rosenblum, a member of the Young People's Socialist League, was elected organizer. The union has launched an intensive organization drive among office workers in the garment center of New York City.

## A MUST DATE For This Sat. Eve

Get this down in your notebook:

**PLACE:** SOCIALIST CALL Headquarters, 21 East 17 street, New York City.

**DATE:** This Saturday, May 25, at 8:30 p. m.

**WHAT:** A dance and plentiful entertainment.

**WHO:** Socialists in Local 22 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

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## Rebel Arts Cameramen Film Propaganda Movies

Propaganda films will shortly be available to the Socialist movement through the Rebel Arts Camera Group.

Movies of the New York May Day Demonstration and the No More War Parade are being edited and titled and will be available to branches and unions within two weeks.

Two other pictures, "The Life of Eugene Victor Debs," from the Chicago Party office, and "The Other Side of the Tracks," produced in Washington, will be added to the Rebel Arts film library.

Those desiring to put on movie shows should communicate with Leonard Victor, Rebel Arts, 44 East 21 street, New York City.

## Unionists Meet to Boost The Socialist Call

A meeting of representatives from Socialist trade union groups that support the SOCIALIST CALL will be held on Sunday, May 26th, at 8 p. m. at 21 East 17 street, New York.

The CALL is needed now by the trade union movement, to help build its ranks and assist in the formation of progressive union policy.

The meeting will take up concrete plans to spread the circulation of the CALL among union members and to make the Socialist weekly an even more effective weapon in labor struggles. Every union group is invited to send a representative.

## Dress Union Conducts First Training School

**KATONAH, N. Y.**—Thirty-five students and a special faculty have attended the first Training-for-Trade-Union-Service institute. This is a definite attempt to prepare members of the ILGWU for improved service inside the movement.

The student group was predominantly made up of women-folk and included ten nationalities and three Negroes. The courses given were "Labor Before and After the NRA," by Joel Seidman; "Economics of the Garment Industry," by Lazare Teper; and "Public Speaking and English," by Rebecca Jarvis.

This is the first of a series of institutes planned for the summer by the Educational Department of the ILGWU. The next, at Unity House, May 25-29 will be attended by 100 students.

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## Second Call Lecture Held This Friday, May 24th

### Anti-War Pilgrimage To Mark Debs' Speech

**CLEVELAND, Ohio.**—The memory of Eugene Victor Debs, labor and Socialist leader, will be honored on Sunday, June 16, by workers from at least seven states on the seventeenth anniversary of the day upon which he delivered his famous anti-war speech at Canton, Ohio, for which he was sentenced to the federal penitentiary, according to an announcement issued by Robert D. Dullea, secretary of the Socialist Party of Ohio.

The occasion will be observed by an anti-war pilgrimage to Canton where a meeting will be held with nationally-known speakers in Nimisilla Park where Debs made his famous speech. The meeting will be followed by a parade.

Arrangements are being made to transport hundreds of people to Canton by special trains, busses and caravans of autos.

Many trade unions and other labor organizations have already pledged their cooperation in keeping the name of Gene Debs alive in the hearts of the men and women he fought and died for.

## Youth Flashes

### SLID Dance

The New York Student LID is holding its Annual Spring Dance at the YCLA Center, 11 Union Square West, on Wednesday, May 29. Riotous entertainment is promised, with Mac Coleman, Levy and Nathan, the Cacaphonic Orchestra, and a Negro quartet. Admission has been reduced to 25 cents.

### YCLA Boat Ride

An all-day boat ride and excursion on Sunday, May 26, is being arranged by the Young Circle League of New York City. A special boat has been chartered to take the Circleites to Indian Point. Tickets are only eighty-five cents. Yipsels should order directly through their city office.

### Eagle Feathers

Washington observers are wondering if Debonair Donald Richberg will quit the NRA with a blue eagle feather in his cap.

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The main speaker will be Ben Gitlow, former Socialist assemblyman in New York, who served three years in prison for his anti-war activities.

