

150,000 IN HUGE NEW YORK SOCIALIST MAY DAY PARADE

Socialists Swing Support in Wis. For Kiefer Bill

By ANDREW J. BIEMILLER

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The intensive work that has been done by Socialists throughout the State of Wisconsin has shown spectacular results in the last few weeks, first by the unprecedented vote for Glenn Turner, Socialist candidate for State Supreme Court, and second by the tremendous support given the Wisconsin Production Corporation Bill introduced into the Assembly by Ed Kiefer, Milwaukee Socialist.

Turner received a vote of 218,158, the largest vote ever given a Socialist in a state election. This came in spite of the fact that he faced the united opposition of the Republican, Democratic and Progressive parties, and of every daily paper in the state except the Milwaukee Leader. His opponent received 385,000 votes.

Turner's opponent was George E. Nelson, a reactionary appointed by Walter Kohler. The fact that the Progressive party leaders backed such a man in preference to Turner indicates clearly that this group is not at all a workers' and farmers' party, and will not even live up to its name of Progressive.

The Kiefer Bill

The Wisconsin Production Corporation Bill is sometimes mis-called Wisconsin's Epic Plan. It differs from the Epic proposals in that it does not propose to set up a separate society of unemployed, providing for their own needs but cut off from the rest of society, as Sinclair's plan did. Instead the Wisconsin Production Corporation is empowered to take over any industry, idle or going, and to put the unemployed to work making what is needed. These state-controlled industries will enter into direct competition with private industry. They will pay union wages and will work a thirty-hour week.

Constant articles in The Wisconsin Leader, the party's official state organ, a series of six speeches on the regular Socialist Quarter Hour on the radio, and a monster petition campaign succeeded in arousing tremendous interest in the bill. Innumerable locals of farm organizations, unions, and the Wisconsin Workers' Committee, militant unemployed organization, sent in resolutions endorsing it.

Committees called on their assemblies suggesting that if they did not see fit to support the bill, men would be returned next election who would favor it. The clerk of Assembly was flooded with

FDR Approval Of Arms Race Leads to War

With the signing of the War Department Appropriations Bill by President Roosevelt, the United States began the greatest military peacetime expansion in its history.

The bill calls for an increase in the size of the army from 118,750 to 165,000 enlisted men. This is an increase of almost 50 per cent at a single blow. Roosevelt, who in his 1932 campaign speeches, proclaimed himself opposed to war and militarism is, redeeming his promise in this bill—in the same manner he redeemed every other promise.

His effort to cover up this piece of military adventurism only exposes his hypocrisy.

On the same day, the Senate approved a House Bill calling for the expenditure of \$30,098,000 on

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In Memoriam



White collar workers chained to the pen—carried in the May Day demonstration by members of the Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants Union. Above: One of the smaller displays carried in the demonstration.

White Collars



March Largest In City History; Unions in Line

NEW YORK CITY.—Chanting the International, shouting slogans, carrying banners bearing their demands, 150,000 members of Socialist and labor organizations marched through the streets of New York City on May Day in the greatest working-class demonstration this city has ever witnessed.

The demonstration was nearly twice the size of last year's turn-out.

The parade took six hours to pass a given point. One section starting from the side streets around 14th street poured up Eighth avenue to join the ranks of garment workers on 40th street and proceeded up Eighth avenue to Central Park where a meeting and concert was held.

Flaming red flags, brilliant floats, placards and posters designed by Rebel Arts, lent color and drama to the marching lines.

The honor of bringing out the largest contingent went to the Joint Dress Board whose members alone took two hours to pass.

Socialist Guard

Blazing with color, the Young People's Socialist League, led by the Socialist Guard, formed a most impressive and disciplined section of some one thousand young workers. Dressed in their famous blue-shirts, with red ties and Young Socialist arm-bands, they marched in perfect formation, singing and chanting their slogans. The Women's Guard made up one of the most attractive sections, consisting of half a hundred sturdy and pretty young women, each carrying a large red flag.

Practically every union which was organized during the last year joined ranks with the older and traditionally progressive unions. The labor groups contributed brilliant floats to the parade. Particularly noteworthy was the display made by the Neckwear Workers Union which revealed an effigy of Adolf Hitler swinging from a gallows built like a swastika. William Randolph Hearst did not pass unnoticed, being represented by a mangy old nag on whose rump lay the sign, "Hearst's Opinions."

Office Workers

The Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants Union, the organization of office workers, marched as a delegation of 300 strong, despite a request of A. F. of L. representatives not to take

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25,000 to Celebrate the Jubilee Of Workmen's Circle—35th Year

Twenty-five thousand members of the Workmen's Circle, strongest fraternal labor organization in the country, are expected to attend the concert and mass meeting at Madison Square Garden on Sunday, May 5, which will celebrate the Thirty-fifth Jubilee Convention of the group.

The Workmen's Circle continues to grow and to function more actively from year to year in the labor movement. The thirty-fifth convention opens with delegates representing a membership of 70,000, comprising 700 branches in every part of the United States,

sound and secure financially. With unusual strength and vigor it has withstood all assaults. The attempt of the Communists first to capture and then to split the solidarity of its members failed.

After 35 years of existence, the Workmen's Circle still possesses the vital qualities of youth. Within the last few years, it has adopted new methods and principles to revitalize its organization. The results have been gratifying to all friends of labor. In a short period, 75 women's branches were organized, 42 Young Circle League clubs with a membership of 3,200, 18

intermediate clubs and 30 prospective branches, all of which lend credit and color to the parent organization. The youth sections publish as their official organ "The Call of Youth" which is widely praised as a live, educational, militant journal.

