## **Timely Topics**

By Norman Thomas

Must We Starve Amid Plenty? A Program for a Campaign Against Hunger

HOW CAN WE FIGHT STARVATION?

TE DO not need a special edition of any paper to tell us that if not we ourselves then our friends and comrades in the pusiness of living are hungry and miserable. To the misery of the trmy of six or seven million unemployed is added the misery of the control of the misery of the control of t farmers who cannot sell wheat or cotton



farmers who cannot sell wheat or cotton at the cost of producing it. In the coal fields of West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania serfdom is added to starvation and the rule of the coal barons is enforced by violence and by fraud. One of the most recent evidences of their crueity is an order, a copy of which I have, enjoining any of the striking workers from even so much as going on company land (and in many coal regions that's most of the land) for so innocent a purpose as picking the berries which a purpose as picking the berries which are an important item in the menu of starving strikers. In the industrial warfare that agent of mercy, the Red Cross, does nothing. It only helps in the event of natural disaster or in the violence of war fought by more deadly methods than strikers in the justest tause have ever

What is more important than to rehearse the sorrows that knows is to discuss what's to be done. Must men starve in the midst of plenty? Must farmers go shoeless with elevators bursting with wheat while shoe factories are idle and shoe workers hungry for bread? What is wrong and what can be made right?

DOCILE WORKERS WILL CONTINUE TO STARVE O begin with nothing can or will be made right by docile workers who accept the miseries of these capitalist crises as if they were misfortunes sent by heaven or hell to be endured. No wonder big business and its Washington tools have done so little when, until recently, workers have asked so little. One of the encouraging signs of the time is the awakening of the workers in coal fields and textile centers. Now to that list must be added the gallant strike of the Westchester road makers and the beginning of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers strike in New York City. Even some strikes that have been lost have made the bosses more afraid to take out their losses on labor. Success to these strikes!

While I am on this subject let me insert a kind of parenthesis,

while I am on this subject let me lasert a kind of parentness, but an important one, about relief for strikes. Once more I give addresses. The Socialist Relief Committee for Striking Miners, Jane Tait, Treasurer, Lyceum Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. will, distribute your relief fairly in that area. The Emergency Committee for Strikers Relief, of which I am chairman, at 112 East 19th Street, New York City, will concentrate on relief of the West Virtuelle and the street of the theory working. giria miners strike for which fewer other committees are working. We will transmit designated funds to other regions, especially Kentucky where our Socialist relief workers were arrested. We are also doing something for the heroic Allentown Pennsylvania textile strikers in cooperation with a local Socialist Relief Committee, Send in your contribution, large or small, and if you are a union man or woman stir up your local and the A. F. of L. to more vigorous relief action.

WHAT THE CITIES MUST DO

BUT no voluntary relief can touch the problem of unemployment.

What do we propose? The answer falls under three heads or chapters. The first is immediate relief. During the terrible winter that is ahead and must come from governmental agencies, city, state and national. We must agitate and organize to get it. In every city Socialists should take the lead in forming labor conferences to present demands, which should be stiff but not impossible for municipal relief. Cities are handicapped under our constitution and laws in their legal powers and particularly in their power to raise money from the right people. They have to tax real estate without discriminating between land and improvements, between speculators and small home owners. Too heavy taxation may mean deluge of foreclosures of small home owners already hampered

That fear may be exaggerated as it is by Mayor Walker in New really hurting small home owners if they would save what they waste on graft and inefficiency. So let us push city programs and bring before the governing boards, delegations which must be heard!

THE FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY

CITIES alone can't do the job. Even states are often embar-rassed by poverty or bad laws. The nation can reach the peo-ple with ample or more than ample incomes by income and inheri-tance taxes. The nation can do the job uniformly and distribute relief uniformly on the basis of need. Hence we should demand that Congress meet early to vote a five billion dollar Hunger Loan. (That's small compared with 37 billion dollars in "Liberty" Loans—God save the mark!) This loan is for life not death, construction not destruction. It must be repaid out of income and inheritance not destruction. It must be repair out of income and inheritance taxes. It will not interfere with industry because there is still plenty left for industry and because it is consumption, not production which now needs a subsidy.

Some of this five billion must be used for immediate relief. Most of it should be used to add to our national wealth and stimulate business by public works. Especially houses should be built. The federal government should reloan at the low rate at which it borrows—or even in some cases give—large sums to municipalities or public corporations to replace slums with decent homes. Later on it would save us money in the cost of prisons and hospitals! In this connection an idea of Professor Beard's about a building syndi-cate which he develops in an article in the July Forum is worth

If this 5 billion loan doesn't do enough we may have to go farther in subsidizing consumption even more directly. We may have to come to moratoriums, under certain circumstances, on farmers' and rents. We certainly must keep up wages calcumortgages and rents. We tertainly must keep up wages calculated not only on the hourly but the annual basis. Our present trouble is primarily due to bad distribution of the national income. Higher wages and shorter hours will help that. Let labor organize to win them! So much for our first chapter.

INSURE THE IOBLESS AND THE AGED

FOR the present depression little or nothing can be done by unemployment insurance or indemnity. That ought promptly to so that never again shall rich Americans be caught without such decent provision as poorer European countries have. Our dependence on the miserable charity of the bread line is a sitively obscene exploitation of humanity. If society can't furnish willing men with work, it must at least give then omic security. Industry and those who gain in incomes from rent,

profit and interest must pay the bill.

Unemployment insurance should be nation-wide. Poorer states can hardly pay it adequately. This may require a Constitutional amendment, such as Socialists have proposed. Meanwhile there should be federal aid to state plans which should in turn be fin anced, half from premiums assessed in industry, half from taxes on incomes and inheritances.

Organize to push this plan. Keep children from work adults should do. Get old age pensions. See that adequate free public employment agencies are established. This is the second chapter our Socialist program.

TO END HUNGER FOR ALL TIME

THE tnird chapter deals not with relief or amelioration, but cure. The first two chapters lead up to it. Only Socialism, and international Socialism at that can cure unemployment. So long as we Slunder away at chaotic, unplanned production for private profit not general use, we will have recurring crises like those which made '30's, 50's, 70's, early '90's and now our time, so tragic. Not only is unplanned production wasteful; production for profit means that the workers with hand and brain never get back the equivalent of what they produce. To be sure, the profit takers ultimately reinvest most of what they take. Otherwise the system would have gone broke long ago. But they do it wastefully, slowly, chaotically. Nor will this be remedied, as some writers pretend, by trying plaster plan on the capitalist chaos. We have to decide first to in for production and distribution for use not profit. This is our

only true hope.

So called technological unemployment (the unemployment due to the machine) as truly as cyclical unemployment is incurable while we produce for private profit. The individual employer may be ever so kind hearted. To keep going in a competitive order he must keep cutting production costs. Nine times out of ten or oftener that means cutting the pay roll. For that reason only, the new (Continued on Page Three)

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# Fight Wage Cuts And Starvation!

Capitalism Is Responsible for the Industrial Breakdown-Why Should the Workingclass Pay the Penalties?



Back to the Galleys! The Goal of American Capitalism

## Capitalism Means Hunger-Socialism Means Plenty

SOME DECADES before the French Revolution St. Simon wrote that "the people in Normandy (a French province) live on the grass in the fields. The first king in Europe is great simply by being a king of beggars of all conditions.

Some years later the Bishop of Chartres said that "the famine and the mortality were such that men eat grass like sheep and died like so many flies."

The Nation last week describes one section of the coal region where "the miners' families were subsisting on weeds and on hard, blackened crusts from the bread boxes of more fortunate

From the mining section of West Virginia a correspondent writes that the babies "are thin and pale and their gaunt fathers and mothers suffer with them from the digestive troubles and skin infections that a monotonous det of scanty food brings on."

The ancient regime in France under Louis XVI reduced great masses to hunger and drove many to eat grass. The capitalism of the Jnited States has driven women and children to subsist on weeds while babies in the zone of starvation are thin and pale, hungry fathers and mothers.

Why This Misery?

Hunger facing millions and an enormous surplus of wheat on hand!

Shoeless children and great shoe plants cap-

able of supplying all with plenty of shoes! Old clothes wearing out and millions of farmers and workers in need of decent clothing, and

textile mills idle! Fruit fed to hogs while children and the sick

of the cities yearn for it! Hunger in the richest granary in the world! Starvation with giant machines to flood our nomes with goods that would make every human being comfortable! Jobless millions wanting access to mills, shops and mines yet mills, shops and mines are idle!

Why this hell of suffering in the midst of abundance? Why after 150 years of wonderful inventions, of vast increase in producing power, are men, women, and children living on grass and weeds? Why are babies thin and pale, why are their fathers and mothers hungry?

Down all the stretch of history from the men of the caves to the present hour there has never been a time when there was less reason for this hideous suffering than now.

The Power That Rules Us

There is no Black Death sweeping the nation and paralyzing workers so that they cannot produce. Crops are more abundant than ever, Raw materials are awaiting the labor of millions to be transformed into commodities. Workers want to work but a POWER bars their way to the raw materials, and the industries.

For this reason millions are stewing in an economic hell of hunger, disease and rags.

What is this monstrous power that sentences us to such a dreadful life?

That power is not hard to find. Go to the mines and oil fields; observe the railroads, the steamship lines, the telegraphs and telephones; the steel industry and other great industries; the ore beds and other sources of raw materials, and the vast banking powers of the nation.

What is common to all of them? These sources of production and distri-bution that are the basis of life and human well-being are in the hands of millionaire capitalists and bankers.

This is the POWER that stands between us and the opportunity to work for ourselves. Their will is law for us. When they say that the industries shall operate they are operated. When they order the industries closed they are closed. Our welfare and our happiness do not count.

Only Profits Count

They are workless owners and masters of these great powers. We are their dependents. To work we must ask them. To feed our families we must ask them. We are nothing, they are all. They constitute the POWER that can turn us adrift into the streets.

Railroads are not owned to transport freight and passengers. Mines are not owned to warm our firesides. Shoe plants are not owned to provide us with shoes. Textile industries are to provide us with clothing. are not owned

No. The industries are owned to make fortunes, profits, dividends, for the owners. Hu uman welfare does not count. The working class does not count. Nothing matters except profits and divi-

dends for the owners.

There isn't a commodity that we produce for them that we own. They give us a money wage and they take all. We heap mountains of values up which they take. Then they try to market them for profits for themselves.

The Wealth We Create Is Not Ours Eventually the markets are glutted and they order us out of the industries. Our money wage is soon gone. Vast quanties of goods we produced are in their hands. We need them but cannot have them. They do not need them and cannot sell them!

So we are out of the industries and starve be cause we cannot obtain the goods which our labor has produced. The POWER that locks us out is the POWER that inflicts unemploy-

There is the secret of the capitalistic system of industry. The owners are more and more replacing workers with machines. The machines do not eat, wear shoes, or clothing, or organize unions or go on strike. They are mechanical slaves, cheaper than "hands," and are productive of more profits for the POWER that owns.

The human slaves that remain are studied by experts. Every movement of the body is registered and useless movements are eliminated. More intense labor is enforced at the machines and more values are sweated out of the workers. The POWER wants more profits out of the toil of the workers.

Back to the Galleys

Industries and offices are consolidated, clerical workers are discharged, superintendents are dismissed, and they fall into the ranks of the disinherited. The POWER wants less labor, cheaper labor, and more profits.

We are becoming a nation of serfs and galley slaves to serve the measureless greed of this capitalistic POWER. They throw us out into the street where we become the prey of hunger and some of our women and children are compelled to eat weeds and grass.

Make no mistake about it, workingmen and women. The capitalistic class that constitutes this POWER is the master of the industries of the nation. It was not so a century ago when there were thousands of small shops and plants and plenty of free land for us to flee to: We are now the prisoners of this POWER and we will remain their prisoners so long as they own the industries upon which our very lives depend.

Unemployment and hunger are now

compelling us to think. We should register a vow that we will fight our way out of this hell and save our children from the fate that has come to us.

Why Bosses Hate Socialism

The POWER that has made us jobless serfs and galley slaves hates the Socialist movement. That is one good reason why you should support. it. What is good for you is bad for them. With a Socialist movement triumphant throughout the nation this POWER will no longer have the industries. The industries will belong to us and not one cent of profit will go to useless idlers.

The POWER has its journalists, its publicity tify it before the millions of its victims. Our minds are poisoned by this propaganda. We find it difficult to think our way out of the hell in which we stew.

Do your own thinking. Suspect any publication that is not yours and look for the collar of the man who sings the praises of the present system. Written upon that collar is the brand of the POWER.

We will never be free, never have economic security, never be masters of our own lives so long as the capitalist class own the industries and have the power to lock us out. The industries services must pass into the hands of the people, through municipal, state and national ownership according to the character of each.

Socialism Stands for the Workers

Socialism is pledged to this ownership and control. The Socialist Party has this for its fundamental aim. The masses have legalized the monstrous POWER that enslaves us by voting for the parties of capitalism. The masses can legalize the abolition of this monstrous POWER by voting themselves into control of the governing powers.

Meantime, fight for insurance for the jobless and every other measure that will help the destitute and the hungry, but also join in the glorious struggle for the abolition of the system that has become a curse.

Join the Socialist Party. Fight unemployment and hunger. Have confidence in your class. Hurl your mighty ballot power against those who have made a wretched botch of civilization and whose rule is a menace to the toil ers of the nations

## Phila. Socialists Name McKeown **ToRunForMayor**

Convention Picks Head of 12,000 Textile Workers-Many Trade Unionists to Campaign-Platform Demands Aid for Jobless-Resolutions on Billings-Mooney and Scottsboro Cases

Franz Daniel Again

Arrested in Phila.

PHILADELPHIA, — One ar-

Print a week seems to be the destined fate of Franz Dan-iel, Socialist party organizer here. Every strike, free speech fight or unemployment demon-stration finds Daniel much in lemand as a leader. He has

demand as a leader. He has

been arrested a number of times for picketing and other

crimes against Philadelphia's

wednesday of last week Policeman Kane approached Daniel who was speaking at a Socialist street corner rally, demanded his permit, and, when Daniel insisted he did not need a permit, placed the Socialist organizer under arrest. A crowd of 300 followed Daniel and Kane to the police station, the meantime telling the policeman what they thought of him in impolite but expressive vernacular.

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arraigned in court, Daniel was freed by Magistrate Donito who gave officer Kane instructions in the elementary fact that no permits are needed for street corner meetings in Philadelphia.

to use the police to enforce in-

junctions, and taxation of land to

more adequate and better admin-istered city relief for the suffering

caused by the depression and

scored the present discrimination shown against hosiery workers

and Negroes. Finally it urged the

of a new era for labor in Phila-

The complete list of candidates

Edelman; Sheriff, Franz E. Daniel; District Attorney, John Landburg; Recorder of Deeds, Rose Margolin;

Receiver of Taxes, Edward Wan-

nemacher; Clerk of Court, Charles Develin; Magistrates, Joseph Kaz-

Kennedy, Claire Felix; 7th District,

& DAVID MOKOL IN PARIS

country.

Wins Victory in Court

By A. J. Biemiller PHILADELPHIA. — Philadel phia Socialists convened Sun-day, July 26, to nominate a strong ticket of trade unionists and other Socialists, headed by Alexander McKeown, president of Local 706 of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, as candidate for Mayor. The session was one of the most significant consylvania labor interests have con for years. About 300 party members and

their families assembled at the Morris farm on the outskirts of city. David Felix was elected permanent chairman for the session, and Frieda Cohen, permanent sec-retary. Committees were elected with the following chairmen: Rules and Credentials, Leo Stern; Platform, Maynard Krueger; Resolutions, Joseph Schwartz; Nom-inations, Andrew Biemiller.