After having been Communist candidate for vice-president, he recently joined the Socialist Party of which he is now an active member.

Murray Baron, member of the national labor committee of the Socialist Party and manager of the Portfolio, Suitcase and Bag Makers Union, will be chairman.

The meeting is open only to members of the Socialist Party or the Young People's Socialist League.

Admission is ten cents.

## Big Doings at Brighton

Remember that the series of Saturday Night House Entertainments given by the Brighton Beach Branch Militants for the SOCIALIST CALL begins this Saturday, May 25.

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# Capitalism on "Parade"

## Workers' Sketches Shock Theatre Guild Patrons

By BILL SHULMAN

"PARADE," a satirical revue, presented by the Theatre Guild, with sketches by Paul Peters, George Sklar, Frank Gabrielson and David Lesan, lyrics by Paul Peters, George Sklar, Kyle Chrichton and Music by Jerome Moross. At the Guild Theatre.

Many a pince-nez dropped from the startled faces of Theatre Guild Loungers when the follies of Fascism and

Jimmy Savo featured in "PARADE"



the inconsistencies of Capitalism went on revue in "Parade," the Guild's second musical presentation.

For even though the original production has been emasculated down to conform with the fastidious taste of Guild subscribers, there remains enough of a kick in this novel satirical revue to send a reflex action through the haunches of its orchestra patrons. The "New York Journal," Blue Eagle, NRA, AAA, Aryanism are the main butts of the jibes of Messrs. Sklar, Peters and Company in the colorful procession of skits, songs and dances on parade.

Comparing the production, without regard to content matter, with typical Broadway extravaganzas, I find that "Parade" in its first week is choppy and lacks finish due to technical and structural faults. As to content matter, this stands head and shoulders above, since it is to the advantage of the working class and is not the stultifying pornographic display commonly seen in musicals.

Because it has been deleted ineptly, it is not as effective a propaganda weapon as it might be. However, it deserves the full support of proletarian audiences because it is an experiment in a new form of propaganda expression and it paves the way for further development.

Curtain calls are due Jimmy Savo who deservedly rivals Charles Chaplin for the position of best American angust performer. Avis Andrews, Eve Arden and Esther Junger all help to make this show worthy of public support.

### Servants in Revolt

"Aristocrats," a play in Jewish by Sholom Aleichem, presented by the ARTEF at the Arter Theatre. Direction by Benno Schneider.

It is imperative for one who wishes to keep abreast of current theatre to see "Aristocrats." The sparkling genius of Sholom Aleichem, the Jewish Mark Twain, together with the outstanding performance of the entire company, help to make the latest presentation of the ARTEF maintain the high level of dramatic excellence it established in "Recruits." Benno Schneider, pupil of Sta-

nislavsky, has shaped the characters of the elegant folk in the parlor and the serving class in the kitchen in a masterful manner. The old story of the revolt of a group of house servants protesting against the abusive aristocracy of their moneyed employers, is told in an enchanting manner, employing all the magic of the stage. This cooperative group is making a place for itself in American proletarian drama.

### In Rapid Review

Interesting points were brought up in the Rebel Arts Symposium, on "Can There Be a Mass Theatre?" Held Thursday at Rebel Arts Auditorium. . . . Plaudits are due that inimitable team, Levy and Nathan for their extemporaneous skits satirizing society. Unstintingly, they have performed in Labor circles for the last five years, and have been instrumental in putting the Cacaphonic Society where it is. . . . Rebel Arts Drama Group is now under the directorship of Florence Lasser, who has been active in the ILGWU and WEVD. . . . A fine performance of "Lucia di Lammermoor" was rendered by the Chicago Opera Company last Sunday evening at the New York Hippodrome.

### Films and Propaganda

James W. Gerard, realizing the effectiveness of the cinema as a propaganda weapon, declaimed at

## Call Board

### "Pie In The Sky"

"Pie In The Sky," a new film satire, will be presented by Nykino, the newly formed film division of the Theatre of Action, on Saturday, May 25, at the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th street. Other features of the program include "New Babylon," a film of the Paris Commune by the directors of "The Youth of Maxim," and several experimental shorts.