Besides being an insurance and fraternal organization, the Workmen's Circle has been from its very inception the "Red Cross" of the labor movement of America. Not a strike or industrial struggle takes place but that the Workmen's Circle lends aid by its solidarity and with financial re-

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A.F.L. Conference Adopts A Program of Demands; To Fight for Wagner Bill

By JOHN NEWTON THURBER (Special to the Socialist Call)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—750 delegates from affiliated national and international unions, State Federations of Labor and City central bodies of the American Federation of Labor who assembled here for a special one-day conference in the Washington Hotel to discuss labor's legislative program, finished their deliberations by unanimously adopting what was declared to be the strongest and most militant program of demands ever adopted by an A. F. of L. meeting.

The conference was called as the result of a motion made by Elmer E. Ledford, chairman of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Ohio, at the Toledo Central Labor Union two months ago. William Green presided.

Prominent Socialists in attendance included Leo Krzycki, national chairman of the party and vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Emil Rieve, president of the Federation of Hosiery Workers; John Freidrich, secretary of the Milwaukee Central Labor Union, and Phillip Randolph, president of the Pullman Porter's Union.

Bosses Fight Labor

"No legislation sponsored by any group as a program for economic security and social justice is more definitely and aggressively opposed than that of the labor movement," Green declared. "All organized employing groups are united to defeat labor's legislative program."

Pointing out that while the NRA has given aid to the organization of employers, labor has received no assistance from the government in its attempt to organize, the resolutions committee demanded that Congress recognize labor's rights and act for their enforcement. Company unionism has flourished under NRA and labor demands' legal action to curb it.

The Wagner-Connery Labor Disputes Bill, which has been unanimously reported out by the Senate Labor Committee, was cited as the bill of transcending importance before this session of Congress. The conference also endorsed the Black-Connery 30-Hour Week—5-Day Week Bill, the Social Security Bill, the renewal of the NIRA and the Guffey Bill for the bituminous coal industry.

The Bill

The Wagner-Connery Bill provides for the establishment of a National Labor Relations Board as an independent agency in the executive department with authority to study all other labor boards, but it is not definitely made the court of appeal from lower labor boards.

Unfair labor practices are defined, including interference with rights granted under Section 7-A; interference with the organization or administration of any labor organization or giving such group any financial support; encouraging or discouraging membership by discrimination or by granting special favors, although this is stated not to prohibit closed shop agreements; and discrimination against workers who have filed charges or given testimony under the administration of the bill.

"There is nothing in the act which either directly or by implication provides for compulsory arbitration," it was declared at the conference, though the bill has been interpreted by some as a threat against the right to strike.

"We Demand"

Voicing the spirit of many delegates, George Gunthrup, Socialist editor of the Toledo Labor Advocate, called early in the conference for a firm answer to the restless attitude of American workers

today. "Our members are through pleading," he said. "Now we are demanding, and we are using effective action in enforcing these demands."

After the resolutions were reported by Matthew Woll, secretary of the resolutions committee, a strong attack upon their adequacy was made, led by Gunthrup and Meyers, also of Toledo, who called for an even firmer position. "The rank and file are demanding more than 'Please, mister, won't you feed my children?'" Meyers shouted. As he cited the extent of tuberculosis and malnutrition among relief recipients in Toledo, he was ruled out of order by President Green who stated that the starvation of poor workers was not being debated but only a legislative program.

Workmen's Circle Marks 35th Jubilee

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sources. In the political struggles of the workers, the Workmen's Circle is ranged behind the Socialist Party and its candidates.

The 950 delegates who are gathering in New York from all over the country will meet for the entire week in the St. Nicholas Casino. They will have various organizational problems to cope with and in addition will spend considerable time in considering the needs of the young members.

Young Circle League

NEW YORK.—The Young Circle League, youth section of the Workmen's Circle, is holding an organizational conference on the day before the Workmen's Circle convention.

This Saturday, from 1 to 6 p. m., representatives of YCLA clubs from all over the country will get together for the first time to compare notes on cultural, educational, and other activities of the fraternal youth movement.

The session will be followed by a supper conference which will be addressed by prominent speakers from the Workmen's Circle and the YCLA, on the problems of the convention.

In the evening there will be a Gala May Dance at the Youth Center, 11-15 Union Square West, under the auspices of the National Youth Committee and the Brooklyn Council. An excellent program of entertainment will supplement Lew Sandow's dance orchestra. Admission is 49 cents, proceeds to go toward the establishment of a Brooklyn Youth Center.

Most of the activities of the Circleites will be taken up in one way or another with the Workmen's Circle convention this week.

On Monday night, at the Public Theater on Second avenue, the Young Circle League will present a play and a mass recitation before the delegates to the convention. This will be part of a program in which the Workmen's Circle Choir, the WC schools, and other Workmen's Circle institutions will perform.

SOCIALIST EDITOR

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Carl Femble, member of the Socialist State Executive Committee, is the new editor of the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Worker. Femble is a truck driver for a local laundry.

Cooperatives Gain

SUPERIOR, Wis. (FP)—An average sales increase of over 25 per cent from 1933 to 1934 is shown by 53 cooperative retail stores, according to the Central Cooperative Wholesale Auditing Department at Superior. Dollar sales for 1934 totalled \$4,500,000, almost \$1,000,000 more than 1933.

Less Typical



Here's a publicity agent's idea of a typical consumer—chosen at New York's Industrial Arts Exposition. She's lovely to look at, but not very typical. She spends more on rent and clothes each year than the average consumer spends for everything. At any rate, she knows how to smile for the cameraman!

Michigan Senator Proposes Gag Law

LANSING, Mich.—An attempt to destroy the Socialist, Labor and progressive organizations is being made by the Michigan legislature this week through a bill introduced by state Senator Miller Dunckel which makes it a felony to advocate the overthrow of the government by force of violence or any illegal means. The legislative committee is contemplating passing the bill through in "short order."

When the organizations affected by this vicious bill were aware the committee was going to railroad it through, a conference of more than 200 representatives of 97 Michigan Labor, Socialist and fraternal organizations was held and demanded a public hearing. Dunckel then explained he would be glad to conduct a public hearing but he must get in touch with representatives of the American

Call Forum Begins

The Socialist Call Forum will inaugurate a series of lectures and discussions Friday, May 10, at 8 p. m., at 21 East 17 street, New York.