At the morning session, Leo Krzycki, Milwaukee, organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, temporarily in Philadelphia for the Hosiery Workers Union, brought greetings from the Socialist cities of the West and embedded phasised the gains made by the workers who were wise enough to put Socialists into office. Mark Starr of the I. L. P. brought greet-ings from England. McAlister Coleman lauded the success of Local Philadelphia in working with the trade unions and warned of the dangers of a radical movement which allowed itself to become sep

and urging Socialists to give all possible aid in forming industrial unions in fields where no funcarated from the workers and to overemphasise orthodoxy without tioning organization existed, received unanimous approval, as did another resolution criticizing the Edelman for Congress A. F. of L. for its stand against unemployment insurance. Greet-The afternoon session was takunemployment insurance. Greet-ings were sent to Reading, with best wishes to our comrades for en up with reports of committees.
The Nominations Committee brought in a complete city ticket the coming election, and greetings headed by McKeown, president of the largest local union in the world, Local 706 of the Hosiery the Second International. A resolution was passed expressing regret at the death of Morris Sig-Workers, which boasts 12,000 members. John Edelman, research man. Another resolution praised the cooperation shown between the S. P. and the newly formed Inand publicity director for the Hos-Union, is a candidate for Congress in the 2nd District, the only one to be filled this fall. Franz dependent Labor Party of Philadelphia County.
The Platform Committee pre-Daniel, Socialist party organizer, is the candidate for sheriff., David sented for adoption a platform which emphasized in its preamble Braginsky, secretary of the United Hebrew Trades; Joseph Schwarts, local chariman of the C. P. L. A., that most of the problems of government could only be met by state and national action, and urged a complete system of social insurand Biemiller, local secretary of the L. I. D., are running for council. Other councilmanic candidates include Paul Brahm, secretary; ance, high income and inheritance taxes, and socialization of indus-try. The municipal planks include Anna Beisinger, organizer, and Harry Haines, delegate to the Canthe abolition of the contract system for city work and the substi-tution of dirrect-city work; refusal tral Labor Union from the Hosiery Joseph Kasmark, veteran Socialist, of the Carpenters'

and Pocketbook Workers. the boards of dirrectorrs. The only contest that developed on the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee was on the the members in projected plans of cause them to fear the rising tide Mayoralty candidate. Frank Bilton party and their enthusiasm for of Socialist sentiment which had

Union, heads the magistrate list,

is running for County Commission-

mated Clothing Workers, Hosiery

Knitters, Hosiery Boarders, Car-penters, Jewelry Workers, News-

carriers, Lace Weavers, Lithogra-

The followingl unions are rep-ented on the ticket: Amalga-

while Emil Rieve, international the full extent of economic rent, president of the Hosiery Workers, The platform further advocated

Resolution on Hillquit Considerable discussion ensued on the report of the Resolutions ensued delphia, and perhaps for the whole Committee, particularly on a resolution concerning Comrade Hill-quit's connection with the Russian Gongress, 2nd District, John ments. oil land case. The resolution declares that inasmuch as Hillquit is national chairman of the party, "all actions on his part have political significance"; that the suit instituted by Hillquit in behalf of former owners of Russian oil attacks the right of socialization of matural resources, which is "one County Commissioner, Emil Rieve, of the recognized aims of Social- Dr. M. V. Leof. ism." "Therefore," the resolution concludes, "we the members of Local Philadelphia, Socialist party, Mazer, Dr. Gamshei Kutikoff; 2nd declare that Comrade Hillquit's District, A. J. Biemiller; 3rd Disconnection with the suit above trict, Leon Stern; 4th District, mentioned is prejudicial to the Isaac Moskowitz, David Braginbest interests of the Socialist par-ty, and demand his immediate withdrawal from said suit."

sky, Thomas Jefferson David, Jen-nie Dornblum, Nat Orkin; 5th District, Alexander Black, Eliza-

Bilder moved the resolution be tabled until Hillquit's return. This Ryan, Jr.: Helen Bryan, Charles motion was defeated by a vote of 27-17. The leaders of the fight Joseph Schwartz, Sol Dennis; 8th Bil- District, Andrew Vance, Anna The Geisinger, Harry Haines, Paul der, Rosen and Braginsky. fight for the resolution was led Brahm by Krueger, Bakely and Ryan, Jr. On the final vote the resolution carried 34-7.

Platform Is Adopted Mooney and Billings at once, and a demand for a retrial of the nine boys in the Scottsboro case. A York. Comrade Mikol follows the The Fusionists hope to capture

### Reading G.O.P. **And Democrats** In Love - Feast

Two Old Parties Join Hands Against Socialist-Labor Administra-

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

READING, Pa.—Fusion of Republican and Democratic forces to defeat the Socialists in the coming city campaign, an eventually long predicted by local Socialists, was finally decided upon when a joint committee meeting of both capitalistic parties agreed upon a slate which they hope will sweep back the rising tide of the workingclass political

power in Reading.

The candidates which the Fus ionists will now ask the voters of Reading their support are: Mayor — Heber Ermentrout, manager of a loan company.

Council — John M. Seasholts president and treasurer of an enamelling works, and George M Yocum, foreman of a cigar fac-

Controller-Charles F. Coplay a car repairer at the Reading Treasurer-Andrew J. Fink. con tractor and at present a member of the School Board.

Democrats Sacrificed The line-up gives the nomin tions for mayor, controller and one school director to the Demogood their determination to grab the lion's share of the nominatreasurer and two members of the School Board. The Democratic politicians have been outgeneraled by their ancient Republican oppo ronage and salary. The council manic and School Board posts will carry the appointive power while the treasurership is the big-money job of the city. If they are su cessful in securing the election of their mayoralty and controller candidates, the Democrats will b left with nothing but the rather doubtful honor which will accrue to them from their abject surren-der to the Republicans.

It now remains to be seen committee will be ratified by the executive committees of both parties. Even though the party officials agree to the slate, there is atill a considerable doubt whether individual candidates who have been slighted by the Fusionists will not bolt and enter the lists as Republicans and Democrats. If independent Republicans and course, the fight will be four-cornered instead of the two-cornered

contest for which the anti-Socialists are hoping. A Big Business Venture Socialists welcome the prospect f meeting the Fusion candidates in battle as an opportunity to draw the lines more closely tween the parties of big busin and the working class. While the personnel of the committees which did the slate-making has been altered to give the movement a middle-class coloring, the voters of Reading will not forget that the Fusion attempt to defeat the Socialists was first advocated by ex-Congressman Esterly, a servant of the big Wyomissing terests, Boss Bill Bitting, preriers, Lace Weavers, Lithogra-public ownership and operation of dent of the Rosedale knitting pars, Up holsterers, Teachers, all public utilities with demo-cialist haters, many of whom are not residents of the city but who Mayoralty candidate. Frank Biller the party and their enthusiasm for der was nominated from the floor the coming campaign. As Mobut was defeated by McKeown 38 to 8. All other nominees received unenimous endorsement.

The party and their enthusiasm for the coming campaign. As Mobut was defeated by McKeown 38 feeding in 1927 and has since been sweeping through the county. The combination of unenimous endorsement. ership will give the Socialists of Reading a splendid chance teach the lesson of class interest which has always been the chief theme of their campaign argu-

Voters' Revolt Seen

While the leaders of both old parties appear able to agree on lmost any plan which will enable them to defeat the Socialists, it is freely predicted that thousands of men and women who never have voted the Socialist ticket will do so this year in protest against the Fusion movement. Many have already announced their determina tion of refusing to be made "half and half" voters and declare they will vote the straight Socialist ticket in the event of a coalition between the donkey and the elephant. As this sentiment develops the Fusion movement is likely to become a party of leaders with very few followers.

The Socialists, on the other hand, are preparing to make the most of their opportunities. Not only in Reading but throughout the entire county as well, economic and political significance of the Fusion movement will be explained. Already disgusted with We have received through the what they consider bad business and a copy of the June issue of policies in the court house and Other resolutions passed includ-mail a copy of the June issue of policies in the court house and routled by factional fights within their own parties, rural and city courageous fight, a demand that the Governor of California release to an article on "The Mooney" expected to turn to the Socialists

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He Put the Lid On, But the Bottom Fell Out



The demands of mine and textile strikers for something better than starvation vages has been met by the owners of coal and textile factories, backed by the government, with repression. As usual, repression brings its usual result,—terrorism, crime

## Strikers Fight Your Battle

Miners and Textile Workers in Front Trenches of War **Against Pay Cuts and Starvation** 

IN desolate mining villages and povertystricken mill towns, thousands of men and women are fighting the battle of all the workers of America. In coalfields of Pernsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky bitter strikes are in progress. A wave of unrest has led the textile workers of Paterson, Allenton and dozens of small towns in Pennsylvania and New England to walk out on strike. In New York City, thousands of men's clothing workers have begun a campaign to end the degradation of insecurity Isolated reports tell of road workers in White Plains striking against wage slashes which would bring their meager wages down to \$18 a week; of Jersey bridge construction workers quitting their posts in a concerted effort to halt pay cuts.

These spasmodic strikes center about one leading demand. The issue, stripped of all technical questions about hours of work, speed-ups, check-weighmen, is a simple one. It is the is-

New Hardships in Store

Before the present breakdown of capitalism had set in, the soft coal miners, the textile workers and the clothing workers had already suffered for years. All three industries were hit by the capitalist maladies of planless producion, cut-throat competition, displacement of workers by machinery without reduction of hours, and above all, exploitation of the workers who received but a small share of the great wealth they created.

On top of these years of part-time employment and low wages, came the industrial breakdown of the last two years. Standards of living sunk lower and lower. The common necessities of life in many cases became luxuries Children went to school hungry and poorly clad. Men and women set themselves into the wracking routine of scanty meals. The slight reserves of savings were soon dried up; the sources of borrowing funds from friends or relations were soon exhausted. Today the army of unemployed has swelled to 7,000,000 with a good proportion of them on the border line of

starvation or engulfed in poverty and destitution. During the first year of the "depression." dividends went on as usual. In some cases increased dividends were paid to holders of stocks and bonds out of surpluses piled up during the fat years of upper class prosperity. Now dividends have begun to drop. The honey-fed barons of industry are looking about to see where they can cut the costs of mining, of textile and clothing manufacture without giving up too much of their unearned profits. Labor is the goat. Long-suffering, silent and docile, the workers are to be made to pay still more for the sins of a system over which they have no

The Hypocrisy of Hoover

The Hoover administration is playing the part of the hypocrisy and sycophancy that might have been expected from a party owned and financed by capitalism. The President has given lip service to the idea that wages must not be re-

duced. But wages tumbled and slashed daily beginning with the moment Hoover announced his policy of "no wage cuts." This week came a policy of "no wage cuts." This week came a the crowd from a truck on one with Murphy and fell down a long direct incitement from a cabinet minister—Secside of the state highway, and flight of steps, struggling. He sucretary of Commerce Lamont.

President Hoover rushed into print to say that his policy of "no wage cuts" still stands. But he made no effort to repudiate the approval given to wage slashers by his Secretary of Commerce. And the fact is that wage cuts go on, Presidential statements being worth less than a plugged nickel."

The wage-cutting campaign will soon extend to the railroad workers and the steel workers. All indications point to that development in a

Steel and coal are key industries. Wage cuts by them will definitely set the trend of wages downward. Despite the myth of high rail wages, there are several hundred thousand rail workers earning less than \$1,000 a year. The rail workers are giving more work for less wages than in any other period in railroad history. Between 1923 and 1929, the revenues of the railroads per employee increased over \$400, while wages went up but \$100. This left a net gain to the railroads of \$300 per employee anholds already evicted back into nually. Facts presented to the Interstate Com- their houses. Tomorrow 58 more nerce Commission show that in 1929 alone the roads made a profit of \$250,000,000 out of in- The union was unable to secur creased labor efficiency. The wage conditions in the notorious steel industry continue to be at the starvation level.

If the Strikers Lose

Despite this damning contrast of rich profits on the one hand and low pay on the other, the railroads and steel workers may yet be compelled to take wage cuts. That is why the present wave of coal, textile and garment strikes takes on significance. These strikers are today in the front line trenches of the war against wage cuts. If they lose, the road will be paved for cuts in other

The present strikes summon all workers, white collar as well as manual workers, professional men and women as well as unskilled 10,000 coal diggers in the audiworkers, to rally to their support. Every strike, every labor battle fought and won, is a battle that holds within it the potentialities of gain for

There are several ways to help the strikers. Join the Socialist Party!

Relief work is needed. But of more permanent and greater importance is the mobilization of workers into trade unions and a political party of their own. These organizations must fight against wage cuts, and against the exploitation of private owners. They must work for the reorganization of industry on a basis where the workers will be free of exploitation, where the workers will receive a full share of what they produce, and where industry will be owned by the people and democratically administered.

The best way to aid the present strikers and through them all workers is to join the Socialist party which stands for these principles.

## **Company Thugs** Shoot Two in Ky. And W. Virginia

Editor Crawford Shot in Ambush-Keedy, Socialist Relief Head, Driven from Harlan-Drunken Gunman Shoots Woman at Meeting -Fagan Shoots Miner in Pennsylvania

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

ARLAN, Kentucky,—The coal operators reign of terror
against union miners and their sympathizers continues.

Bruce Crawford, outstanding Virginia editor, was ambushed and shot in the leg near Harlan. Allan Keedy, one of the organizers of the Socialist Relief Committee, has been released from the Harian County Jail only to be driven from town. His present whereabouts are unascertained. Three more miners have been jailed, one charged with murder and two with triple murde

Crawford is the editor of Crawford's Weekly, published in Norton, Virginia. He has consistently
of coal operators and the union. defended the Harlan miners. One of the first articles which drew attention to the misery and lawlessness in Harlan, was written by Crawford and published in The New Leader. Ed Fraley, associated with Crawford on his publication, was with the editor when he was shot. Norton, Virginia, is shout 50 wiles from Harlan. about 50 miles from Harlan.

Keedy, 24, Congregational minis-ter, were arrested after they had been active in relief work and investigation of legal cases. They were charged with obstructing justice and held on warrant for threatened breach of the peace. Bilotta and Keedy had probed the testimony of the Bergman boys, which was used against the colored miners, Essley Phillips and Gainea Eubanks, recently indicted for murder; and they had found reasons for suspecting that pressure had been brought to bear on the boys to give fame testimony. County attorney Fred Jones charged that Bilotta and Keedy had threatened to dynamite the nome of the Bergman boys.

By HELEN G. NORTON

union meeting at Burnwell Sunday afternoon. "Doc" Pack, who
did the shooting, had tried to enFagan's home to kill him, accordFagan's story to the podid the snooting, gage Bellaver in a fight before the meeting began. Bellaver, an lile. When Fagan opened the door, Murphy said, "You're gone," and pulled a gun. Fagan grappled with Murphy and fell down a long with Murphy and fell down a long stocker's struggling. He such to f steps, struggling. He such to f steps, struggling. Lewis Williams of East Bank was speaking when Pack darted from the group of company men lined to back of the crowd on the other and the struck of the crowd on the other side of the road and began shoot-Lewis Williams of East Bank was ing. His first bullet struck Mrs. Stanley in the abdomen; then he steadied his aim by shooting over his left arm at Bellaver, who climbing on the truck to quell the disturbance, but the shot wild. Company men hurried Pack from the scene. He was arrested but is now out on \$3,000 bail. strikers have been arrested on the charge of throwing sticks a rocks at him after the shooting.

Mrs. Stanley was started on her 34 mile journey over rough moun-tain roads to a Charleston hospital where she is in a critical condition. On the way, Mrs. Stanlay, a white haired woman of 55, whispered out of her pain, "I'm glad they got me

instead of the young man."

A third injunction Monday morning interrupted Constable evictions are due at Ward and a number at Hugheston and Blakely. the \$20,600 securities which would be required to appeal all the cases and the 10 day statutory period guaranteed by previous injunctions is up. The furniture will be dumped on the roadside and creek bottoms, though there are many vacant houses in every company village.