### Drama League Award

Katharine Cornell has been awarded the Della Austrian medal for "the most distinguished performance of the season" by the Drama League of New York. The performance singled out for this honor was Miss Cornell's Juliet, which she will act on tour this winter.

### "Tovarishi" at Acme

"Tovarishi," a new Soviet talkie, with English titles, will have its premiere at the Acme on Friday, May 24th. The musical score has been supplied by Dunavevsky, composer of the music of "Moscow Laughs."

### Answer to Hearst

"Harvest Festival," a study of life in the Ukraine today, showing the German and Jewish collectives there, is of peculiar timeliness because this is the portion of the Soviet Union which has been the principle object of anti-Soviet criticism. This film, along with "Heroes of the Arctic," a documentation of the Soviet Arctic Expedition, is now on view at the Cameo Theatre.

The Theatre Union Audience Council will hold its first formal meeting in the Civic Repertory Theatre on May 26. . . . At present "Waiting for Lefty" is being performed in twenty different cities of the United States simultaneously. . . . Mae West is still "Goin' To Town" at the Paramount. . . . "Mr. Dynamite," starring Edmund Lowe, has its premier Friday, May 24 at the Roxy. . . .

New Theatre Week  
A special performance of "The Young Go First," at the Park Theatre, Saturday, May 25th, will be offered as the opening event of National Theatre Week, sponsored by New Theatre League. Information regarding tickets may be had at the New Theatre office.

"Sailors of Cattaro," by F. Wolf now published in book form by Samuel French, remains one of the few plays sustaining as much interest in script form as the original Theatre Union production itself.

the luncheon forum of the Motion Picture Club, "What is capitalism but the right to be thrifty and to enjoy the savings of your thrift and your initiative? When you hear talk of sharing wealth and destroying capitalism, bring your propaganda guns to show that the United States of America still is the land of boundless opportunity."

Unnecessary talk, Jimmy. Haven't you defenders of capital and private property been doing that all along with your "Black Fury," "It Happened in New York," "Lives of a Bengal Lancer," and the "Scarlet Pimpernel"?

## Officer Assails, Repudiates Utility Company Union

By GORDON MITCHELL

NEW YORK CITY.—The head of the biggest company union in the United States and probably in the world disclosed in an eleventh hour radio address over WEVD that he had left the yellow-dog outfit and joined a real union, the Brotherhood of Utility Employees of America. He urged his fellow-workers to do likewise.

The speaker, James Mannix, was until his withdrawal the president of the company union of the New York and Queens Electric Light and Power Company, as well as the president of the Cooperative Committee, a joint board of fourteen company unions covering 30,000 employees, in fourteen gas and electric affiliates of the Consolidated Gas system of New York.

Mannix's surprise address was occasioned by the referendum among the workers of the New York and Queens Electric on the question of abolishing the employees' representation plan. Delegates of the company union had previously voted overwhelmingly that the company union was not a genuine collective bargaining agency.

### Expose Inner Workings

Mannix and another high official have exposed the workings of the company union. They showed how the company has at various times intimidated the company union delegates and forced them to act against the interests of the workers and in the interests of the company owners.

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## Fascists Invade Campus

### Silver Shirt Mob Raise Lynch Law To Attack SLID

By DOROTHY SMITH

(Secretary of the Student LID Chapter, U. of Wisconsin)

MADISON, Wis.—Mob hysteria broke out on the University of Wisconsin campus this week as a mob of 150 fascist students, members of the Silver Shirts, attacked a regular meeting of the Student League for Industrial Democracy here Wednesday night, disrupted the meeting by violence, carried the speaker, national SLID Organizer Monroe Sweetland, half a mile away and threw him into Lake Mendota, and violently handled all who attempted to interfere, injuring among others, Robert Gundersen of the Progressive (LaFollette) Club.