Murray Gross of Local 22 and Amicus Most, manager of the Celluloid Workers Union, will speak on "Socialist Trade Union Policy."

This meeting will be open to party members only. A fee of ten cents will be charged.

The Call Forum will alternate the closed party meetings with a series open to the general public. Prominent speakers will be featured. Watch the Call for further announcements.

More Typical



This poor old lady was overlooked by judges picking a typical consumer—but she's representative of millions of Americans. She ekes out a living by collecting old barrels and selling them for a dime apiece. Her budget for clothes—and everything else—is very, very low.

Socialist International Moves Office to Belgium

BRUXELLES, Belgium—The Labor and Socialist International has established its headquarters in this city, at 162 Rue de Laeken.

Removal of headquarters from Zurich, Switzerland, where it has been for several years, was undertaken primarily because of high Swiss exchange rates, but the new headquarters has the additional advantage of being a day closer by mail to the larger Socialist parties.

Legion, the D.A.R. and the Elks. It was found later that a hearing will not be held because a tremendous opposition to the bill was well organized and the legislature attempted to railroad the bill through.

Come On, All You Call-ers, Lavish Prizes Await You

With a roar of thunderous approval echoing from coast to coast, the SOCIALIST CALL CONTEST started off in full swing with the May Day issue.

Portable typewriters, outfits of fine clothing such as suits, coats, dresses, etc., sets of books, fountain pens and a myriad of additional gifts and awards, to be distributed

throughout the country to Branches, Locals and Circles, as well as individual members, for special endeavor in selling the CALL, and getting subs and ads, have provided an additional incentive to the hundreds of CALL BOOSTERS in these United States.

FLASH: Comrade Sam Dewitt, of New York, contributes a brand-new radio of nationally-known make! Next week a complete standing

of all contestants, individuals in Division "A," Branches, Locals and Circles in Division "B," will appear without fail. This will enable the tabulation of all points earned up to and including the May Day issue. A restatement of the Rules of the Contest will appear at the same time.

In the meantime there is work to be done; there are points to be scored!

Want a Job? No Chance, Says A. F. L.

Out of every four union men in the United States one is unemployed, according to the American Federationist, official A. F. of L. organ.

Highest per cent of unionists without jobs is in Paterson, N. J., where one in three is out of work. Lowest is Washington, D. C. with one in fourteen unemployed.

Boston and New York City come through with the average, one in four. Philadelphia has one in five.

No Progress

It's a gloomy outlook with not much prospects, says the A. F. of L. Here's the quote:

"It is significant that we are at present making no progress whatever in putting the unemployed to work in industry. Prospects for further reemployment before next fall are slight. Whatever work is given to the 11,000,000 unemployed, will be that furnished on a relief basis through the Government \$4,800,000,000 program.

"When nearly one-third of our wage and small salaried workers must either go without work or accept work on a charity basis, we may expect serious consequences to the morale of our entire nation."

'Shun Sentiment,' Krueger Tells Office Workers

TOLEDO, Ohio.—"Sentiment is of no value in dealing with the employing group in the capitalist system," declared Maynard C. Krueger, vice-president of the American Federation of Teachers, and member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, at a meeting here of 150 office and white collar workers of the Toledo Edison Company.

The audience was composed of members of the Stenographers, Bookkeepers, and Typists Union, affiliated with the A. F. of L.

A majority of the white collar workers of this unit attended the meeting to hear Krueger, and to discuss the contract which is to be presented to the company by the union.

The local, organized by John Taylor, Socialist SEC member in Ohio, is prepared to strike if its demands are refused.

The necessity of the white collar worker to join with other workers for the improvement of mutual conditions was emphasized by John Newton Thurber, member of the Socialist Party and of the Teacher's Union in Cleveland.

SOCIALISTS ACTIVE

SAN ANTONIO, Texas.—Harry Plampin and other local Socialists have taken a prominent part in the Finck Cigar Makers' strike in this city.

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AUTO STRIKE SPREADS

General Motors Plants Closed As 14,000 Quit

Socialist Party Pledges Support to Union as General Strike Looms When Nash and Seaman Workers Prepare for Sympathy Strikes

DETROIT, Mich.—The strike of automobile workers in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Georgia and Arkansas is spreading like wild-fire, as labor leaders and manufacturers fail to reach an agreement.

Edward McGrady, assistant secretary of Labor who was sent here by the administration to confer with the manufacturers, admitted that the situation was very serious. He expects to meet with Francis J. Dillon, A. F. of L. organizer, to get the federation's proposals for peace with General Motors.

Meanwhile, auto strikers in Toledo's Chevrolet plant were organizing flying squadrons to go to Muncie, Ind., where General Motors is attempting to produce gear boxes. At the Fisher Body plant in Cleveland, which closed Tuesday because of lack of transmissions, the workers called a strike and began picketing.

Tie-up Spreads

The complete shut-down at Toledo halted production of Fisher Body at Cleveland where more than 9,000 workers are on strike, and at the Fisher and Chevrolet plants in Atlanta and Janesville, Wisconsin, where more than 5,000 workers are idle.

Automobile workers at the Seaman Body Corporation, Milwaukee, and the workers of Nash Motors of Racine and Kenosha, Wis., are expected to go out on sympathy strikes unless the demands of the auto workers throughout the country are met by the manufacturers. More than 10,000 workers are employed in the Wisconsin auto plants.

The Fort Smith, Arkansas, body company was idle because of lack of body part orders from Chevrolet and Fisher. Other plants making auto parts were idle because of the strike.

The Auto Workers Union which is conducting the strikes, demands abolition of the Automobile Labor Board, recognition of the union, and a minimum of seventy-five cents per hour.