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill.—(F P)—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, was boosed off the platform when he tried to address miners listened to Lewis for a while. But when he began to denounce the rank and file conventions at Zeigler and Belleville, the

BOO LEWIS OFF PLATFORM

Lewis left the platform. up the strikes at the Orient mines. He told them that the strikes im-perilled the efforts of his union

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of coal operators and the union This was Lewis' first appearance lution of the injunction forbiddi him to interfere in Illinois m worker affairs.

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SNUB DOAK
WASHINGTON.—(FP) — Non bout 50 miles from Harlan.

Keedy's absence is beginning to ause much concern.

Vincent Bilotta, 35, miner, and keedy 24 Congregational miner, and keedy 24 Congregational miner. Doak and Lamont, inviting them to make possible a joint conference with the United Mine Workers to stabilize conditions and wages for coal miners. After waiting ten days, Doak has now added 25 names to the list of 125 concerns which were included in the earlier invitation. Most of the 125 companies failed to reply at all, despite the request of the two Hover cabinet members that they telegraph their answers.

#### UM.W. Leader Shoots Deranged Miner in Pa.

PITTSBURGH (FP)-Attempts by the Pittsburgh press to blame the leadership of the striking coal (New Leader Correspondent)

HARLESTON, W. Va.,—A

drunken company gunman
shot Mrs. Martha Stanley and attempted to kill Cal Bellaver at a miners for the attack on District phy, of Little River, Texas., seem to have failed.

With Murphy was Fred Snyder, Fleming, Ky., waiting in a taxicab. He drove away, but was arrested later. He insisted he knew nothing of the attack or what it was about. The police promptly announced they suspected a "wholesale murder plot" agains officials of the U. N. W. A. which is engaged in a struggle for con-trol of the workers in the Pitts-burgh coal (.elds.

Later developments led to a belief that the attack was the re-sult of the mental condition of Murphy, possibly caused by long drawn out desperate conditions in the coal fields which he may have blamed on union officials



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## A. C. W. Wins Short Strike

THE strike of the clothing workers in the New York district that A. J. MacAulay, president of the dunder the leadership of the Amalthe United Farmers of Canada, gamated Clothing Workers of America is 100% successful, the declares. Between 30,000

The union predicted an agreement with the organized bosses within 24 hours at the end of the first day of the strike. There will be no decrease in wages under the agreement, it is declared. The bosses agreed to that during the first day of the struggle.

When the employers in the bosses' exchange sign the agreement between 50 and 60% of the workers will return to the shop. These 18,000 will then begin paying 5% of their wages as strike dues to keep the other strikers in the long and bitter struggle expected with the sweatshops. This fight has been carried to the sweatshops in the contiguous territory in New well as the New York

The New York walk-out is to continue so far as about 300 "in-dependent" shops are concerned. It was against these shops, where union standards are not observed, that the strike was mainly direct-

Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated, declared that the strike would remain effective against these establishments until they agreed to abide by union con-ditions "and abandon the use of armed thugs and gangsters in their

efforts to escape union control."

While the bulk of the striking workers will return to work with the signing of the new agreement which will represent in most points a renewal of the old conditions regarding wages, hours and working arrangements, about 10,000 will continue on strike against the independent shops.

Many Meetings Are Held

With the calling of the strike, he workers assembled in Webster Hall, Beethoven Hall, Stuyvesant Casino, Irving Plaza and other halls on the east side and listened to addresses. The speakers included Mr. Hillman, Norman Thomas, J. Schlossberg, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated; B. C. Vladeck, manager of The Jewish Daily Forward; Louis Waldman, Charles W. Erwin, August Claessens and others.

"This strike was called to enforce the new agreement with the New York Clothing Manufacturers' Exchange and even more so to compel the independent sweatshops to abandon their sabotage of union standards," said Mr. Hillman in announcing that a new agreement with the organized manufacturers would be signed.
"Our union has fought for thirty years against the sweatshop and for the maintenance of decent working conditions. Many of Aires, is apparently trying to early them, to avoid union standards, have been sending work to out-of-town places, where it is being of-town places, where it is being under conditions recalling that he resign.

cial legislation except our age pensions. You are opposed to a pensions of the pe years against the sweatshop and for the maintenance of decent years ago.

#### Work of Labor M. P.'s In Canadian House Is

Told to Trade Unions against a revolution. Several weeks ago the three Labor members at Ottawa sent a life trades unlons in Canada, giving a summary of their activities and urging the necessity of political as well as industrial action on the part of the unlons. The replies have been many and is a sent action on the part of the unlons. The replies have been many and a darger signal for years. Now the calamity we foresaw is gathering elemental sweep, and, to repeat, hell is around the corporation of the discussion of the discussion of the discussion of the discussion of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation for the working class. Socialist and genuine labor policies alone district officials and a fourth for bade local unions to elect representatives to attend meetings of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation for the working class. Socialist and genuine labor policies alone will inspire the laboring millions to repeat, hell is around the corporation was outselful to repeat, hell is around the corporation of the discussion of the discussion of the discussion of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation for the working class. Socialist and genuine labor policies alone district office. The anti-administration of the discussion of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation for the working class socialist and genuine labor policies alone will inspire the laboring millions of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation of the working class she had strong of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation of the working class she had strong or the discussion of the discussion of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation of winning public power in the cities, the states and the nation of winning public power in the cities, the states a

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Canadian Labor Fights To Win Seat In By-Election

In New York seat at Hamilton, Canada, may result in the election of another Labor candidate in the person of "Independent" Shops Humphrey Mitchell. In recent months it has been discovered that the Beauharnois power interests Will Be Forced to had contributed large sums to the capitalist parties and this has played into the hands of the Labor

> addressing the Testern Labor Conference, predict | that Saskatchewan Province will have the first Socialist Government in Canada. Many of the farmers in this section of Canada have had experience in the British Labor Party and the I. L. P. and they favor an alliance with city workers in a Labor Party.

Mr. MacAulay reviewed the history of his organization, now with 30,000 members, and, he said, "increasing rapidly," and forecast that 50 farmer members would be returned at the next provincial election in Saskatchewan.

A committee of Labor and Farmer representatives had a mandate "to formulate a campaign for the abolition of capitalism and its replacement by a system of production for use and human wel-

The committee was appointed at the concluding session of the Western Labor Conference, after both labor and agrarian speakers had urged the union of the producers in an effort to improve the present economic system. The committee is composed of ten Labor-Farmer members.

### Uriburu Jails 4 Socialists In Argentine

Dictator Also Suppresses Two Leading Party Newspapers

THE situation facing the worksince General Uriburu ousted the old government by military force last year. Last April the Socialist Party increased its representa tion in province of Buenos Aires from 4 to 9 but Uriburu illegally postponed the meeting of new ly elected bodies till November.

measures to keep in power as it is evident that a majority is op posed to him in most of the prov inces. He has closed the Radical Party's headquarters, ordered the deportation of some leading political opponents, and has barred all Irigoyenists (the former president's supporters) from running

for office.

The Socialists had not been satisfied with the former regime, but Uriburu, whose main support has been in the capital of Buenos cial lovislation except old age

"This we are determined to stop. No independent sweatshop or any other shop violating union standards will be permitted to operate."

Discontent in Provinces
Uriburu has answered by closing two leading Socialist papers and has jailed fou leading Socialists, Repetto, Bravo, Ghioldi and Dickman. The latter was in New York a few years ago and met many Socialist comrades. The provinces are seething with discontent and Uriburu has distributed army detachments to guard

## Bitter Prospects Call On A.F. of L. To Quit Begging

Responsibility of Unions to Unemployed Must Bring Powerful Movement to Make Rich Disgorge -Jobless Aid Should Come from **Higher Taxes on Wealthy** 

WINTER is approaching, more of the jobless will be hungry and men, women and children will be ill-clad. Many. "homes' will by cheerless and cold for lack of heat. Valuables are being nawned by workers in many cities to avoid being evicted for nonpayment of rent

What is being done to meet the problems involved in this working class tragedy? We submit the following facts drawn from the A. F. of L. news service:

Corporation "Charity" Funds Will Fall Short

In the first four months of 1931 the cost of relief for the jobless was about 75 per cent of the total for 1930! This means paid out of public funds. In 1930, that hunger is increasing. More-over, all the jobless were not re-public funds paid out 72 per cent.

Despite the increasing ravages tute were not assisted in these of hunger the so-called "com-munity chests" and similar funds have less resources will this cost of relief the coming year than last. Much of the ter will exceed either of the two money raised through these preceding years. More money chests came from workers who must be on hand with less funds were coerced into making contributions by corporations. This county funds. It is no exaggeramethod is masked and hypecrittion to say that hell is around the

ical corporation "charity."

The bulk of the funds to war against hunger will have to come similar organizations will make from public funds and thousands a national drive in October for of cities throughout the country \$82,000,000 are on the verge of bankruptcy! work. This drive will have back Moreover, the revenue of the of it President Hoover's Emerstate and federal governments is gency Committee for Employ-

\$5 for Each Hungry Person All Winter!

Looks big, doesn't it? Well, is not enough to keep one destilet us analyze it. It is admitted tute family for one week. ers and Socialists in the Argentine Republic has been grave ers are jobless. Multiply that ers are jobless. Multiply that figure to include the women and hildren and we have a total of

men, women and children! It corner?

it will mean only ten dollars for each distressed person and yet it is doubtful whether the original sum will be available

If twice \$82,000,000 is raised

Remember that all of the desti

Then remember this fact: The

But the community chests and

18,000,000 human beings facing hunger.

How far will that \$82,000,000 go if the full amount is raised?

It is less than five dollars for each of these 18,000,000 hungry stand that hell is around the men roomen and children!

A Task the A. F. of L. Must Shoulder

American Federation of Labor that the only limit on private meets on August 6. We present charity and the appropriation of this analysis of the situation to its members and ask a few ques-

You have rejected unemployment insurance legislation. You

show that you are now accepting

The Executive Council of the workers is for them to "see to jobless shall be the provision of a decent living standard for all inemployed workers and their

family dependents." There we are, cap in hand, in cial legislation except old age pensions. You are opposed to a ed dole with the certainty that even from this source the hunge of millions of men, women, and children will not be appeased!

What are you going to do, you labor chieftains, when you meet the dole in its most degrading to face this situation on August form, the hateful charity of the 6? A heavy responsibility faces

The Hour Has Come for the Workers to Act We Socialists have been rais- unemployment insurance in this

ing a danger signal for years. country.

**Timely Topics** 

(Continued from Page One)
machine is put in. And it takes a long time to reabsorb the displaced worker in other lines if it is ever done. In the long run, machinery may not make more but rather less poverty. short run it makes workers insecure and jobless short run! Again the need of planned production so that the ma-chine should work to lighten labor and increase leisure for the workers or to make possible greater abundance for their use, rather

than to pile up profit.

There is special need to begin socialization with coal mines electric power and ratiroads. They are clearly linked in important respects. Coal is so sick an industry that nothing but socialization can cure it. Railroads asking 15% increase in rates virtually confess the need of linking them up to planned national economy. We want to own the power trust before it completely owns us.

THE INFAMY OF OUR PRISON SYSTEM

THE Wickersham tale of our penal system is a tale of infamy. According to it, so bad are our prisons that we may not truly speak of punishment for crime but the crime of punishment. America needs to catch and punish more of her criminals and crooks, especially the big ones. But for big and little it needs a decent system of justice and penology.

READERS of The New Leader missed something fine, sincere and becautiful if they missed in last week's issue Sam De Witt's tribute to the splendid worker and Socialist, his father. The world is richer for such men,

Muste Denies Urging Forming of New Party

A. J. Muste, chairman of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action, was quoted in a number of papers this week as calling for the formation of a new political party of labor. Muste was mis-quoted. He has sent the follow-ing statement to the papers that printed the statement:
"In a recent address before the

Summer School for Women Workers at Barnard College, I did not make the flat assertion that a new working class political organiza-tion should be immediately formed in the United States. What I said ild have serious consideration, is working smoothly. "I stated: 'The outlook is dark

Hard Coal Fight May Go To the Courts

Opposition to Boylan in District One May Contest Election

By LOUIS STANLEY ontrol of the biennial convention Boylan administration gave its op-ponents no quarter. The anti-ad-ministration forces led by Thomas Maloney, who claims his election they have declared that the convention has been packed against them. Their defeat on questions which seemed to them to be clear ly beneficial to the rank and file made them realize that there was no hope of convincing any delegates dominated by Boylan. The prospects of a rump convention to discuss the possibility of estab-lishing a separate anthracite union oomed larger.

The anti-administration group rought in resolutions aiming to reduce the power of the district office and to eliminate corruption. These proposals were voted down by the Boylan delegates. One resolution sought to strike from the present district constiution a paragraph giving the executive board "power from time to time to draft such rules and reg-ulations for the government of the district and the carrying out of the agreement that are not provided in the constitution." A second solution aimed to take away from assessment funds collected for re-lief purposes. In the last few months locals had failed to levy or turn into the district headquar-ters a relief assessment authorized by the executive board on the form, the hateful charity of the class that has reduced the working masses to hunger and star-vation!

Your advice to the organized Solutely impossible for the inungry by the present methods.

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Then we must turn to the task trict officials and a fourth forcourse of the discussion Boylan action on the part of the unions
The replies have been many and
varied. All have shown that the
unions are taking a real interest
in political action. Answers have
come from unions affiliated with
the American Federation of Labor, from Union of Running Trades,
have shown the latter last week.
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to Chile.

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Join it. Work for it. Use it as
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Popular Demands One of the most popular de-mands of the opponents of the listrict officials was for a cut miners' union. the per capita tax paid to the strict office from twenty-five ents to fifteen cents. The adocates of this measure hoped to convince Boylan's supporters of the necessity for this change.

## 3,000 Strike In Paterson Silk Mills is a warning-

Picket Lines Formed in Jersey-C. P. L. A. Denounces Communist

PATERSON, N. J.—Three thou sand silk workers responde was, that in view of the fact that to the strike call of the joint acthere are many individuals who find it impossible to function enthusiastically in existing parties, such as the Socialist and Communist, and because of criticisms will soon be shut down by the which may legitimately be made of those parties as at present constituted, the question of the the strike even before the strike formation of a militant, progressive labor political organization ganization has been set up and This is the first effort of the

indeed unless revolutionary amalgamation of the Associated changes occur in existing labor Silk Workers and the U. T. W. A organizations or new instrumental-which is expected to build one un Silk Workers and the U. T. W. A. speedily planned and built."

which is expected to build one union in the silk industry. Under the agreement for amalgamation. which has been approved by the workers, the silk workers will form an autonomous federation within the N. T. W. A., comparable to the hosiery workers federation The amalgamation has been brought about largely through the efforts of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action after months of negotiations between the two

The strike called by the Com-nunist-dominated National Textile Workers Union has about 700 workers out. The A. F. of L. unons "pulled" the workers of sev-SCRANTON, Pa.—Having demonstrated its overwhelming the Communist strike call.

In a leaflet distributed Tuesday of Anthracite District No. 1 of the United Mine Workers, the John interference of the Communist united Mine Workers, the Mine Workers and M ion in Paterson and called for a militant strike. It warned against "bogus settlements." Daniel to Paterson

to the district presidency was stol-en by Boylan, put up a battle on each of their resolutions, although they have declared that the ganizer, Franz Daniel, to the strike iel has been notably successful in aiding labor in Philadelphia. W. C. Montross, New York Socialist, is also active in aiding the strike.