Stanley Fried, a member of the Young People's Socialist League of New York, was likewise pushed off the dock for having rushed over to a meeting of the National Student League and warned them of the mob's approach.

The following morning Lola Lebow, who had been released from the University infirmary that morning, was attacked without warning by a prominent athlete on a central part of the campus and slugged so badly that she had to be taken back to the infirmary and treated for fractured ribs.

#### Mass Protest

On Friday night the outraged sentiment of the whole University was expressed at an overflow protest meeting called by President Glenn Frank and attended by more than 2,000 students and faculty members. Among the speakers were President Frank, Dean Sellery of the College of Letters and Sciences, Dean Garrison of the Law School, the president of the athletic letter-men's club, the editor of the school paper, and many others.

The climax of the evening was the appearance of Monroe Sweetland, who was greeted by a five-minute ovation.

Telegrams of protest were received from Norman Thomas, Daniel Hoan, the Milwaukee trades council, and other prominent sources. A resolution has been introduced in the Wisconsin assembly by Assemblyman Kiefer (Socialist) and Groves (Progressive) calling for vigorous action against leaders of the mob by the University and the District Attorney's office. Seven of the leaders were subpoenaed by the District Attorney Thursday afternoon.

The Milwaukee Leader, Socialist daily, and President Frank both charged that the mob had been inspired by the legislative investigation of "seditious" activities at the University, sponsored by Hearst's Milwaukee News. Observers believe the outbreak will silence this investigating committee for all time.

The Wisconsin chapter of the Student League for Industrial Democracy was one of the first branches of its forerunner, the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, founded by Jack London, and the first president of the chapter, more than 30 years ago, was Dan Hoan, now Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee. It continued to meet even during the furious repression of war days, but was never attacked as viciously as on this occasion, a result of the present Hearst-led nation-wide assault on student rights.

### America Rears Its Young

By MURRAY PLAYNER

The ingenuity of American child labor employers is truly to be admired! Not satisfied with exploiting their child workers by paying them starvation wages for long hours, they continually discover new methods of robbing the wages of their helpless employees.

To relate all the methods by which employers deduct from the wages of child laborers would be an impossible task. Here are a few instances which occurred in Pennsylvania.

#### "Philanthropist" Robs Pennies

Margaret, aged 15, is the oldest of five children and the only wage earner in her family. She is a busheeler in a pants factory, making boys' knickers at seven cents a dozen. Her weekly wage ranges from 63 cents to an all-time high of two dollars. Her employer is a "philanthropist" who contributed \$1,000 to the Red Cross. To pay for this he taxed his employees. Twenty-five cents was deducted from Margaret's pay envelope for "charity." (Pennsylvania State Department of Labor).

#### Workers Pay Boss's Fine

An Allentown, Pa. sweatshop child labor operator recently deducted 33 cents a week from the pay of each worker to cover a \$100 fine which was assessed against the company for failure to carry proper workmen's compensation insurance. (Philadelphia Record).

#### Pay Tax for Checks

With unsufferably low piece-work rates in effect, sweatshop owners have made a further reduction by deducting 10 per cent from the total. Going a step further they are now paying their child workers in checks and deducting two cents more to cover the check tax. This was revealed when one boy complained that he had received 96 cents after having done a week's work, for which he was supposed to get \$1.08. (Philadelphia Record).

### Hearst Pap Aids Growth Of Reaction

The present rise of discontent on the campus is being met with a wave of repression all over the country, the fruit of Hearst's drive to suppress academic liberties. Material for a future fascist movement in the schools is rapidly being created by the encouragement given reactionary bands of students who are used to fight the bosses' battle against the rebellion of youth.

STORRS, Conn.—David Pinsky, a junior at Connecticut State College, was thrown into a pond by student vigilantes because he urged the students to make a test case of the recent ruling by the board of trustees that no formal agitation against military training will be permitted on the pain of expulsion.