Debs' Canton Speech To Be Commemorated

Plans are being made in Ohio for a state-wide picnic in Canton on June 16, the anniversary of Debs' famous Canton speech. More detailed information on this will be sent out through the state after May 1st.

Poverty Hits Schools

WASHINGTON (FP).—Because of insufficient school funds, about 3,000,000 children in rural districts of the United States have been deprived of a schooling during the whole or part of the school term of 1933-1935 and many teachers have been paid as little as and less than \$20 a month, the United States Office of Education reports.

Legion Campaign Back-Fires
KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The American Legion campaign against the Socialist Party here has back-fired. Eleven new mem-

CHICAGO, Ill.—The full support of the Socialist party was offered to the auto strikes in Toledo, Cincinnati, Cleveland and anywhere else it may be needed by Paul Porter, national labor secretary of the Socialist party, in the following telegram sent to Francis J. Dillon, general organizer for the United Automobile Workers of America:

"Success or failure in this strike may determine for the next ten years the course of the trade union movement in the basic industries. The automobile workers are fighting not only for themselves, but for all workers in all mass production fields."

Subject to the approval of the unions, Porter offered to ask Socialist party members to participate in picketing retail distributors of makes of cars whose factory workers go out on strike.

Unedea Strikers Return to Work

After a protracted strike of three months, the workers of the National Biscuit Company are returning. Following on the heels of intervention by government agencies, the strike which included some 3,000 workers has been ended both in Philadelphia and New York.

The Inside Bakery Workers Federal Union, which conducted the fight in New York, by a vote of 1,654 to 47, ratified the terms of the strike settlement. Wage rates are to remain the same and the workers are to be taken back, preference being given to those with families and those who have been employed for greater periods.

The strike was marked by considerable police brutality. In New York, the police on several occasions ran amuck in an effort to break up the picket lines of the determined workers. On one occasion, mounted police rode into a picketing demonstration led by Norman Thomas.

When the Socialist leader protested the misconduct of the police to Mayor LaGuardia, he was assured that the incident would not be repeated. The very next day, in spite of the Mayor's assurances, the police were again guilty of extreme violence to the workers.

During the strike, many workers and many members of the industrial squad of the Young People's Socialist League were arrested. In most cases, the defendants were acquitted with the aid of the Socialist Lawyers Association. This week, Leonard Victor, a staff photographer of the SOCIALIST CALL whose camera was smashed and who was arrested for attempting to take pictures of the police violence, was acquitted by Magistrate Louis Brodsky in the Jefferson Market Court. Other cases are still pending.

bers have joined the Socialist local. Franz Daniel, member of the Socialist NEC, has become one of the most popular labor union speakers in the State.

Clothes for Share Croppers

The Arkansas share croppers need clothes.

The Young Peoples' Socialist League and the League for Industrial Democracy are sending out an appeal for men's, women's and children's clothes.

Clothes may be sent in care of the Socialist Call.

Bring them in or write and they will be sent for.

Child Labor Fight Pressed By N.Y. Group

NEW YORK.—Increased militancy in the fight against child labor was evidenced in the city-wide Youth Conference Against Child Labor, held here last Saturday at the Christ Church. Activities which will reach the broad masses of youth and full revenge for the temporary defeat of the child labor amendment at Albany were planned by the conference, at which 250,000 young men and women were represented.

The conference was called by the New York State Youth Committee against Child Labor, which is sponsored by leading youth organizations including the Young Women's Christian Association, the New York Federation of Churches, the Christian Endeavor Union, the Epworth League, the National Student Federation, the Brooklyn and Manhattan Youth Councils, the Student League for Industrial Democracy, and the Young People's Socialist League.

Last week the committee issued a bitter statement following the defeat of the Child Labor Amendment in the state legislature, in which they stated in part:

"In the name of over half a million young citizens enrolled in youth organizations of the state, we pledge ourselves not to forget—

"That a Democratic Legislature defeated the amendment, despite the pledges of President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman that it would be ratified.

"That the Republican Party joined in this betrayal of the welfare of the childhood of America.

"Fusionists forgot party lines and submitted to the dictates of Big Business."

In addition the conference made plans for further circulating its anti-child labor petitions and for popularizing its proposed "Bill of Youth," which would guarantee support for young people going through school.

The Young Communist League was reminded of its conduct at the New York Youth Congress for the second time this week when the conference refused to seat their delegate on the ground that that organization had voted against endorsing the Child Labor

Young Socialists



Section of the 1,500 Young Socialists who gathered in Central Park after the New York May Day demonstration.

Teamsters Oppose Tobin's Expulsion of Minn. Local

By DAN O'FLAHERTY

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—By unanimous vote the Central Labor Union of this city has refused to expel the militant truck drivers Local 574, as demanded by Daniel J. Tobin, international president of the Teamsters' Union.

The truck drivers local, which led two famous strikes last Summer and brought the whole labor movement of

this city to a new level of solidarity and militancy, had already been expelled from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America.

Tobin's reason for expelling Local 574 was that it was delinquent in payment of its per capita tax to the International.

Funds Depleted

The local responds that its funds were depleted by last Summer's long strikes, and that while it intends to pay in full it cannot do so at once without stripping itself of its fighting power.

Delegates from other unions at the C. L. U. meeting charged that the real reason for Tobin's action was the radicalism of the Local 574 membership. Tobin stands high in the Democratic party and recently donated \$10,000 of the union's funds to the Democratic National Committee at the very time William Green was attacking Richberg and other prominent New Dealers for their anti-labor acts.

Tobin Long Unpopular

Tobin has long been unpopular with a large section of the labor movement. The Philadelphia taxi drivers, Local 156, organized by Paul Porter, now labor secretary of the Socialist Party, were handicapped rather than helped by Tobin in their historic strike in 1938. When eight other Teamsters Unions joined the taxi drivers in a sympathetic strike, Tobin ordered

Amendment on the floor of the Youth Congress. Earlier in the week the Young People's Socialist League National Executive Committee rejected a united front offer to "help enlist youth in the A. F. of L.," mentioning that the YCL had opposed a proposal to that effect at the Youth Congress.

them back to work on pain of expulsion.