On the convention floor Boylar and his associates declared the money was needed to employ doctors and engineers to defend the miners, their wives, and children, their widows and orphans in dis-putes that arise from time to time. They even suggested that the needed relief to convention of the international union. Maloney, Kostrella, Davis and others on their side argued that the district office had more than enough to satisfy its reasonable needs, while locals were suffering from lack of funds in in supplying relief to the needy. They pointed out that looking to the international for help was the district executive board the evading the issue. The proposed control over the distribution of financial reform was rejected on assessment funds collected for re-

1791/ Possible Court Action ment tried to alter the constitu tion so that the district executive ground that they did not have board would be compelled to call confidence that the board would a special convention upon the refrom the constitution a prohibi- by five locals. Another amendtrict 1 convention have put the miners in the upper anthracite in a mood more favorable than ever to an independent hard coal

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which reflected a discussion he had just had with Fresident Hoover on unemployment relief, Mr. Payne gave the following profound advice on caring for the unemployed and curing unemployment:
"IT IS A LOCAL PROBLEM. THERE IS NO POSSIBLE REASON WHY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE CALLED UPON. THIS COUNTRY CAN DEAL WITH THE UN-EMPLOYMENT SITUATION WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY IF IT IS KEPT WHERE IT BELONGS-AT HOME."

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# The Real American Tragedy—Hunger Amid Plenty

By McAlister Coleman

BEFORE me as I write is the report of an experienced physician (a researcher for one of the largest New York hospitals), on the conditions of health and nutrition among the children of the striking coal-miners of West Virginia. She finds generally that in the towns which she visited the wages paid (when wages were paid) averaged around sixty to seventy cents per person per week for food and clothing. This means that the kids in those West Virginia hills are being fed on a monotonous diet of potatoes, pinto beans and sow belly, day in and day out. Not one of those examined, and they were picked at random, had any fresh milk since the day he or she was weaned. Fresh meat is unknown. They are alive to be sure, but they have never known what it means to be really fed. There has always been hunger in the background of these meager lives and there always will be so long as coal is owned by the Rockefellers and Mellons and Peabodys, the heads of private corporations whose stockholders are hungry for dividends.

Poor people, thousands of them, going down

into the earth to hew out the black basis of our power-driven civilization, under the most dangerous circumstances, hemmed around by the constant menace of death and disaster, these men in the dark and their children are the symbols of the tragedy that the criminal fact of hunger in a land of plenty poses before us. And not alone among the miners, but among the workers almost everywhere in textile mills, in the shops, in the city factories, hunger takes its devastating course, until men and women of good will beat their hands together in despair over man's cruelty to man.

If some pestilence had swept the land, if our crops were blighted, our soil made barren, our producers of food stricken down, we might understand that today six and one-half million men and women and their children were looking through hopeless eyes at the approach of another winter of stark horror. But everywhere the corn waves bravely in the summer heat, the wheat goes abundantly away into the horizon lines, the fruit hangs heavy on the bending trees. No Canaan ever held more promise than America in 1931. And yet, like Moses of old, the vast majority of us are forbidden to

enter but must sit on our Pisgah heights yearning towards the goal we set out to achieve.

Never again shall I keep tolerant silence while some "liberal" tells me that, after all, capitalism needs only to be "ameliorated" to become the most satisfactory system for the production and distribution of goods and services whereby we live. I have seen in gray downs, on the very city streets in which I live, men and women with sacks slung across their shoulders fighting away the dogs and the cringing cats from the garbage pails before the apartment houses, rummaging desperately through those pails for something to quiet the fiend of hunger that gnaws at their vitals. Once it was the intellectual appeal of an ordered and planned. society that won me to Socialism. In the past few years, more and more, it is the thought of those kids on the West Virginia hills, those shuffling and beaten folk on New York City bread-lines, the look in the eyes of upstanding, workless workers who have begged me for a bite to eat these past horrible years-these things have swept away any intellectual questionings, any doubts and hesitations which may have assailed me in my bookish days.

They tell us now that this is not the deathrattle of capitalism that fills the world with its awful sound. That somehow, in some obscure and mystic manner, the dying thing will revive. Revive in time to sink again five or six or seven vears from now.

Well, maybe so. Jefferson once said that the most wonderful thing he had ever beheld in all his crowded years was the ability of the poor to stand suffering. A rachitic, mal-nourished generation of those who are now the children of workers may keep alive long enough to take the places of their outworn parents, new slaves to the old machines.

But if there is anything in us of Socialist fire, of plain, ordinary guts, let us here and now resolve to pull down the curtain upon this American tragedy. The tragedy of hunger.

Black as the scene is, to lighten it with the fires of burning barricades still seems to me a fantastic and futile gesture. The truth is that capitalism, entrenched as it is today, would welcome such desultory and disorganized violence as might arise from the blind lashing out of hungry men. Neither do I believe that we

can be of any use in these times that try men's souls and strike vicious blows at their bellies by preaching the doctrine of the "inevitability of gradualness."

There is another way, the way of insistent and immediate demand for instant relief, before it is too late. The forcing of these demands upon the consciousness of the workers everywhere until they see the truth that after all, the solution lies in their hands. Until they come together in a mass movement of workers and farmers to wrest power from those who have them pinned to the wall and, marching shoulder to shoulder, to drive their exploiters from the field and take over the government for the building of a true cooperative commonwealth. want no moratorium on hunger. We want the end of it forever. And for the first time in the history of civilization we can here and now and in our time make a definite end to this shameful and criminal thing—the real "AMERICAN

## REVIVAL OF POPULISM AGAIN THREATENS TO MISLEAD FARMERS

"COIN" HARVEY'S PROJECTED CONFERENCE WOULD LEAD RURAL REVOLT UP A BLIND ALLEY

OF FUTILE FIGHT FOR MONEY REFORMS

#### By James Oneal

S MIGHT be expected, con-A sidering the bankruptcy of is onte Ne, Arkansas, on August 25 to organize a new party. is expected that from ten to twenusand people will attend the convention which will organize for the presidential campaign

This movement not only presents a grave situation for the Socialist Party, because it will be a combut also because on its ational committee are a few individuals who have been identified with the Socialist movement. Moreover, the writer within the past month or two has received aber of letters from readers of The New Leader, persons who call themselves Socialists, who intend to cast their lot with this

book of the money "reformers" in the Bryan-Populist campaign of 1896, which had an enormous circulation. It influenced millions of wage workers and farmers. text book of the present crusade, "The Book." is by the same writer He is also editor of "The Bugle Call," the weekly of the movement. Each issue of this journal registers the rising tempo of this w style Populism

### Not Even Populism

The literature of this moven shows that, despite the fact that the farmers are even worse off than they were in the nineties, the program does not measure up to the Populist program of 1892.

It concentrates on one grievance I started to read a daily paper, ne, the "money question." emphasizes the mortgaged indebtpaid on it to bankers, and urges fied ads. I even pondered for a and count their incomes in terms of national wealth, value of exbanking system, a moratorium as the following: law, suspending for a fixed time the collection of all interest bearbonds and mortgages, till decides statesmanlike wisdom what is to be done with these This is summarized in the cry, "abolish usury."

A comparison of this with the Populist program of 1892 reveals narked contrast. It began with the fundamental statement that "the interests of rural and civic labor are identical" and that their "anemies are identical." It stood for government ownership of the railroads, telegraphs, and tele-phones, sympathized with the struggles of organized workers, and demanded the abolition of the mercenary army of Pinkertons to break strikes. It, of course, demanded free coinage of explicable.

Everyone

It is obvious that the farmers were more advanced in their statesmen have proven it to their thought in 1892 than they are in own satisfaction. To be sure, rugged individualism.

1932 if the Harvey program is there are other factors besides the Can't Find the Corner accepted and this program appsychological one: the physical, for pears to be the basis of this rising third party movement. The they are hungry, a subtle bit of obmy "abolish usury" is the naive paper columnist. The Behavior-ssurance that after this move-ists have also pointed out the conment obtains control of the gov-ernment all other questions can be settled through the initiative and referendum!

nection between eating and think-ing. That is, the less thinking, the less eating, speaking in the terms and figures of the Great

The composition of the convention will consist of a free-for-all administration cannot be held responsible for the condition just the proceedings all that is required Explaining Installment Buying

seated and he is assured that last years attacking Socialists, litical action. In Western States ing the Socialist Party was fairly areas of the wheat and corn belts class consciousness that will lead production and distributions. milions of farmers, there is a rapidly developing revival of the old Populism of the nineties that extends from the Mississippi Valley to the Pacific Coast and expanding even into the Southern States. This movement has its weekly publication and its text book which is selful given in large quantities. It will meet in national convention

preachers with one reported as the head of the Apostolic Church of Illinois, editors of small town weeklies, the president of the Prosperity League of America, a few single taxers, some representatives of local farmer and labor organizations, certainly some politicians willing to ride this discontent into office, a few who had been active in the Nonpartisan League, followers of Georgia who spent his

movements that never see beyond the present capitalist system of

trary, it is our duty to inspire the masses with the willingness to fight for measures that will bring relief, that will, encourage them to fight for more, that will foster discipline in the struggle, and that will build the movement which will make it possible to approach the final task of reconstructing capitalism on a Socialist Without this preparation, this experience, this education, this discipline and this struggle final victory is unthinkable. A subject class without this preparation is more likely to fall a prey Fascist adventurers than work out its own redemption. It is the training, education, experi-ence and discipline which the now that fits them for the gre

Plarge ones.

From five to twelve persons of both sexes and varying ages are born, live in a faskion and die in these unpainted shantles.

Like the farmer who raises steers but cannot afford shoes, the steers but cannot afford shoes, the shearfly and as offen as their struck against it.

In the days of Soandso the bold and Whatshisname the Brave Lord of Whereveritwas, the serfs were fed, and housed, often in the castle where their masters slept and after the interstance of the market of the market of them for the greater tasks of tomorrow.

These are the reasons why it is so essential to frankly base our educational work upon the interstance of the working people in rurations.

Like the farmer who raises them for the greater tasks of tomorrow. Like the farmer who raises steers but cannot afford shoes, the miners grasp from the earth the source of electric power but are dependent on candles and oil lamps for illumination of what life demanded for human beings by our best psychologists and thus degenerate into a sterile dogthus degenerate into a sterile dogmatism, but if we think and act

will make progress.

The writer is hoping that the national office will be able to arrange for enough intelligent So-cialists to be on the ground when the Arkansas convention assembles so that the Socialist PITTSBURGH, Pa.-The Par- tion can be put before many thouclean or in repair.

The miners are traditionally American in this respect. They, whose 800 union taxi drivers like Rotarians, mill barons and struck on June 12th has fired its of sympathy and understanding, and wat our program and philose. work not to make money because they fell customers over the phone that the said of sympathy and understanding, and yet our program and philoseven when times are good they fell customers over the phone that firmness and coupled with a plea s not respectable.

The coal companies tracing less than a score of union memthe despoilers join our party. If

> In any event our job is to conuppressed.
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> The Parmalee Company has and interest is reduced to the lowits firm intention to est rate consistent with paying

## The leading sponsor of the movement is W. H. Harvey, author of "Coin's Financial School," the text book of the movement te

#### Profound Psychological Résearch Shows Depression Just a Myth

By Ben Blumenberg

N evidence of the part that chance plays in influencing great A N evidence of the part that the base part that discoveries, may be seen in the instance here given. The writer recently started to take a course in "The Cause and Cure of Industrial Depression." Before finishing the course, a physician ordered me to take a complete rest. All reading matter was denied, the one exception being the twenty-one volume set of "How To Create an Industrial Boom." One day after tiring of this utopian literature which was read to the accompaniment of "Happy Days

Are Here Again", played on ada second hand cross word puzzle.

I started to read a daily paper, commencing with the weather reports and ending with the classiports and ending with the classi-

Bedbugs, roaches and other vermin exterminated tective work. Shadowing all its branches. Satisfaction guaranteed.

"Why," thought I with regrets, did not the Fates endow me with

cesses in the American Magazine and other waiting room literature. as may be seen by present condi made clear subjects heretofore in-

economists, statisticians psychological one: the physical, for example. When people lack food thing in addition to the cry servation made by a famous news-

delegate receives a badge and take the cases of delusions of

record that had the appearance of grandeur. This is a state of mind figure largely in the census, in the voting returns of the political par-ties privately owned, and in the crowds in the vicinity of factory gates and employment agencies. They simply won't work. As the bard put it,

"How the hell can we work

Still musing on the loss to the world, I came across an ad for a book on psychology. In a flash all was made clear to me. The world at a tittude of mind there have that attitude of mind there have the manufacture of the Build
If any Moscow-inspire was being dunned for his dues by and demand of his fellow. least read the stories of their successes in the American Magazine omists has had a beneficial effect, The ad of the book on psychology tions. The clarity of their ideas is matched with their mumbling fig-ures of the box car and adding was the popular "money reform" of the tabloids know that the depression is psychological. Even have been amputated should stand Even have been amputated should stand and on his own feet. They believe that

As a result, there is national loss of appetite, a slowing up of the metabolic processes, impaired vision resulting from looking for prosperity to turn the corner and save our workers from starving:

Let the nation with typical McDowell County, N. C.

"Should the farmers a "Save our gardens and lawns, ers organize a new part prosperity to turn the corner and save our workers from starving; coming election?" was the prosperity to turn the corner and the disappearance of a sense of direction with the mislaying of

## The Perennial Issue



Drawn by Art Young

### **Hooray for Yankee Doodle Beetles!**

If any Moscow-inspired Red should object to his enforced diet and demand of his fellow Bolshewiks, "Are we mice or account of the control of

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snakes in Africa and locusts in

viks, "Are we mice or are we men?" he could be reminded that mai was fitted to the job. It was now easy to understand the thrill of the subjects who write, or at that the moratorium on thinking that the moratorium of the morato dence has showered on the nation.

#### Farmer-Labor Party Snails are eaten in France, Formed in Marion, N.C.

Let the nation with typical labor party will be organized in

"Should the farmers and work-Save our gardens and lawns, ers organize a new party in the coming election?" was the subject save millions in unemployment re-licf and banish Bolshevism from of the debate held at the Bethlethe disappearance of a sense of direction with the mislaying of the corner itself.

While our study has been thorough and bears out the discovery of the most profound minds who have found that the present depression is psychological, it is certain that a change is coming. It may be necessary for every individualist to swim over to Europ-

two days a week. A nominal sum is charged the miner for the dyna-

# The Miners "Homes"

#### Real Food, and Good Clothing Exist Only in Promises

By David Schick

COAL MINE is an ugly thing but a miner's life is uglier. A Western Pennsylvania's scenery rivals the old world's garden spots of beauty. For mile on mile its green-gowned mountains evoke the greatest admiration from the spectator. Then the barren shafts of a soft coal tipple strike you in the eye with choking force. No less disturbing is the visual appreciation of the manner of existence of the coal diggers and their families.

Surrounding every mine are two ows of outhouses. A row of large would have perpetuated a serfouthouses and a row of small dom more terrible than that of ones. The miners live in the Middle Ages had not the min-

Thank God For Water Water likewise is lacking in these humble dwellings and is to be procured only from a commu-nity well provided by the grace of God who created springs and what is more important by the grace of the coal company who furnish the pump but do not deign to keep it clean or in repair.

is not respectable.

The miners are permitted to wrestle with the avaricious grip of nature on her black diamonds, mite he uses, the light on his cap and the sharpening of his tools. That these sums including the cost of a few potatoes purchased at the week to balance or total more than

may be termed through courtesy, by our best psychologists and their homes. nothing.

#### Pittsburgh Taxi Strike Holds Fast; Company Lies About Service

(By a New Leader Correspondent? make little—but because to be idle there was no strike. In spite of that those who favor a fundam than a hundred cabs were in scab vince wage workers and operation have been completely farmers that even if the banking

suppressed. nounced its firm intention to break the union which was form the cost of the service. the ed in the fire of one of the bitter- that capitalist est strikes that the city of Pitts- and control the basic industries, company store manage every burgh has ever seen the first four the railroads, the telegraphs, telmonths of last year. The Parma- ephones, mines, oil fields week to balance or total more than a system of benevolent capitalism permits a miner to be given for his labor is only a coincidence to has everywhere successfully defeated all attempts to organize its that will enable them to feated all attempts to organize its that they working masses, and To be seated and participate in the proceedings all that is required to sign a specially designed credential which states that the personn seeking admission has read the working masses, and the farmers and the working masses, and the surface of the farmers and the working masses, and the proposed in the farmers and the working masses, and the surface of the farmers and the working masses, and the surface of the farmers and the working masses, and the surface of the surfac

An Army of Blind Revolt
From all sections of the West and the South will come thousands of discontented men and women representing a chaos of ideals. In the list of those who propose to attend as reported from week to week are realtors, a variety of money reformers, small town preachers with one reported as the head of the Apostolic Church

The Solid South the only opposition to the Bourbon Democratation to link this rural proletariat up with Socialist workers of the city of the two class divisions I The Socialist Party in elections. It is not the West.