Several other students were saved from similar treatment by timely warnings. The majority of the student body is solidly lined up against the trustees' ruling.

The Socialist Party of Connecticut plans to carry the fight for freedom of speech on the Connecticut State campus through to a finish.

#### Umbrella Wielder Wins

NEW YORK.—The expulsion of twenty-one "guttersnipes" from City College for having protested the official welcome given Mussolini's student emissaries last October, was unanimously upheld by the Board of Higher Education Tuesday. Charles H. Tuttle, chairman of the board, declared:

"The board cannot and will not permit free higher education, so generously expended by the taxpayers of the city, to become an instrument in the hands of students for the interest of outside groups."

The board quite correctly, it seems, did not regard the fascists as an "outside group." They refused to consider the case of the six Hunter College girls suspended for activities in connection with the anti-war strike of April 12.

Four members of the Young People's Socialist League and the Student League for Industrial Democracy, and one member of the National Student League were arrested Monday for holding a street-meeting against the Jacobs Bill to outlaw radical activity in the city schools.

**Join the Young People's Socialist League**

### YPSL Leader Asks: SEEK YOUTH VANGUARD ORGANIZED FOR ACTION

By ALEX RETZKIN

(City Organizer, New York Young People's Socialist League)

The Young People's Socialist League has always boasted that it is the vanguard of working-class youth. We must now make it so in fact.

Our claim has hitherto been based on the fact that we are politically more advanced. This is not enough. We must be the vanguard in ACTION.

The vanguard of organization means that emphasis is shifted away from the more educational activity and general Socialist propaganda, and that instead we aim to make the YPSL a force organized for action, organized to take the initiative in leading the masses of youth in their struggles on all fields, industrial, school, etc.

This would entail the following features:

1. The activities of all members must be directed, in a positive sense, by the organization.

2. The members must be instantly available to call, must be highly responsive to the tasks of the organization, must be capable of being speedily mobilized for an undertaking.

3. Therefore the basic units of the organization must be small, say, not over 15.

4. Only those applicants who undertake to live up to these standards should be considered for membership.

By its very nature, any organization which claims to be a vanguard cannot expect to enroll the large masses, for it is precisely these masses of which it claims to be the vanguard. It should only enroll those who are the most ready to devote time and energy to the cause, the most disciplined, the most self-sacrificing.

#### Membership Means Something

The fact that high standards are set means that it is no longer indiscriminately inclusive for the sake of including as many people as possible, but rather exclusive, that is, membership "means something."

But it is not exclusive for the sake of being a minority. It is exclusive in order to develop a bet-

ter machinery with which to build up a mass influence. Such a vanguard must seek to establish close contacts with the masses and build up mass organizations, so that these masses can be set in motion in campaigns undertaken by the League.

#### Every Yipsel a Leader

In order that this vanguard may be able to extend its roots into the mass organizations of working-class youth, every member of the YPSL must be trained to act as a leader and center of influence wherever he finds himself, so that Socialists may truly be the vanguard in the mass organizations.

This, then, is the basic scheme for a vanguard YPSL: a closely knit organization of highly disciplined and active Socialists, acting as leaders and organizers of the larger masses who follow them.

This cannot be achieved overnight. It must, however, be posed as our goal, to be approached as quickly as possible, and by which we should measure our organizational progress.

### Junior Call Association Open to YPSL Members

NEW YORK.—All Yipsel circles are asked to elect two delegates to a conference to discuss ways and means of building the SOCIALIST CALL on Tuesday, May 28, at 8 p. m.

Yipsels who would like to join the Socialist Call Association, but are too young for membership, are asked to communicate with F. Mildred Ginsberg, care of the CALL, for the purpose of forming a Junior Socialist Call Association.

### Wisconsin ROTC Men Hold Anti-War Rally



Members of the ROTC at Wisconsin University demonstrating against war as the ROTC season ended. It was scenes such as this which angered the mob of fascists who attacked a meeting of the Student League for Industrial Democracy Wisconsin chapter last week.