One of the bitterest jurisdictional fights in the history of the A. F. of L. has been caused by Tobin's raid on the Brewery workers. Though the Brewery workers, an industrial union, has included drivers of brewery trucks and wagons in its ranks for a half century Tobin has claimed jurisdiction.

At the San Francisco convention of the A. F. of L. Tobin was greeted with boos and catcalls when he referred to the new membership of some unions as "rubbish."

He was stinging rebuked by Francis J. Gorman of the United Textile Workers. "Rubbish Dan" he has been called since then.

National Farm Leader To Tour for Party

CHICAGO.—As the first step in helping to coordinate widespread Socialist activity among farmers, party headquarters announced last week that George A. Nelson, nationally known Wisconsin farmer leader will begin a series of trips for the party.

May 10 to 14 he will speak in South Dakota and Minnesota; the first two weeks in June for the Ohio organization drive, and the other half of June for the Michigan Socialists.

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Editorials

The May Day Demonstrations

THE workers went out into the streets on May Day. Not in New York alone; in Paterson, Passaic and Newark, in Chicago and Philadelphia, in Pittsburgh and in Boston, in the length and breadth of the land.

They went out to show their strength. They went out to demand the thirty-hour week. They went out to demand an end to Roosevelt's shilly-shallying; an end to attempts to serve capital and labor at one and the same time.

It was a stirring performance. It was a proof, in a time that needs such proof, that there is solidarity among the workers. There is in America the material out of which a great labor movement can be forged.

Let those who revel in defeat take note of this May Day demonstration. Let them take heed of the rising militancy in the ranks of labor. Let them note that what labor asks today is a leadership that has vision and courage. Such a leadership the Socialist Party can and will provide.

"Business" Uber Alles

THE merchants on Fifth avenue and other streets affected by the May Day parade protest bitterly that they have lost business because the approach to their stores was blocked by "undesirables." Their spokesmen say bluntly that the interests of business are superior to the constitutional rights of those who wish to change the social order.

It is worth noting that they do not protest when the police, the fire department or the army parade, or when the Irish turn out on Saint Patrick's Day. It is the sight of the rebellious workers that angers them.

For all that, the workers will continue to demonstrate on May Day, until that May Day comes when the stores, with all other business now privately owned, will be the property of the workers.

Will o' the Wisp Again Lures Farmers

MILLO RENO endorsed Long, Townsend and Coughlin, and wants to form a third party with them.

The agrarian movement in the United States has always been opportunistic and short-sighted. It fell for Populism and Bryan. It went mad for free silver. It tried to get the millenium through the Non-Partisan League. It elected Roosevelt. It has endorsed almost every political disaster except drought and dust storms. Now Reno wants to lead it after the Fascist will o' the wisps.

We hope he cannot so lead it. We are not sure he cannot. If he succeeds, it will be a sad day for the farmers and the workers. His success will bring Fascism an immense step nearer.

Nothing so demonstrates the need of a real Farmer-Labor party as this latest development. Such a Farmer-Labor Party must work out a realistic agrarian program that will take care of the farmer, and that will also keep in view the ultimate aim of collectivization of the land.

Beware of the Company Union

The Twentieth Century Fund announced that the company union is not an adequate agency for collective bargaining. It is, in other words, what Socialists have always said it was, a fraud. It bears the name of "union," and is meant to cheat the inexperienced worker into believing that he really has a voice in his affairs.

What is a real union?

A labor union is a free organization of workers, paid for out of dues, and not out of the funds of the boss. It is not controlled, therefore, by the boss and his agent. A real union represents the needs of the workers; it goes on strike to enforce its program. It is, in other words, the agent of the workers in all things.

The Hurdy-Gurdy Man



Harry Herzog

The company union is the agent of the boss. It is a false front. It fails to represent the true feelings of the workers, because its very existence depends on the bosses. It is full of bosses' spies. It never strikes. The very fact that the employers prefer it so much to the free union ought to be enough to warn the workers away from the company union.

Now that the Twentieth Century Fund discovers all this anew, maybe the workers will be readier to listen when Socialists and other real unionists tell them: Beware of the Company Union!

Greetings to the Workmen's Circle

THE Workmen's Circle, labor's largest fraternal order, is now holding its 35th Jubilee Convention in New York.

The Socialist Call extends its best wishes to the Workmen's Circle, confident that it will continue to add to its numbers and to its long record of service to the labor and Socialist movement of America.

Long life to the Workmen's Circle and its youth section, the Young Circle League!

The Shooting in Illinois: Miner Against Miner

On the basis of the meager information on the shooting in southern Illinois coal fields, there can be not the slightest hesitation in condemning those reactionary officials of the United Mine Workers who resort to these methods in their war on the Progressive Miners.

Such condemnation does not presuppose taking the side of the Progressives. This situation only emphasizes the folly of split as the method of cure in the labor movement. These incidents are by-products of split and civil war inside the labor movement. Not only Illinois, but also the anthracite region, are suffering from this condition.

What can give the coal operators greater glee than this spectacle of the miners shooting each other? What is a better insurance against victorious strikes than two unions ready to scab on each other?

What the miners need, and need right now, is a militant, united union. The reactionary leaders in the UMW, in the Progressive, in the Anthracite Union, must not be permitted to stand in the way of such unity.

For The RECORD

Hutchins Haggood publishes in The Nation for April 17, two letters from Theodore Dreiser in which Dreiser proves himself to be an anti-Semite. A little while ago Dreiser was the white-haired boy of the Communist Party. There are many in Germany who found the road from the Comintern to Hitler an easy one.

What will the international labor movement do about the kidnaping of Berthold Jacob? He was shanghaied by the Nazis in Basle, Switzerland, and spirited across the border into Germany. He will be tried for treason.