Where Socialist Darks of education to link this rural proletariat up with Socialist workers of the city of the two class divisions I action described above were followed in the South with the Republican Party as the agency of Oklahoma before the sense of Oklahoma bef

in terms of this antagonism we

afford to be squeamish with hunger, precedent and unemployment urging them toward the table. It must be admitted beetles are plentiful and at present most wastefully executed in large numbers.

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Two Days Work A Week

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### Labor Leaders, Cats **And Catastrophes**

OUR congratulations to Alex McKeown, Social ist candidate for mayor of Philadelphia, pres-t of the largest local of the ten thousand striking hosiery workers in the Kensington district of that city, a good rebel and a fine Scotchman to boot.

We had the good luck to be one of the speakers at the convention of the Philadelphia party, wh' h nominated Alex last Sunday. And we went away from that convention convinced that in the keen-ayed, silvery-haired, bespectacled labor leader, with his clean-cut features and his fighting jaw, Phillphia has a candidate who in the months to come will rouse that city out of its political letharcome will rouse that city out of its political lethargy and will send the cause of Socialism in Philadelphia marching with firmer tread in real proletarian ranks towards its goal. Every reader of The New Leader should keep his or her eye upon the campaign in Philadelphia this fall.

paign in Philadelphia this fall.

Along with McKeown, the Socialists nominated one of the finest, most class-conscious groups of men and women, active in important poets in the labor movement of that city. Every other Socialist center in the country will have to step high and wide to keep up with the surging march of Philadelphia.

Throughout the convention the spirit of militant Socialism shone redly. Among the resolution passed, in addition to those demanding the release of Mooney, the immediate granting of unemployirance, the more active participation of ocialists in the labor movement, was one de ing the reactionary leadership of the United Mine Workers of America, and encouraging the brave stand made by the West Virginia miners in organsign a fighting union of their own.

The desperate plight of those miners in the Ka-

nawha valley haunts us these days, and we feel that anything we write must somehow drag in an appeal to you to send money for food and clothing for these embattled proletarians to the Emer-gency Committee for Strikers' Relief, 112 E. 19th street, New York.

In Philadelphia a number of the comrades made anxious inquiries as to the welfare of my feline family, recalling to mind the fact that I have used estraint and have said practically nothing bout my cats in this column recently. A report on them is long overdue, and don't you write in and cell me I am a case of prolonged infantilism and overlook such important matters as reparations revolution in Spain, and the collapse of Germany, order to make promotion for my four black

They are all doing well indeed, thank you, in spite of the fact that Yipsel, three weeks ago Sunday, swallowed a needle with a long white thread attached. From all appearances, at any rate, this has nowise ruffled his wonted calm. In our alarm we thought of having him X-rayed, but today he sits looking at me with a large and Oriental eye, diverted only occasionally by the enticing sight of a fly making his way acrross the high white celling. I had expected that, if nothing else happened. ing. I had expected that, if nothing else happened, he would be sitting around sewing on tiny garments, but for certain surgical reason which shall be omitbed from this strictly family paper, no blessed event will ever be in store for Yipsel. As a matter of fact, he has done his patriarchal duty to the comnunity by becoming the father of four magnificent kittens, born to him in my bottom bureau drawer by The Bear, the most beautiful offspring of the ate lamented Isabel. Of this union we have retained two, as you will remember: Audrey, a viva-clous black kitten with a beguiling patch of white at her slender throat, and Lucifer, whose youth was more or less darkened by invalidism. The strain of prolonged illness, now fortunately ended, has whitened three of Lucifer's longest whiskers, giving him a rather bizarre and Whistierian appearance, which nevertheless makes him quite distinguished. Between you and me, 1 suspect that Lucifer is

a bit of a hypochondriac. When he was really sick a bit of a hypochondriac. When he was ready such that was necessary to lift him onto chairs, as his back legs did not function well. Today, though to all intents and purposes he is completely recovered, when any humans are around, he will stand in front of chair wailing pathetically to be lifted up, spite of the fact that I have often come in upon him curled up snugly on the highest chair of all, to which he had evidently clambered unaided. Like all male things, Lucifer has a yen for the spot-light, and wants to be petted and made a fuss

over, no matter what is going on at the tim I got about quite a lot last week. Unity House Tamiment, Bryn Mawr School for Women Work-ers, Philadelphis. And everywhere I went I checked up on the feeling which I have had for many months, an intangible, mystical sense that we are all of us moving through a prelude to vast, world-shattering events. The times are strange ly reminiscent of those days of 1914 before the pisly reminiscent of those days of 1914 before the pis-tol snapped at Sarajevo, so magnificently described by H. G. Wells in the first part of his "Mr. Brit-ling sees It Through." You will remember that in that book wells described the sunny, careless days of the July when England was playing field hockey and taking tea in complete indifference the World War. "In a sense," wrote Wells, "it was untraceable; in a sense it was so obvious that he was amazed the whole world had not watched the untraceable; in a sense it was so obvious that he was a mazed the whole world had not watched the coming disaster. The plain fact of the case was re was no direct connection; the Sarajevo dropped for two whole weeks out of the general consciousness, they went out of the they ceased to be discussed; then they were up again and used as an excuse for the

And when we talked about the way the world is going under the pine trees at Unity, all the while in the back of my head there was a distant thunder, ominous and perturbing. Were we indeed, re-peating the 1914 prologue? While our comrades meet in Vienna to talk of peace and a decent way of finally writing Finis to the last war, are other een forces propelling us into a new cata-And if this is so, and my forebodings and the forebodings of thousands of others are true, how well prepared are we Socialists here in America to withstand the devastating shocks of a new cata-strophe? Nothing else matters much in my opinion. The urgency for high Socialist thinking, intense Socialist activity, is so great in these July days, seventeen years after the gray uniforms appeared on the poplar-lined Belgian roads, that at times it seems as though concerns with factional bickering preoccupations with personalities and personal af fairs, were indeed the silly play of imbeciles in an asylum set down in the midst of a shell-torn bat-

Let us hope that out in Vienna there may come a clear call to Socialist action which will thrill us here in America and give impetus and drive to our every-day activities. This is no time for vague generalities, framed in the form of well-mean resolutions. It is a time for courageous and forth-right leadership. It is a time for the summoning up of all the courage and intelligence which I know is in the rank and file of our party here and abroad. Let the compromisers, the fence-straddlers, the coffee-house philosophers have the decency to stand aside now. Real Socialists must be out on the streets of the working-class districts, on the picket lines in front of the coal tipples and the textile mills, wherever the dust goes up into the sun from the tramp of struggling armies in the war of class

McAlister Coleman.

From Our Foreign Correspondents

## No Hunger In Socialist Denmark

By Harry W. Laidler

FOR the first time in my European travels, I have had she rivilege of spending a few days in the stronghold of coopera-tion, the little kingdom of Denmark.

To the workers of the world, this little country of three and a half million population is of peculiar interest as one of the two countries in Western Europe which has a Socialist as Premier. Theodore Stauning, former cigar maker, has, since 1929, headed the government of this small Scandinavian country with a ministry consisting of some seven Socialists and three members

of the Radical party.
The country has up to the present time been one of the least affected by the world wide depres-sion. However, it depends largely pon Great Britain for its market for bacon, eggs and butter and the depression in England is having serious repercussions on the agriculture and whole economic

Last winter about 70,000 workers were unemployed. This number was, however, reduced to slightly more than 30,000 this summer, as a result of the vigorous expansion of public works by the municipalities and the state, under Socialist directions.

Two Leading Problems

The economic situation and the fight for disarmament were the cy. Et that is all.

"The Present state of the army," continued Mr. Gammelgaard, "is result of a compromise be and the continued mr. Gammelgaard, "is a small the continued mr. Gammelgaard, "is a smal two problems most in the public eye this summer. The Social Democrats in Parliament were urg-ing the virtual scrapping of the navy—it has but two battle ships of a mere police force. We listened to the Socialist presentation of the Social Democratic school at up?" Roskilde, a half hour's ride from tary expenditures under the plan urged by the party would be about standing. four million dollars as contrasted

ices. casional intruder from Germany over the southern border, and from Denmark at places by a narrow strip of water and a police force might be continued to deal with these situations, Socialists admit.

Reactionaries Want Bigger Army Difficulty might also arise in case of an improbable war between England and Russia, when either side might demand the right to send their battleships between the islands of Zealand and Funen, the two Danish islands in the eastern part of Denmark, and the country

tween the Conservatives and the Liberals in 1922 after the World at the present time—and the reduction of the army to the status that the present army is a comedy army. Its equipment is old fashioned, except in the artillery. of the case on the beautiful lawn It is a toy army. Why keep i

Against this point of view is Copenhagen. Comrade Gammel-tate of the Conservatives and Lib-gaard, the distinguished director of the school, gave the informal of Denmark depends on the main-The Socialists want both tenance of an army and navy to scrap the battleships and to re-duce the army from a peace force in the League of Nations makes of 4,000 to one of 1,600). The mili- such maintenance necessary. Lord

Socialists are committed to with a present expenditure of ten continuance of this fight for dis-million dollars. In no case, dewith a present expenditure of ten continuance of this right for dis-million dollars. In no case, de-clare the Socialists, would the crowned with success. Unfortuarmament until their efforts are present force or would any milinately while the Socialists and tary force which the Danes were Radicals have a majority in the to support, be in a position lower house they are still in a mi-Social Democrats, therefore, see no reason for paying for a useless militarism a large sum of upper house and a new election inent trade union officials.

The consumers' cooperative available for important social servadvocates, however, feel that the movement is strong and includes

in the country districts, however, than in the cities. In Copenhagen there are 80 cooperative societies

Labor Government Reduces Jobless from 70,000 to 30,000

They have achieved much in that fight. All the public utilities the telephone, telegraph, railroads, electricity, gas, water works—are owned by the state and the municpality. These industries have at least been taken out of the hands of profiteers, even though their peration is not so democratic as cialists would like.

Denmark has a system of ac

and that their success will mean much for the cause of peace

Utilities Publicly Owned

The disarmament fight,

throughout the world.

cident insurance. It has a vol-untary system of health insur-ance to which 1,500,000 adults almost all of the population— belong. If a worker contribut-ing to this state insurance sys-tem falls sick, he is entitled to free medical care at home, to a reduced charge for medicine and to about \$1.50 a day in benefits. Should he be sent to the hospi-tal, all of his hospital expenses are taken care of, except that the sum of 15 cents or so is de-

ducted from his daily benefits.

There is likewise a semi-public system of unemployment in-surance to which he contoributes about 70 per-cent, the state and the employers dividing the re-maining contributions between them. When he is unemployed he receives henefits for a three he receives benefits for a three months' period, after which he is entitled to public relief. Den-mark also has its old age pension system, its widow pensions and other forms of insurance, and the Socialists are striving to improve these various sys tems and to unify their admin

100 Per Cent Trade Unionism The trade union movement in enmark is nearly 100 per cent organized among the industrial workers and organized labor co-

workers, although it contains thoumark with a total circulation of litical and economic weapons to-200,000. A great deal of the in- ward a workers' and farmers re-200,000. A great deal of the sixty public.

side reading matter in these sixty public.

odd papers is, of course, syndi
When the other day I entered odd papers is, of course, syndicated in the Copenhagen plant and plans are on foot for increasing centralization in the editing and impressive symphony concert of the publication of this string of So- Wagner, Liszt and other callst papers. The party possess-es two resident schools at Ros-sands enjoying themselves amid kilde and Esbjerg.

There is no comparison between own Coney Island and numer the way in which the old people other American resorts and feel are taken care of in Copenhagen that America's boasted higher and in other Danish cities—we vis- standards were higher standards operates closely with the Social ited a beautiful old peoples' home on a cash basis only.

Democratic party. The president in the Socialist city of Elsmore— In the things that

**Despite World Depression** whole world has an eye upon them within its scope about one-third workers of the United States and that their success will mean of the families in Denmark. The Productivity per worker is less. Danish movement is far stronger in the country districts, however, than in the cities. In Copenhagen bath tubs and automobiles. But The disarmament fight, of course, is only one in which the Social Democrats are engaged. Still it is not so universal as Social Democrats are engaged. Still it is not so universal as Inc. They have greater security. There is not so universal as Inc. They have a joy of comradeship non-existent.

Students of social problems visit. Students of social problems visit not exist. The cities have Denmark from all over the world to study the producers' cooperative working class cities of the United movement among the farmers. In states. Flowers becken at one no place in the world is the farmer from every window. The amuse-ment parks present none of the Scandingting courter.

Scandinavian country. Cooperative societies, handle the farmers' found in most amusement parks eggs and butter from the farm to at home. The population knows orgs and butter from the farm to the London market. There are likewise great bacon cooperatives, and these are all integrated in a farmers' cooperative federation. One of the largest dairies in Copenhagen is likewise a cooperative, owned by the trade unions and the milk drivers of the city. milk drivers of the city.

Wages Go Further Than in U. S. a more healthful form of home The Social Democratic party is going and one involving less seri primarily a party of industrial ous traffic problems. Denmark hasn't solved its prob.

sands of small farmers as well. lems. It must continue to social-It is now attracting an increasing ize and democratize its life. It number of professional workers, is an interdependent world and Its membership is estimated at its prosperity depends to no small about 200,000. It has a strongly extent on the prosperity of other organized press. The Social Democountries. Its farmers realize this ocratin is the party's daily, and increasingly with every passing over sixty daily papers by that year. But it is showing that much name are published through Den- can be done by unspectacular po-

kilde and Esbjerg.

The city of Copenhagen is controlled by the Social Democrats. but contrast that scene with our

In the things that make for a beautify the surroundings.

The workers of Denmark do not obtain as high wages as do the our own country.

workers and employees must

acute. Its development is masked the disastrous effects, of the crisis,

guaranty of their claims for

wages, salaries, or benefits (under the social insurance laws) against

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The Chatterbox

Hunger

THERE have been drouths and pestilential scourge.

Draining the fields of sap and nourishment. And when the grain stalks fell, and all our toil Of plowing, sowing and the drudging chores Became unwilling tribute to a gourmand sun, We understood the hunger that would be Unjust reward. We understood why famine and despair

Made visitation to our humble huts. We under-

And made our prayers and wept.

Long, long ago we learned our impotence Against the suns and storms. And it was fair and human-like for us To bow before unconquerable chance, Wherein we neither shaped nor had a whit to do With fateful circumstance.

But this we cannot understand . . . The fearful famine that has gripped our land, When there is neither drouth nor pestilence, When all the granaries groan deep with weight. Of hoarded grain, when all the stores of stuff That we have made beyond enough. Bulge the walls of warehouses and vaults. While out upon the heartless street We slump in straggly lines, bare Of cloth to wear And food to eat

Rain falls, and all fields are full With life. A bright benevolent sun recalls With warmth, October's promise of the yield, And in a hundred million lives, the daily needs Speak hungrily to mills and industries. And yet the smoke stacks stand like lifeless obelisks

Against the lifeless past.

The magical machines wherewith we spin and fashion out

All comforts and requirements for the flesh, Stand still and mute and indolent as death. And what is all this idleness of men who cry for. work.

To whom their toil is warp and woof of life But just another cruel shape of death? Burdened down with plenty but a state Of grim insanity.