He knows too much about Nazi murders and about the Nazi secret preparations for war. The Nazis will kill him, unless the sort of world demonstration that saved Torgler and Dimitroff save him.

The owner of the Walgreen drug stores has removed his niece from the University of Chicago because she was coming in contact with dangerous thoughts.

It can't be done, Mr. Walgreen. Ideas are like the little pea in the thimble game: Now you see them, and now you don't, but they're always and inconveniently, there.

Yale University has cut the wages of some 500 janitors, library workers, campus police and gate porters. The money so saved goes into the maintenance of the swankiest student dormitories in America, so that the "future leaders of American industries" may become accustomed to the style in which they are going to live—maybe.

What dirty work is being cooked up behind the scenes in Alabama? We said in this column that the Scottsboro boys would not be released just because the Supreme Court said they had been unjustly convicted. It was, and is, our opinion that the State of Alabama wants to give one more exhibition of its sadistic hatred of Negroes and radicals.

LETTERS

From Haim Kantorovitch

To the Editor:

Communist friends insisted that I give them a statement about the Harry Lang matter. I am, however, sure that among the many statements of "good Socialists" that the Daily Worker publishes mine will not be included. I am not a "good Socialist" in the Daily Worker sense of the term. Here is my statement:

Psychologically Harry Lang belongs to the Communist movement. Like the Communists he believes that the end justifies the means; like the Communists he believes that truth is nothing but a bourgeois prejudice.

There is just as much truth in what Lang says about Soviet Russia as there is in what the Daily Worker writes about the Socialist movement.

It is criminal for a Socialist to write for a Hearst paper. It is doubly criminal when what he writes is nothing but white Guard lies. But it is the height of folly for a Socialist to rush statements to the Daily Worker or the Freiheit. The Communist press in America is conducted in the best "Hearst" traditions.

There is plenty of space for such statements available for Socialists in the Socialist press.

HAIM KANTOROVITCH,
California.

Bouquet for Herzog

To the Editor:

I should like to voice my approval and admiration for the cartoons that have appeared in the Socialist Call. Especially those by Harry Herzog, whose productions have not been bettered, I think, by any radical cartoonists now in the field.

MADGE LORWIN.

One of a Countless Number

To the Editor:

After perusing the fourth issue of the CALL, I cannot refrain from writing my sentiments.

First, let me say that the issues are becoming better and better. To really put it as it should be put, there is a breeziness in the issues of the CALL which is delightful to an old-timer who, for the past ten or 15 years, has been accustomed to seeing our papers long-winded, labored, dull and thoroughly lacking inspiration. It has been so the past few years that even a confirmed, dyed-in-the-wool Socialist hesitated to pass on copies of our various publications. With the acquisition of Comrades Thomas, Coleman and now Sam DeWitt, we already have three features that would do credit to a journal of any political faith.

It is refreshing to note that the management of the CALL has not yielded to the temptation to talk back and answer the various vicious charges of the Old Guard. By all means, stick to your original purpose—new to the line and do not allow your energies to be dissipated—run a propaganda sheet worthy of the Socialist movement. Let us have more of the type of labor news you run which show Socialists in their true and natural form—the indispensable allies of the labor movement.

A suggestion—let us have a party-news column like in our old press so that we may know what's what in the city.

Keep along your present track and I am sure that many old and new Socialists will find the inspiration in the new CALL that was characteristic of the old CALL. An old CALL was never discarded—it was passed from hand to hand. The present CALL gives every promise of living up to the traditions of the old.

JOSEPH N. COHEN.

Turn to The Left

By S. A. De WITT

An Open Letter to the Forward

Your decision at the last meeting giving your editor and his assistant Lang the right to live among you as Socialists after the Hearst-Soviet "Horror" incident places you definitely where you belong . . . among the dishonored dead. There is no place for you among the Socialist living.

Space is too precious within these abbreviated pages to waste upon you and your works. The purpose of this little journal is bright with the inspired young men and women who are devoting every ounce of their strength and every penny they dare to take from their poverty.

Let us not becloud a moment of their striving, or waste a copper of their slim resources. But since enlightenment and Socialist propaganda be our reason for appearing, a world that looks to us for some explanation of the treachery involved, must not be denied.

This Hearst creature is not an individual. It is an institution. It is the very core of a system dying in its own rot. And in its slow processes of dissolution it putrefies and soils everything it touches.

The young giant that has arisen out of the ruins of Czarist Russia looms healthily above the decay. He is writing a final judgment for all the moneyed masters of every land in flaming letters against the gloom.

Hitler came into being because the iron kings of Europe were frightened by this vision. From the beginning he has inveigled against the Jews. "The cursed Jews created the Russian Communist hell. . . . We will not tolerate their making a hell out of our beloved Vaterland. . . . The Jews are the riff-raff that build up and run the Socialist and Communist movements everywhere. . . . Scotch them as you would vermin . . . and you scotch the revolutionary traitors to our great country and people. . . ." So ran his rantings. Hitler has succeeded admirably in the eyes of the Hearsts, Coughlins, and Huey Longs.

The day is not far away, when the Jews of this great democracy of ours will stand along wailing walls of the American cities, or cooped up in detention camps, tearing their hair and wringing their hands in terror and grief. Just how much blood will run depends entirely on how desperate the situation will have become for the industrial overlords.

While the few rich and powerful Jews are busy denouncing the unspeakable German dictator and boycotting German trade, the aspiring Hitlers of our land are shrewdly preparing the groundwork for triumphant entry into power.

Already one hears among non-Jewish business groups, and in the hinterland Rotarian and Lions coteries. . . . "The Jews have all the money . . . they own this country. . . ."

Nazi propaganda is rampant. It is being lavishly financed by two and a half billion dollars that the German bankers received through the sale of worthless marks before Germany's financial collapse ten years ago.

Thousands of American German Jews contributed handsomely to that swindle. Here's an irony that glitters with gold. We suspect greatly that the vanguard of this anti-Semitic invasion are the Hearst Publications. For almost a year they have given no news that could be interpreted as unfavorable to Hitler and his works, and have kept their columns open for full and emphatic reports of speeches and articles by the leading spokesmen of Hitlerism.

And all the time hosts of Jewish workers are buying the Hearst newspapers and magazines, and hundreds of stores and businesses, owned or controlled by Jews, spend millions of dollars advertising in the selfsame publications. A reputedly shrewd race of people with an inherent love of life may be stupidly weaving the very rope for their own lynching.

One cannot help but admire the Machiavellian turn taken by the latest move of Hearstism. This time a Jew is picked out to re-write articles that appeared years before in a Jewish newspaper, giving them an up-to-the-minute dating, telling of "unheard of horror, starvation, and persecution plaguing a land of one hundred and sixty million souls."

These articles appear accompanied by pictures that have illustrated Belgian atrocities, and Chinese famines. The blame is undeniably that of "the Communist Party, trying to jam that hated Socialist system down the unwilling gullets of one hundred and 58 million rugged Russian individuals. . . ."

When this series, written by Lang, via Cahan, finally is hemstitched by its last thread of hate, it will be known by millions of bewildered, non-Jewish workers and unemployed, that a Jewish editor of a Jewish newspaper exposed, what? . . . A Communist Party that is "wrecking a nation that occupies one-sixth of the globe. . . ."

Then Hitler's explanation of who and what is a Communist Party, will be repeated and repeated, until these self-same befuddled millions of good patriots, Christians will associate Jews with communists, and socialists, and all other hated radicals who are going to "wreck this country as they have succeeded in wrecking Russia. . . ."

Hitler will be ranting and shouting for Hearst . . . the moment when Hearst will speak . . .

FASCISM STALKS IN ARKANSAS

By WARD ROGERS

Henry A. Wallace in a speech in Maine, April 17, said: "The South had its income cut down to the point where the average income of a cotton grower was \$250 in 1932. . . . In 1929 the Southern farmers had an average income of more than \$700. . . . The situation is most severe in the Mississippi valley, where Communist and Socialist gentlemen

The arrest of Ward H. Rogers several months ago for "Anarchy" and the crime of calling Negroes "Mister" dramatized nationally the struggle of Southern share croppers against the planters and AAA discrimination.

Rogers was an organizer for the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union and an FERA instructor in Arkansas. He is a member of the Arkansas state executive committee of the Socialist Party.

have gone in to stir up trouble." The facts in the case lie in another direction. The Southern Tenant Farmers' Union was organized by Southerners, residents of Arkansas.

The organization was not caused by "Communist and Socialistic gentlemen" going in to stir up trouble. It was caused by living conditions becoming unbearable.

Wallace admits the contention of the STFU that living conditions have been reduced to the \$250 level. Southern whites do not join hands with Negro sharecroppers under ordinary conditions. It must be pointed out that a larger number of the STFU used to belong to the Ku Klux Klan and would have smashed an interracial organization under normal times.

The Southern Tenant Farmers' Union is a spontaneous expression of the desire of sharecroppers to organize. There were two other

local organizations formed in Eastern Arkansas before the STFU organizations started, namely the United Farmers League of America of Blytheville Arkansas and the United Tillers of America of Osceola, Arkansas. All three organizations are the result of grievances growing out of Wallace's crop reduction program.

These grievances arose because the AAA program was not made to benefit sharecroppers but plantation owners who wrote it. Also the Cotton Acreage Reduction Contract was not enforced, even in its inadequate form.

The complaints are briefly, 1) the sharecropper was supposed to have the use of the government rented acres rent free for food and feed crops for home consumption; most planters have insisted on taking half of these crops, which means that both the sharecropper and the government paid rent this year on the same land.

2) Many sharecroppers were forced to sign guardianship pacts in favor of the planter in violation of the government contract.

3) Government money from the processing tax was distributed at the ratio of eight dollars to the planter and one dollar to the sharecropper.

4) Many sharecroppers did not receive this dribble.

5) Managing share tenants have been reported as sharecroppers and sharecroppers as day-laborers so that the planter could receive a larger portion of the government benefits.

6) Sharecroppers who stood up for their rights were evicted.

The STFU is still growing rapidly in spite of increasing terror and violence being used against it and is spreading to the hill country of Arkansas. White sharecroppers instead of being fooled by the planter's hollering "race equality" and "meddling reds" are joining more rapidly than formerly.

The Best Joke of the Week

By McALISTER COLEMAN

Last Sunday we heard two of America's leading humorists on the radio. One was Will Rogers, the other Franklin Delano Roosevelt. And of the two we far prefer the technique and dry humor of Franklin.

Rogers gurgles and chortles over his wisecracks. He is the comic who leers at his audience as though to say, "Get this one boys, it's going to panic you."

But Franklin's art lies in the way he dead-pans his stuff. He can soar to the dizzy heights of satire and still preserve the expressionless front of an Egyptian mummy. And that, boys and girls, is sheer genius.

Take for example his hilarious line, "Americans as a whole are feeling a lot better." What could be more delightful than that? And yet there was never the hint of a chuckle over the ether when he pulled it.

You get the picture all right. Here are some one hundred and twenty million Americans who have been lying flat on their collective fannies for the past five years. They have taken it and taken it and, with a few exceptions, give every indication of going on taking it.

Then all of a sudden a faint flickering of an eyelid is visible. Way over there in the corner a prostrate figure stirs. Clumpety, clumpety, here come the pulmotor boys. With a loud cheer they raise the head of the eyelid-flickerer.

"Attaboy," they holler, "you're feeling better ain't you? That is, as a whole."

They bend anxiously over the gasping worker. "Anything you say, only for the love of Heaven don't use that Recovery Enema on me again."