How long, oh masters, do you dream We will be silent and remain inert Before this hunger we are bearing through Will scourge us out of patience, out of mind? Not long, not long, we warn you now, not long. And if your sleep is peaceful now, we beg You make the most of all the respite it affords. house-cleaning in economic af-fairs, regardless of the separate interests of the capitalists. Wage A day will come when we will understand Why famine stalks within a land like ours: Why we are idle when there is so much to do; Why we are luckless when there is so much Of fortune surfeiting the few. . . .

> We warn you now . . . that when we learn Why there is hunger in our lovely land,

Your time will come to moan and groan And if you still have strength . . . to shout . . .

May I take this opportunity to thank all my kind friends and comrades, young and old, who have sent me their consolation over my father's

Unsentimental as we radicals always try to appear, the strings of human feelings are str taut and violently responsive within us. I have stemmed up tears through all my adult days, they threaten quite seriously to break days, they threaten quite strong so studious-through or overflow the dam I have so studious-by huilt against them. Even as I read through Comrade Moses Oppenheimer's age wavering script, my eyes blur and it is so difficult to go on. Thank my eyes blur and it is so difficult to go on. Thank you all, dear comrades and friends. This occasion of death brings with it some of the deeper joy for remaining alive. . . .

S. A. deWitt.

### The Bricks of Shame

I know not whether laws be right Or whether laws be wrong; All that we know who lie in jail Is that the wall is strong; And that each day is like a year, A year whose days are long.

This, too, I know-and wise it were If each could know the same That ev'ry prison that men build Is built with bricks of shame, And bound with bars lest Christ should see How men their brothers maim.

The vilest deeds, like poison weeds. Bloom well in prison air; It is only what is good in man That wastes and withers there: Pale Anguish keeps the heavy gate And the warder is Despair. -Oscar Wilde.

### Socialism

I tell you this for a wonder, that no man shall then be glad

Of his fellow's fall and mishap to snatch at the work he had. Then all mine and all thine shall be ours, and no more shall any man crave

For riches that serve for nothing but to fetter a

friend for a slave. For all these shall be ours and all men's, nor shall any lack a share Of the toil and the gain of living, in the days

-William Marrie

when the world grows fair.

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#### British Independent Labor par-**World Socialist Congress** ty, who asserted that time was being wasted in speeches of welcome that should be devoted to Plans War on Unemployment this vital subject. "We will turn to every govern-

THE delegates meeting in the Congress of the Labor and Sodemocracy. The International, he said, was firmly resolved to put an end to armaments, military alliances and hostile groups of powers.

"Those who do so show that they do not understand the true posi-tion of Germany or know that in the daily fight which German Social Democracy must wage in Parliament or on the street nothing less is at stake than the continuance or annihilation of German democracy. Upon the victory or defeat of German democracy now hangs the fate of democracy and peace in Europe.

Dictatorship Attacked

"Let nationalistic reaction in
Germany triumph over the ruins of
the republic and civil war will be
followed only too soon by a war of
peoples and that by a world revolution. The whole International realizes that a great fight is being
fought today in Germany, on the
outcome of which depends, in great
measure, the whole future of Europe and, above all, the success or
failure of the disarmament conference."

M. Vandervelde also referred to Dictatorship Attacked

M. Vandervelde also referred to the growth of dictatorships, "under which half of Europe now lives." In this connection an Italists? Armaments breed new armian Socialist delegate, Filippo Tur- aments. Even if ours were po ati, who, like other Italian delegates, is living in exile, said:

longer that Fascism is a local phenomenon, a post-war sickness which will soon be healed by peace. Will the International, which seventeen years ago was foreign Secretary, declared that war, be able to withstand not only ment which opposes dis feat in civil war, which is latent the views of Henderson.

in every nation."
On Monday the

ment which signed the Kellogg pact," Mr. Baker announced, "and German and French De- at the Congress following the end legates Stage Demon-stration of Solidarity of the Russo-Japanese war when Sen Katayama and George Plekan-hoff clasped hands on the rostrum while the delegates cheered. request that it fulfill its pledge. My superior, Foreign Minister Henderson, has shown how the

Bracke, Wels Preside

The two chairmen appointed on If congress and the congress of the french and fine the congress, President family and the Congress, President family and the Congress, President family and the German Social Demokratic Party. Wels referred to his comes the breakdown of the disarmament problems this comes the breakdown of the life about "Marxist Mismanage can be solved by arming the conquered, but only by a common front against the militarists of the french and Gerbard for the first and parties. In the disarmament problems this comes the breakdown of the life about "Marxist Mismanage ment," which was invented to disarrate for the french and the disarmament problems this comes the breakdown of the law of the disarmament problems the configuration. We don't think disarmament problems the configuration for the disarmament problems the disarmament problems the disarmament problems the configuration for the disarmament problems the dis The British Labor delegate's standpoint was that trade unions must watch the munition factories

Inances and nostife groups of powers.

Should another war break out, however, he said, capitalistic governments would have to realize that it would end in civil war and revolution. A statement published in the Arbeiter Zeitung by M. Van.

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to the position of Germany. Rebuking the defamers of policy of former day has given way to the feudalism of banks and big industries.

The opinion gas was the feudalism of the feudalism of the condon for a discussion ferman Social Democrats, he writes:

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they are the same forces as are preparing for civil war. preparing for civil war.
"Comrades from Germany, who are fighting the heaviest fight, the airplanes with fifty-four tons are ingiting the heaviest light, the airpinnes with hity-four tone, your chief enemies, the Hitlerites, are the cause of the financial crisis against which Germany fights and mile of the city and that each airwhich has overflowed into the whole world. On the day when poison gas frightful enough to exthese forces win in Germany a permanent war danger will have begun to exist for the whole

"If democracy wins in Germany, as I believe and hope, what danger could Germany be to its neighbors? We know, too, that Germany's economic well-being as essential to our own.

Says Arms Breed New Arms
"If reaction should succeed in

would only be the safety of cor "Today nobody believes any quest, not the safety of peace, and

torn and almost destroyed by the "we will proclaim every governthe threat of a new world war, a deadly enemy of mankind." His but the danger of proletarian destatement was accepted as voicing

That disarmament must be the all-important theme of the constration of solidarity between gress had already been impressed French and German delegates that on the delegates in another fash-recalled a similar demonstration ion by Mr. Bacon, delegate of the

#### German Socialists aid is justified only if the influen of the state is permanently assured in the interest of the co ity. "There must be a thorough And Capitalists

By ALGERNON LEE

The following is the manifesto sued by the German Social protected through unconditional Democratic Party on July 14: "The crisis has become more

League of Nations can be used in the cause of peace. Every Social-ist must see that the League proand its representatives. The bank-rupt finance magnates and indusrupt finance magnates and industrial lords are not Marxists. They are the determined champions of society as a whole. Not instigaare the determined champions of society as a whole. Not instiga-capitalistic private business and tion of hatred among the peoples,

peace treaties.

The British Labor delegate demanded the abolition of britishing of the subordination but firm unity and resolute strugdervelde revealed the anxiety of band from the very midst of the international socialism in regard to the position of Germany. Reof the giant capitalist enterprises gle against all hostile for complied with. Today the bank- terested to observe that the Geropponents of Marxism peal for salvation through the some more or less prominent state. Today the government be-comes guaranter for the collapsed pudiated the Marxian tradition banks and talres them under its and the principle of class strug-

"Did the statesmen keep in mind the sirplanes with fifty four tone help from abroad. But a good part of these capitalists financed the momentous electoral victory of the nationalistic reaction in September of last year and has poison gas frightful enough to ex-tinguish the last breath of life in London? Modern weapons are this day sedulously supported its credit-destroying policies.

"In this hour of extreme danger we call for a decisive change. more terrible than ever and there-

fore the armament race is more "The autocracy of the banks and the great industries is lead-ing the economic life to ruin. It must be done away with. State Among the Socialist locals that

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## This Week on Stage

"Trial By Jury" and "Pinafore" Offered At the Erlanger

Gilbert and Sullivan enthusiasts have the opportunity these days of hearing "Trial By Jury," a one act operetta which has been ard but infrequently. "Trial By Jury" precedes a revival of "Pinafore" at the Erlanger Theatre.

Theon Pennington is a newcomer to Milton Aborn's company this week. In the curtain-raiser, Miss rton seemed to sense the spirit of fun Gilbert and Sullivan injected into their travesty on a breach of promise suit. In "Pina-fore," however, Miss Pennington played and sang to less advantage. This seemed to be true of the en-tire company which again included the able and estimable Howard William C. Danford and Moulan. Perhaps it was Frank Moulan. the heat, but by the time the company was through prancing in and out of the courtroom of "Trial By Jury," they seemed to have little energy left for "Pinafore." The peretta merely unwound

### Stadium Programs

FRITZ REINER, Conductor Sunday Evening, August 2

Academic Overture, Brahms; Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Beethoven Symphonia Domestica, Strauss.

Monday Evening, August 3
Overture to "The Bartered Bride,"
Smetans: "New World" Symphony
Dverak; Espana, Chabrier; Danse
Macabre, Saint-Caens: Fetes, Debussy; La Valse, Ravel; Roman Carnival, Berlioz.

Tuesday Evening, August 4

bussy: La Valse, Ravel; Roman Carnival, Berlioz.

Tuceday Evening, August 4

Program to be announced later.

Wednesday Evening, August 5

All-Wagner Program: Prelude to Act II of "Lohengrin", Prelude to Act III of "Lohengrin", Venusberg Scene from "Tannhauser", Kaiser March, Ride of the Walkure, Waldweben from "Siegfried", Good Friday Spell from "Farsifal", Prelude to Act III of "Die Meistersinger", Dance of the Apprentices from "Die Meistersinger". Finale from Act III of "Die Meistersinger".

Thursday Evening, August 6

Thursday Evening, August 6
Ovrture "Secret of Suzanne", Wolf-errari; Symphony No. 7 in A. Beeti-can; La Giara, Casella; (Tenor Solo-ta, Ralph Errolle), Les Preludes,

Friday Evening, August 7 sorgaky, "El Amor Brujo, De Falls, (Contraito Soloist: Sophie Brasiau); Olassie Symphony, Prokoñeff; Suite from "Hary Janos", Kodaly; Schatz Walzer from "Gypsy Baron", Johann Strauss; Rakoczy March, Berlotz, Saturday Evening, August 8

Saturday Evening, August Song of the Volga Boatman, Stravinsky; Fireworks, Stravinsky; "Pulcinella Suite for small orchestra, Stravinsky; Firebird Suite, Stravinsky; Intermezzo and Waltz from "Intermezzo", Strauss; Salome's Dance, Strauss; Death and Transfiguration,

#### In one of the Big Hits in Town



Megfried Roumann and Hor-Alden in a scene from nd Hotel," Herman Shumlong running play at the

Continuing at the Little



Lee Parry, popular German Film star, who has the feminine lead in "Die Lustigen Weiber von Wien," now at the intimate playhouse on 57th Street. The picture was directed by Geza von Bolvary with music by Rob-ert Stolz, creators of "Two Hearts".

#### 'Immortal Vagabond' Opens at the Warner

Another UFA film success acclaimed by London critics, "The Immortal Vagabond," opens at the Warner Theatre for its American premiere today. In the name role, Gustav Froh-

lich draws an appealing portrait at the Europa Theatre where this of a broken-hearted composer, frolicsome little picture has broken while beautiful Liane Haid is ap-pealing as the girl he loves. Against extraordinary outdoor

settings in the Tyrolean Alps and gay Vienna, this exquisite musical drama is developed with striking shots of the opera house in Vienna where the hero's opera is a triumphant success.

The direction by Gustav Ucicky, its very unpretentiousness is apcamera by Karl Hoffman, and mu- pealing. sic by Ralph Benatzky are in the best UFA tradition.

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Carl Gerhardt, Franz Falkenstein and Herman Thimig. The
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the Roxy today. Edmund Lowe,
the Mozero Lohn Holiday Leep. wanderings, and his final return Lois Moran, John Holiday, Jean to his native town, contains many Hersholt, Greta' Nissen and Myr-

cence of the towering Tyrolean Alps, the simple charm of the villagers, their songs and dances, indicate of the Viennese of the Viennese Opera orchestra, the Roxeyettes, the Bal-House, all contribute to the intriguing atmosphere of "The Immortal Vagabond." Cavara, the famous tenor of the Berlin State
Opera, is heard to advantage in

MUSIC

the musical sequences.
The Warner Theatre announces for August presentation "The Love Storm," a British International production, directed by E. A. Dupont, director of "Variety," and the American premiere of "The Dreyfus Case," which caused an upheaval of controversy when preated recently in Europe,

#### Cameo Theatre Holds Over New Soviet Film, "A Jew at War'

"Rebuild, rebuild," is the cry of latest RKO Cameo picture, "A Jew at War," now in its second week at the theatre.

This new Soviet film shows the life of a peace-loving man forced into war against his will. While in the trenches, he fights bravely, but the horror of it all makes him. desert. He is brought back, however, and after the war he becomes a leader in his country. His hon or, which makes him kill his best friend, also puts him in the front rank of idealists and rebuilders of his country to make Russia a pow-

er in the world.

The leading role of David is played by Veniamin Zuskin of the State Moscow Jewish Theatre.

#### A Note About "Shoot the Works

By HEYWOOD BROUN

It always seemed to me feasible for a group of actors to get together on a cooperative basis and put on a show. Of course, the idea isn't new. It has been used extensively in England, and successfully. Here cooperative ven-tures have not fared so well. But in a good many cases cooperation has been tried merely as a last resort after the play or revue opened on the usual basis and beran to weaken.

My plan has been to enlist arge number of groups in joining together. A number of wellknown composers and sketch writers came through to help. But in addition to this material we decided to try and give a hearing to as many mute and inglorious Miltons as possible. This required a great deal of time. Seemingly almost everybody in New York has somewhere in a desk drawer a copy of a song.

I might explain that "Shoot the Works" is a show out of which nobody but the actors and the chorus can make money. Those who have put up funds for the pro-Those duction are all pledged to the agreement that the most they can hope for is to get their original contributions back without increase or interest.

The players are gamblers as well as actors, for their salary depends entirely upon the receipts. Ac-cordingly, the most important element in the cooperative venture is after all the public.

#### Concerning the Long Running 'Two Hearts' At the Europa Theatre

One of the best examples of the type of musical film which should be set up as an example to Holly-wood is the Viennese operetta, "Zwei Herzen im Dreiviertel Takt" now entering its forty-third week not only all records for continuous run throughout the world during the past year but has set the

weeks of actual studio work-and

"Zwei Herzen im Dreiviertel "The Love Storm" and titles have been inserted to bring the fine points of the story within the "ken" of non-German speaking audiences. This may solve the whole problem of presenting the whole problem of presenting the many solve the many solve the whole problem of presenting the many solve the many titles have been inserted to bring as one of the major UFA productions, "The Immortal Vagabond," in German, has run almost a year and Pound, of the commission, a musical love-drama of Vienna at the Europa and has won its sion with the original German cast, today.

Headed by Gustav Frohlich, of "Metropolis" fame, and the pretty Liane Haid, who makes her Afferican debut in this film, "The Immortal Vagabond" boasts a renowned cast of continental artists including Hans Schlettow, "Carl Gerhardt. Franz Falken-

an interesting turn and sardonic na Loy comprise an important wist.

Enacted against the magnifiby Guy Bolton thrilling and im-

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Veniamin Zuskin, of the State Moscow Jewish Theatre, as David, in "A Jew at War", the Amkino film which is now in its second week at the Cameo Theatre.

'The Reckless Hour' With Dorthy Mackaill In Strong Dramatic Role at Both Strands

"The Reckless Hour," which opens simultaneously today at both the New York and Brooklyn Strand Theatres, presents Dorothy Mackaill in a role more dramatic than any she has before attempted. The light comedy in which Miss Mackaill usually indulges is almost entirely lacking in this dramatization of Arthur Richman's play

This story of a betrayed woman whose one mistake sears her en-tire life serves to usher Miss Mackaill into the top ranks of dramatic actresses. She is ably supported by Walter Byron, as the initial man in her life, with Conrad Nagel as the lover who atones for the original betrayal.

Others in the cast are Joan Blon dell, H. B. Warner, Dorothy Peterson, Helen Ware, Joe Donahue, Ivan Simpson, and Maex Madison. John Francis Dillon directed.

#### "Smart Money" in Last Week at Winter Garden

"Smart Money" stays at the Winter Garden for another its seventh-starting this Thurs-

The decision to hold over this smash hit, with Edward G. Rob-inson and James Cagney, was and Sunday showed an increase of laken from the normal foodchild.

Goodchild.

an amazing pick-up considering the length of time "Smart Money" has

Fifi D'Orsay been running.

#### Wickersham Report To Hoover Attacks **Mooney Conviction**

WASHINGTON - (FP) - "Such a state of the law is shocking to Takt" with its German dialogue is a state of the law is shocking to one's sense of justice," is the final a nation-wide success. English opinion on the helplessness of the ppinion on the helplessness of the California courts to grant a new

Although Baker, Wickersham and Pound, of the commission, prefor the report on Legal Lawless-ness, a brief but powerful indict-ment of the actual legal injustice done the famous class prisoners was embodied in another report. This is the report on Criminal Procedure. Pending the publica-tion of the remarks on the Mooney case which may be found in the Legal Lawlessness report, this statement is an effective summary of the failure of the California courts to safeguard citizens against fraud on the part of the prose-cuting attorney.

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Richard Dix' Latest "The Public Defender" Opens at the Mayfair And Albee Theatres

Mad adventure, masked men odern Robin Hoods, danger and romance are some of the highlights in Radio Pictures "The Pub-lic Defender," the new Richard Dix starring vehicle which opened this week end at both the Mayfair and RKO Albee theatres. Dix wants for an outstanding performance is excitement, the of conflict and a necessarily virile drama of intense action, as evidenced in his famous role of Yancey Cravat in "Cimarron."

"The Public Defender" provides just such elements in a story of a man who battles alone against the enemies of society. Pike Winslow. a war veteran, lives a dual life . . . the one, his natural place in society as the son and sole heir of a late financial power, who is con-tent to just live despite the contempt of his father's friends who think he should carry on . . . the other as a keen-minded adventurer who with two trusted ex-convicts as helpers, apparently stops at nothing to avenge the victims of characters who are less than the state of th hady manipulators who are legally or politically protected. His brilliant and daring methods, al-ways identified by visiting cards signed "The Reckoner," leave the police helpless, much to the con-sternation of guilty consciences.

inson and James Cagney, was made when immediately upon the report that it had entered its last week, receipts promptly jumped and again lines formed outside the little and constitution of guirty consciences. Richard Dix plays Pike Winson, supported by Shirley Grey, Purnell Pratt, Edmund Breese, Ruth Weston, Boris Karloff, Paul and again lines formed outside the Hurst, and others. J. Walter Rubbox-office. Figures over Saturday en directed the picture, which is and Sunday showed an increase of taken from the novel by George

On Albee Stage

In addition to Richard Dix in his newest RKO Radio Picture
"The Public Defender", the RKO Albee Theatre. Brooklyn starting this Saturday, is presenting on its vaudeville stage Fifi D'Orsay, the vaudeville stage Fifi D'Orsay, the 'It' comedienne of stage and in Chicago and at the United Artscreen singing songs she made known through her pictures. Kitty Doner. America's great male im-

Breese, Ruth Weston, Boris Karloff and Alan Roscoe.

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Revue Has Pep, Melody

"Newly Rich" for laughs on the ecreen and Fanchon & Marco's "Pep" Idea furnishing melodies on the stage, make up an ideal sum-mer program now current at the Fox Brooklyn Theatre. "Newly Rich" is based upon Sin-

clair Lewis' latest novel, "Let's Play King" with the leading roles in the film falling to Louise Fazenda and Edna May Oliver, a new comedy team, and Mitzi Green and Jackie Searl. Directed by Nor-man Taurog who made the suc-ceasful "Skippy" picture, the story relates how the jeajousies of two rival child movie stars start a foud rival child movie stars start a feuc between their "newly rich" mamas each ambitious for her own darl-ing; and how each is taken to London to meet the youthful king for publicity's sake; and how the chil iren finally rebel and take mat ters into their own hands.

Fanchon & Marco's "Pep" Idea features "The Hollywood Colleg-ians", known as the far-famed IT Boys of Melody and Mirth. They are fifteen musical wizards, each one a rare musician, dancer, singer and seasoned comedian, and are assisted by Dorothy Crooker, the only feminine member of the gang. Other music on the Fox program

is furnished by Sam Jack Kauf-man and his band, Eddle Magill's vocal selection, and Bob West's organ novelty solo. The Fox Movietone News also plays an impo tant part on the bill.

# Die Lustigen Weiber

"Die Lustigen Weiber von Wien" or "The Merry Wives of week-end at that attractive cinema where it enters on its fourth week this coming Wednesday. Those who are planning to see this tuneful and delightful Viennes operetta, however, had best not wait too long, for a nannounce ment this week from the manage ment states that the engagement of "Merry Wives" will necessarily be comparatively brief owing to bookings that have already made for the latter part of August and early September.

men who acted as director and composer, "Two Hearts in Waltz Time." to cure Featured in the new film are Paul criminal. Hoerbiger, Irene Eisinger, Willy Forst, Lee Parry and others.

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"Politics"—the new Metro-Gold-wyn-Mayer feature production starring Marie Dressler and Polly Moran, which will have its first New York showing at the Capitol Theatre today, shattered all boxoffice records in its three test engagements out-of-town before opening on Broadway. The the-atres in which "Politics" broke records are the Fox Theatre in

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## DOROTHY MACKAILL

7th Sensational

"Newly Rich" Moves to In the New Radio Picture at the Mayfair Theatre



Richard Dix' newest picture "The Public Defender" starts a run at the Mayfair theatre to-day. Picture with him is Shirley Grey.

#### 'The Secret Call' is Thrilling Drama at the Hipp-Stage Show Has Many Laughs

The RKO Hippodrome is presenting Richard Arlen and Peggy Shannon in "The Secret Call", the melodrama of political graft which as a stage play was a thriller known as "The Woman". Ned Sparks is funnier than usual as the brittle-voiced news reporter and William R. Davidson is splendid as the big boss. There are heart-throbs, action and humo ralore in this picture.

Joe Marks, past master of ho kum; Mary Haynes, favorite sing-ing comedienne; and Charles Mc-Nally with his clever company head the parade of laugh-makers on the eight act vaudeville bill. Bernice and Emily, Broadway's dancing darlings are a delight; Eddie Jerome and Bill Ryan are just red hot with songs and music; Conrad's Pigeons, demonstrate Shavian intelligence; Capt. Willie, Vienna" will continue over the Mauss, the famous war ace offers a thrilling motor performance; and the Gaines Brothers, Cuba's repretic prowess.

#### Karlin Wins Radio Debate

William Karlin, former Socialist ner of a radio debate on, "Should Punishment for Crime be Abolished," which was recently broadcast by WPAP. Mr. Kar speaking for the Affirmative, posed Lieut. James F. Milde. product of Geza von Bolvary and radio straw vote which indicated Robert Stolz, the Teutonic gentle- that the listeners endorsed Mr. Karlin's argument for the abolirespectively, in the tion of prisons and the adoption making of that other German hit, of treatments which would aim "Two Hearts in Waltz Time." to cure instead of punish the

J. Fred Coots Joins Eddie Dowling at the Paramount, New York J. Fred Coots, composer, he

been engaged to accompany Eddie Dowling in their presentation at the Paramount Theatre, New York opening Friday. Mr. Coots will feature his latest ong hit "Love Letters in the land" with Dowling and Ray

#### Dooley singing the chorus, Heywood Broun's Show To Give Midnight

Performance Encouraged by the success of ast week's experiment in small hour entertainment, Heywood Broun and Milton Raison have de cided to make the Wednesday midnight performance of "Shoot the Works" a regular weekly occurrence. Accordingly, there will be a second performance of "Shoot the Works" at 11:40 Wednesday. with guest entertainers from other

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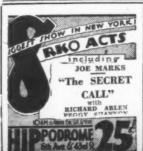
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## Picnic of Socialists

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ganizations cooperating, was a chairman of the local.

suge success, More than 27,000 Vladimir Karapetoff crowd witnessed the athletic Star Soccer game.

m., occupied the grand stands park space in front of the platand park space in front of the platform erected for the concert, speaking, and movie show. Norman Thomas delivered a brief but very effective appeal. Aaron Levinstein representing the Young People's Socialist League, followed with a fervent appeal to youth. August Claessens spoke briefly, and made a number of announcements, particularly an appeal for funds for the striking miners. A collection of some \$60.00 was taken. The members of the Young People's Socialist League, hundreds of whom were at the picnic, were also busily engaged in collections funds for relief work.

A still larger crowd stayed to see A still larger crowd stayed to see the still larger crowd stayed t

### 27,000Storm Karapetoff, Famed Engineer, Socialist Nominee For Mayor

Ithaca Socialists Plan Campaign on Unemployment Issue

(By a New Leader Correspondent) Parade in Bronx

THACA, N. Y.—Organization of the Tompkins county Socialist local and designation of four candidates for the November elections York City, with many trade was accomplished at a meeting of unions, Workmen's Circle branches and other fraternal and social or-man of Ellis Hollow was elected

Vladimir Karapetoff, vice prespeople gathered at Ulmer Park on ident of the League for Industrial Saturday, July 26th. It was a day Demoracy, and long a member of of real enjoyment. The weather Cornell's faculty as professor of was ideal and the crowd came electrical engineering, is the was a treat the trough group's candidate for mayor. Ka-without a hitch, and the large rapetoff is one of the outstanding crowd witnessed the athletic engineers of the world. Wesley imes and contests, including the Eastman, chairman of the Tompkins county Socialist party, wa
A crowd of more than 5,000 at designated for assemblyman.

Alva Tompkins, associate direc tor of Cornell united religious work, was chosen for county wel-

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were also busily engaged in collecting funds for relief work.

A still larger crowd stayed to see the movie program. Throughout the day, great numbers of comrades gathered around tables, under the trees where places were assigned to them, and renewed acquaintance. It was the sort of gathering where everyone met everybody else whom had not seen for a long time, and in that sense, these picnics have proven to be the best possible opportunity for retuilons as compared with any other venture the Party undertakes, the other continuous as compared with any other venture the Party undertakes, the other continuous as compared with any other venture the Party undertakes, the other continuous as compared with any other venture the Party undertakes, the other continuous as compared with any other venture the Party undertakes, the other continuous as compared with any other venture the Party undertakes, the other continuous as compared with any other venture the Party undertakes, the other continuous and collect more money, as reliable committee was appointed.

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Alay, For the support of the striking miners, some money has already been for more and it is planned to hold a demonstration and collect more money, as well as food and clothing, for which of a reliable committee was appointed.

19-20 A. D.—A meeting of the branch will be held on Friedry evening, August 14, in the home of Comrade Well, 83 Harmon street, Brooklyn.

QUEENS

Queens County Committee.—The Second Annual Automobile outing is scheduled for Sunday, August 2, at Valley Stream, State Park, in Valley

Stream. The Merrick road from Jamaica, Elimhurst, Astoria, Sunnyside and Far Rockaway, and wrocand in the committee to morning in each section, Jamaica, Elimhurst, Astoria, Sunnyside and Far Rockaway, and wrocand in the committee to a first and third private to a first and

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## Socialist Work Open-air Meetings Being gether

**Many States** 

Held-Many Picnics to Bring Workers To-

Illinois

Word has been received of the death at Charleston, W. Va., of Cynthia Reade, active Socialist leader at transton. Comrade Reade had gone to Virginia to volunteer her services to the strikers' relief activity being conducted there. She was best known next to work in compaction with her conducted there. She was best known in party work in connection with her work as secretary of the Committee on Good Will Day protesting against the aerial "bombardment" of Chicago last spring. She had also been active in fighting for municipal ownership of utilities in Evanston. The Chicago chapter of the League for Industrial Democracy is raising a fund in her memory to be sent for strike relief.

Pennsylvania.

classes. In about an hour we distributed nearly 2,000 leaflets in a working class sector. In connection with the campaign we expect to distribute over 50,000 leaflets in Richmond, hold a series of eight weekly mass meetings in the parks, and five big indoor railies, besides regular meetings of the Local every Wednesday night, and other special meetings. The largest crowd the Democrats have been able to attract so far to their primary campaign meetings was eighty-two adults and forty-four children last week. We expect to smash that record!

HOPEWELL.—The second great raily last Saturday night on "Red Square" was a howling success. Several hundred heard W. F. Billings, candidate for the State Senate, David G. George, candidate for the House-of Delegates, Alexander Walker and Jesse Gross. Even before the Democratic primary we are forcing the old gang to fight back, and we have them on the run.

This Saturday the speakers will be Donald Lee, Jack Herling, and David George. Meetings start promptly at 8 o'clock. They will be held every Saturday night until election day. Future speakers will include John J. Rafka, Herman R. Anseil, John C. Davis, Dr. E. Siblakoffsky, Donald Smith, George H. Goebel, G. August Gerber, Murray Baron, G. Cary White, Richard L. Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Otey, and others.

We will hold a local picnic on Sunday, August 30, at Johnson's Creek, and again on September 20th. In the last week fourteen new members have joined the hundreds in the Socialist local here. The L. I. D. group is doing wonderful work here. and al-Report Active

weeks of open air meetings during last week fourteen new members have joined the hundreds in the Socialist A newly organized local at Portales starts out with twenty-two members. Gilbert H. Hawkinson has been organizer. John Williams, state secretary, talked to the opening meeting. Comrade Williams is now conducting an organization campaign at Tuscarari.

North Carolina

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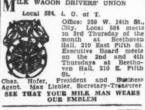
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#### **Hoover on Wages**

HEADLINES report that President Hoover's stand on wages is unchanged and that he opposes wage cuts. This follows the statement of Secretary Lamont a few days before who had said that some idustries, faced with the prospect of closing down, may seek 'temporary wage reduc-

Hoover might as well have said that there shall be no flood after the dam has broken and the valley has been flooded. Wage-slashing has been going on all over the United States. We wish it were otherwise but facts are too well known. Lamont was a little indiscreet because his statement will be filed by the Democratic publicity bureau for use in the campaign next year and Hoover wants to be reelected. We think that the wise boy who was going to put a chicken in every pot and a car in every garage was thinking more of that campaign than he was of wage-cutting.

Hoover is about the biggest four-flusher that ever sat in a swivel chair. Marketed to the nation as the engineer who knew all about industry, he is about the sorriest figure that ever occupied the White House. Had Al Smith been heaved into his place in 1928 Tammany's prize exhibit would have been just as sorry a figure.

The fact is that these politicians of capitalism know little of the system in which they live. The collapse was a surprise to all of them. A little knowledge of Socialist economics enables the humblest worker to anticipate the thing that surprises them. It is this Socialist knowledge that is required at Washington and in every city and state executive office.

### The Farmer's Problem

GRICULTURE has always been a problem for Socialists in every country. Its trend has not been the same as that in industry. In capitalist industry the tendency has always been to enlarge the business until through consolidation, climination of the small capitalist, and creation of a working class with interests antagonistic to the owners of industry.

In agriculture the tendency towards large capital and large holdings has not been evident till in recent years the factorized farms have appeared. The persistence of small holdings has also been striking with the result that small owners have the psychology of an intermediate class. They fear the class above them and dread being reduced to a wage status. So long as they own a few acres they feel that they have a stake in capitalism. They may rebel against some phases of capitalist extortion and yet not see that it is the whole capitalist system that is their enemy.

Today hundreds of thousands have lost their land while those who still possess some cannot wring an existence from the soil. Senator Capper shows what 25 cent wheat means to him. A farmer pays the price of five bushels of wheat for a pair of boy's knickers; he pays one bushel for a loaf of bread; one bushel for five pounds of flour, and one bushel for a pound of ham. This frightful inequity in exchange is a constant reminder that a few acres of land no longer mean independence but serfdom.

There is no final and satisfactory solution of this problem for the farmer within the capitalist system. Socialism should make a strong appeal at least to some of them despite a hangover of individualist views.

### The House of Boodle

WHEN the Tammany delegation goes to the next Democratic convention it will have to order a large quantity of disinfectants. neared with muck and dirt, its members are they to contaminate other persons while they are enroute to and from the next national auction of the party.

The latest exhibit in the gallery of Tammany is the horse doctor, William F. Doyle, who our own.

has admitted in the examination before Judge Seabury that he split large fees with some unknown persons while practicing before the Board of Standards. Asked if he divided the loot with any political leader he refused to answer on the ground that it might incriminate him,

Hardly a week goes by without the Tammany House of Boodle being implicated in some dirty mess. That we are governed by low scoundrels who fill their pockets with plunder is an old story. Since the days of the Forty Thieves the scoundrels have been plying their trade while substantial majorities have been rolled up by voters in favor of these rats. Most large American cities have something like this and it has been current practice in many of the small Latin-American countries for generations.

Fundamentally it is the working class that is the victim of all this looting. Workers hang like hams in the subways and on the elevateds because plunderers fill their pockets and neglect decent transit facilities. For the same reason our schools are sinecures for Tammany lieutenants, workers are clubbed when striking, diseasebreeding tenements survive, and the unemployed receive no adequate attention. The reformers are not interested in these issues. They want to clean up but what is necessary is a Socialist administration that will represent the laboring population.

#### A Junker Speaks

BRIGADIER GENERAL HOLBROOK in an address before the Lightning Division at Camp Dix predicted a war with Russia and forecasts Germany as an American ally in this war. In the days of the old Prussia such speeches by strutting military officers were regarded here as characteristic of saber-rattling Junkers. Our gold braid fops indulge in the same thing without many people understanding its significance.

His military highness asserts that Russia has declared war on the United States by urging "the overthrow of this government." Well, general, perhaps Russia got the idea from the United States when President Wilson sent troops into Russia for a similar purpose. Besides the Bolsheviks know that the United States is an expert in overthrowing governments and they may like to imitate us.

For example, President Roosevelt cooperated with a revolution in Panama by consulting with the main conspirator and then sending warships off the coast to prevent the Columbian government from suppressing the revolt in her own province. Still earlier the American Minister to Hawaii worked with sugar planters in overthrowing the Hawaiian government with marines from an American warship, and one of the conspirators, Sanford B. Dole, declared himself a republic and this "republic" was recognized by the

There have been other affairs of this kind in which Uncle Sam has set an example for the rest of the world. He has been a teacher in this sort of work for more than forty years and the general should be proud if others follow his example.

### IN A NUTSHELL

Hunger, according to the Hoover philosophy, is good for the soul. You tighten your belt, eat less and wear less, die in content, and leave your "inuntainted by any help from government, but this does not apply to capitalists who have a federal tariff nursing bottle.

Propaganda-that is, special education for the specific political and economic purpose—must of necessity precede general education or culture. propagandized capitalism out of existence.—Dar Griffiths. There can be no real education for all until we have

The Wickersham committee reports that the prisons of the nation are a failure. One virtue they have in the view of eapitalist politicians is they will feed, house and clothe the man driven to crim while the government that maintains them ignores the man who is driven out of the place of em-

In looking around the so-called civilized world today, we find that the poor have been wantonly robbed by the rich of every blessing of which force and fraud could possibly deprive them. - Morrison Davidson.

California has the lowest birthrate of any state in the union but it manages to produce its normal quota of babbitts, Junkers, and vermin who insist on keeping Mooney and Billings in jail.

Capital in itself is a dead thing, is as unquickened seed, for until labor puts life into it, it yields no produce or profit.—G. J. Holyoke.

Capitalism is a little over 150 years old but it has managed to murder more men in war and cause more widespread hunger than any social system in all history. Socialism is the avenger that aims to destroy it.

In announcing the reasons for a declaration of war the government of the day does not and cannot speak the truth.—Arthur Ponsonby, M. P.

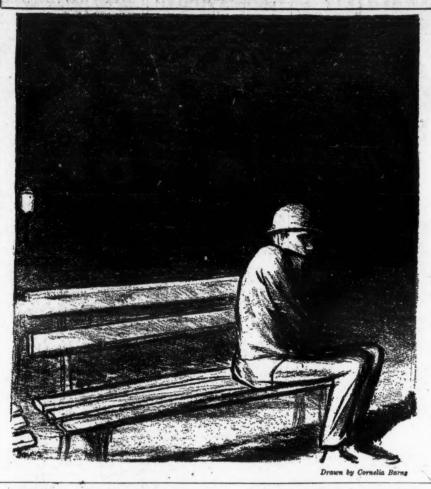
The machine hurls the worker upon the street to be a beggar and the political machine of its owner induces him to ratify his beggary by voting for the candidates of the capitalist class. Socialism would control the labor-saving machine and abolish the political machines of the exploiting class.

In improved methods of efficiency in confiscating the products of industry, the modern capitalist is far in advance of the feudal lord and tribal chiefis far in suvanitation.—H. E. Branch.

Those farmers who talk of abolishing usury but who leave the railroads, oil fields, mines, and great industries in the hands of their enemies would be robbed just the same by the owners of the above industries. There is no substitute for Socialism.

Say what you will, a vote for a capitalistic party is a luxury that we cannot afford because it costs too much. We are perfectly willing for the ex-ploiters to vote for their party while we support

### Surplus



## THE DAMNING CONTRASTS

Riches and Poverty Belie National Ideals

By James H. Maurer

THE UNITED STATES is the richest country on earth, and yet face-to-face with bankruptcy.

Individuals are loaded down with notes and

Townships and counties are loaded down with

Cities and boroughs are loaded down with Most of the States hopelessly in debt and the

Federal Government engulfed with financial obligations, yet daring not touch the fabulous fortunes of the rich through increased taxation. Increased taxes and decreased wages.

All branches of agriculture financially bank-

Organized labor morally bankrupt. American statesmanship bankrupt and hope-

Between seven and eight million men and women suffering from enforced idleness. Thirty million mothers, wives and children suffering for the bare necessities of life. Millions more working short time and living from hand to mouth. And 80 per cent of those who have jobs have suffered wage reductions.

Foreclosures and sheriff sales of workers' homes which represent the savings of a life time. Other workers evicted from miserable shacks and tenement houses.

And this is the situation which exists today in the United States, the richest nation on earth. Where those who produce nothing own everything, and those who produce everything own

Where the right to work is not only lawful but sacred for a strike-breaking scab, whom the powers of the government protect, but where for those suffering from enforced idleness there is no law of protection.

A Nation that has no money to spend to feed the peace time victims of unemployment, but squanders billions for war purposes.

A Nation where 500 of its citizens have annual incomes of from one million to ten million dollars, while thirty million of its citizens are inderfed.

A Nation where property is held to be more sacred than human life, especially if the life that of a worker on strike.

A Nation where hypocrisy is honored and honest convictions frowned upon.

A Nation where the highest court in the land ordered stolen property worth millions returned to the government from whom it was stolen, but found the thief not guilty of stealing it.

A Nation that has more lynchings, murders, suicides and robberies in one year than all the nations of Europe combined had in ten years.

And this Nation, the United States of Amerca, boasts of being a God-fearing Christian Nation, where capitalism is enjoying its highest development, "where liberty and justice reign supreme.'

What blasphemy!

Our statesmen offer no remedy for these conditions: nor do I expect that they ever will, because no relief for the oppressed has yet been offered by those who are the oppressors.

The only hope for the workers is that they must emancipate themselves, they must not expect their exploiters to get off their backs. We nust sink our narrow prejudices, no matter what race, creed or color. As exploited workers we must stand shoulder to shoulder in one solid body, use our political power by voting the Socialist ticket which stands for the emancipation of our class, the workers.

### 1,000 Unemployed March in Racine; Socialists Stage Parade and Rally

RACINE.—The big Socialist un-employed parade and mass meeting is the talk of the streets And if the machinery does it all, meeting is the talk of the streets and factories in this citiy. More than 1,000 men marched. The passenger of the streets than 1,000 men marched. The passenger of the streets and factories in this citiy. More than 1,000 men marched. The passenger of the socialist committee approached the Penn-Ohio Relief Committee organized by the Communitation of the National cities and the streets and the streets are old started at the socialist movement.

The Republican Party desires to join the Socialist-Agrarian block but it represents an old started at the streets and started at the streets are street. rade stated at Beach park.

Q. W. Bouma, Sheriff Al Benon and State Secretary William Coleman, both from Milwaukee,

Works Fifteen Hours a Labor Movement

At the park 2,000 had assembled. Sheriff Beason referred to a resolution the Socialists had introduced in the Milwaukee county board to investigate the income returns of the rich to see who should mest the cost of unemployment. This was unanimously in-

Scores Tax Dodgers

"We are after the big fellows who slip out from under while the small home owner is made to bear the cost through taxation," said which practically exists to ratify

districts that they now had a freedom of organization by civil here. chance to send a Socialist to Conservants and a measure for degress at the special election.

rowd in a continuous high pitch. must own the machines, with no acter, the small Socialist parties was recommended for favorable individuals taking a profit out of now being unified and the Agraraction by the executive board of them. If it takes four hours a day isn Party which rests upon a the council.

"How much are your paying for

bread? And do you know that the farmers in Kansas and Oklahoma are getting 25 cents for a bushel Many signs were carried in the line, none of which went home to the people more than the terse, accusing one, which red 'man's accusing one, which red 'man's accusing one.

### Of Greece Seeking To Unify Resources

The Socialist Labor Party of Greece opened its Congress on July 17th in Salonica. The main item on the agenda is the unification of the Labor and Socialist Milwaukee Labor movement of Greece and working out a policy of cooperation with

Benson. "When we get that income tax information we are gook clean or hunt his hole!"

which he does not control. This Socialist party to form a council Benson reminded the people of press act follows an Anti-Com- of the unemployed to organize the Racine, Kenosha and Walworth munist Act, an act abolishing plan for unemployment reli portation of undesirables at the tral committee that the The speech of Coleman kept the pleasure of the police.

"Men and women, the people be said to be democratic in char- committee of the

number of agricultural cooperative societies and is beginning to score some political successes. The active agrarian elements have been won over to Socialism and are ready to cooperate with the Socialist movement.

lege and William L. Nunn of New York University, accompanied by Maurits Hallgren of the "Nation," visited the strike section in a flying trip from July 11 to 14. At the suggestion of Nunn, the officers of the Socialist Committee approached the Penn-Ohio Relief

but it represents an old gang of opportunist politicians who want opportunist politicians who want to prevent the success of a class it was explained that the Miners movement representing the work- Relief Fund of the Socialist Party

The Greek trade union move- in such of the local N. M. U. comment is not affiliated with the Trade Union International, it Communist relief center should ed invitations to serve are Proits next Congress to be held in Suggest but would not work anonymously through this committee due to the continued campaign of that the trade unions will achieve a better solidarity. Greece is the most industrially advanced of the Balkan nations and a powerful. Balkan nations and a powerful proletarian movement is

## Supports Socialist

The request of the county cen appoint a committee of three of Only two parties in Greece may its members to work with a like

## **Facts of the Workers'** Struggle For Justice

#### An Appeal to Those Who Read The New Leader for the First Time

THERE are many thousands of people who receive this issue of The New Leader who will read it for the first time and to them we address this message.

We need not stress the frightful conditions that face many millions of workers today. The future is black with uncertainty and no one can tell what another year may bring us in this country and throughout the world. The only persons whose security is assured so long as this system of capitalism continues are those who have swined their way to the top of the system and are now gorged with their workless fortunes.

The rest of us, the toilers who do the work of the nation and who suffer, are in the social pit. Anxiety disturbs us day and night. What savings we had are gone or they are going. The politicians in office are bankrupt. They represent the class who live in security in the upper range of the system. Time passes and we are drifting to an abyss that threatens to swallow us up.

Your First Duty Is To Be Informed And what, new reader, are you doing are proposing to do in this situation? All of us owe it to ourselves to inform ourselves of what is happening and to fit ourselves for the struggle to transform this system into a workable and decent society where this hell of anxiety and insecurity will no more brood over working class homes.

We therefore invite you to subscribe to The New Leader. Then bring it to the attention of others. To fight our way out of our misery intelligently requires education and organization. The New Leader has no other mission to serve than to help you in your struggle. Help it as it tries to help you.

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### **Nation' Prints** Untruth on Miners' Relief

Socialist Committee in Misrepresentation by distrib Hallgren

By ARTHUR G. McDOWELL

PITSSBURGH, Pa,—An article on relief activities of various groups in the Western Pennsylvania coal strike in the "Nation" of July 29 is the subject of a bitter protest by the Miners Relief Fund of the Socialist Party at Pittsburgh. The Socialist Committee was organized for the specific purpose of carrying on relief work the district unhampered by the decision and confusion arising from the fact that the National Miners Union and the United Mine Workers both claimed leadership in the strike. A national appeal was made and contributions have been coming in steadily, principally from the Workmen's cle, the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society and memers, branches and locals of the Socialist party. As the work of the Socialist Committee expanded, the greatest amount of the food into local commissaries of he National Miners Union.

A small investigating committee A small investigating commiss. Col-composed of two economists, Col-ston E. Warne from Amherst Col-fused industrial struggle. Nunn of New was willing to place its supplies

trust of Communist relief funds administration by many of the contributors to the Socialist fund, the offer of cooperation was re-jected by the Penn-Ohio Committee secretary with indignation and considerable abuse.

Challenge "Nation" Editor Writing in the "Nation," Hallen, associate editor, without any Pittsburgh Reveals supporting facts, says that "only three groups are engaged in the distribution of food and clothing and all three of them allow political considerations to govern the distribution. They (the Socialist Pary) are at great pains to see that only present and former that only present and former members of the party benefit by the relief that they dispense." The

Miners Relief Committee of Socialist Party has demanded that the editor of the "Nation" rectify this gross misstatement. ittee, in a letter signed by Sarah Limbach, secretary, points out that out of thirty shipments of food only two cases involved Socialist Party members in any degree and the rest-twenty-two vent to organized N. M. U. relief kitchens and four to U. M. W. A. depots in the field. A mine referred to in the "Nation" article as particularly desperate was served by the Socialist Fund the day after the professors' party stumbled upon it and reported it. The Socialist-sponsored Fund, it is emphasized, is not carrying on a partisan political propaganda, not because it does not believe in propaganda, but because it is contrary to the policy of the Socialist Party and of the Relief Fund to inject political differences and di-visions of the American radical movement into the already con-fused industrial struggle. The iracter of this article, carried by a long reputed liberal and reliable nagazine, can not but be regretted if only for the damage to miners' by the Fund that has been so care-

lessly libeled. National Committee Forming

A National Committee of well nown labor sympathetic public citizens is being formed to emphasize the independence of the Miners' Relief Fund from a purely narrow political purpose.

### Sing a Song of Colorado

(Frank H. Hayes' song of praise for Colorado which he printed in a recent issue of The New Leader for the amusement of our readers, has evoked the following version of the poem as a miner might parody it. The parody is submitted by R. C.)

Colorado, speak it harshly, all around the U. S. A., Tis a word the miners mutter when they speak of hell today-For the Boss's hand is on it, and his presence hovers near-Many thousand lives are tortured by his cossacks quartered here-Many thousand hearts are bleeding, from the green hills

As he writes the sordid story of his own cupidity.

Colorado, speak it harshly; let the strident voice be heard! There is horror, born of hunger, in the cadence of the word-And here in surly anger and in a rebellious glow, 'Mid the mighty, snow-capped Rockies, in the coal fields far below,

I have found again the nightmare, the dream of fevered days, In the Bosses' wide dominion, reaching outward—all the wall