Yes sir, "Americans as a whole are feeling a lot better." There are one or two coal-miners around who now have miraculously found enough strength to stagger down to the colliery to be told that there is no work and our spies bring in word that a shopman in the Baldwin Locomotive Works has been cheered up by being allowed to carry a bright, shiny locomotive from one end of the plant to the other on his happy back, and there are unconfirmed rumors that a group of Paterson textile workers were seen to smile weakly when recently told that on account of Japanese competition, they wouldn't have to work such long hours. Nor have to carry home such heavy pay envelopes either.

Going International

The mention of Japanese reminds us that up to now we have not written anything particularly deep about the international situation. In line with our policy laid down last week we are earnestly determined to make this column as educational as possible. So get out the wet Turkish towels, tie 'em around your foreheads and let's go.

To begin with, it seems that there is an international situation. To put it succinctly, in the manner of commentators for The New Republic, The New York Times and other international situation kibitzers, if the Little Entente goes into the Eastern Locarno, a cordon sanitaire will be established up and down the Polish Corridor, always keeping in mind the possibility of a coup d'etat in Northwestern Latvia. You can see how this upsets the Chancelleries. You will also recall how successful were the collective security pacts arrived at during the conversations at Stresa. Yessir.

Disturbing rumors from Helsingfors indicate the possibility of another flight putsch in Manchukuo. (There has been a terrible row in the shop about how you spell that place, but what the hell do you care how it is spelled?)

In regard to the internal situation in Japan it is now evident to the merest child on the street that the Ikki faction is resolved to change its Diet. Too few vitamins.

The nice thing about writing about the international situation is that you can go on like this indefinitely and most every commentator does.

All you need is an encyclopaedia, an atlas, a lot of international words like "Chancelleries" and you are off to a fat, well-paid article called, "The Chaos in Czechoslovakia." Get yourself a brief-bag, an imposing lot of foreign newspapers and a worried look as though things would go to pot unless you were on hand to "orient" them and there you are my son, an International Expert.

Of course the fact that you don't know a damned thing about what you are writing is no handicap as your readers presumably know and care less.

Good News From Westport

Just as we totter to press with all this educational matter comes the good news from Westport, Connecticut, that Howard Brubaker one of the sweetest souls who ever slung a mean pen at the status quo is active in starting a new branch in his locality. And with him, the Van Wyck Brooks.

Do you remember the old days Howard when for a breathless month or so we ran alternate columns in The Daily Leader? We can stand a whole lot more of the Brubaker brand of barbed wit in the movement and it's the best of good fortune that finds the Brubakers and the Brooks back in the fold.

BOOKS

For an American Labor Party

TALK UNITED STATES! by Robert Whitcomb, Harrison Smith and Robert Haas. \$2.00. 303 pages.

This novel is the stuff of American life, manners and language. Written in the idiom which the author believes a typical Americanese, full of slang, bad grammar and awkward sentences, it tells the story of the rise and fall of an average American worker.

Matt Williams, born in the Bronx, eventually achieves

a union card in the Bricklayers' Union and 20 dollars a day during the post-war building boom in Chicago. When the props fall from under capitalism in 1929, the props are also pulled from under his own life. His wife leaves him; he can't get work; he has to leave Chicago because he has dared to expose the crooked leaders of his union.

But Robert Whitcomb does not leave him there. Whitcomb has something to say and he makes Matt Williams say it. The hero returns to Chicago to help clean up the union (precious optimist that he is) and help organize the American labor party, the party that will talk United States.

The characters are of course protagonists for what Whitcomb has to say. That is why, among other reasons, his characters never really live. Unlike John Dos Passos, with whom Whitcomb must be compared, he does not seem able to probe beneath the surface of his characters.

His protagonists are very insistent about a labor party that must talk United States. But just what that party is and what it should do is not very clear. It must be, he says, a mass party

and will be at first, of necessity, a reformist party.

Well, aren't there such parties in Europe—in England and Denmark and Sweden in particular? But, he insists, it must talk the American language, grow out of the American soil.

He has read and heard the language of the Socialist Party of the United States. What's wrong with it? It is successfully getting away from the Marxian cliches and foreign sounding terms. (Read the SOCIALIST CALL!)

Must its approach be different? How can you have an approach other than a Socialist one if it is to be a working class party? Does Father Coughlin or Huey Long talk United States? Is their approach American? No more than was Hitler's.

Not that "Talk United States!" is not well worth reading. From a political point of view—and one has to take that point of view in criticizing a political novel—Socialists too are for a labor party. Actually there is not so much difference between Whitcomb's position and that of the Socialist Party. It is only a difference in the critical analysis of what we have today.

B. F.

Around the Country with Socialism

NATIONAL OFFICE

KNOXVILLE.—A Southern Mountain States Socialist organization conference will be held here on Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26, according to Chas. M. Wallace, local secretary. It will be the third such regional conference held by the Socialist party this spring.

Clarence Senior, Paul Porter, Zilia Hawes, Southern labor secretary of the party, and Franz Daniel, member of the national executive committee of the party and organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, will lead the sessions. Details may be secured by writing Wallace at 618 W. Tennessee avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.

CHICAGO

Plans for an intensive drive to increase and coordinate Socialist work in the South will be laid by Clarence Senior and Paul Porter in a two-weeks tour of Southern cities which will begin May 12 in St. Louis, Mo. Porter and Senior will take part in two Southern organization conferences, one in New Orleans, the other in Knoxville, to prepare the way for an "invasion" of the South by prominent Socialist speakers and organizers this fall.

The schedule is as follows: May 11, Decatur, Ill., convention, May 12; St. Louis United Socialist Drive Carnival, May 13; Memphis, STFU organizers' school; May 14, Florence, Alabama; May 15, Gadsden, Alabama Federation of Labor Convention; May 16, Birmingham, United Socialist Drive; May 17, Laurel, Miss. Additional dates will be given next week.

CONNECTICUT

NEW HAVEN.—Local Socialists here collected about \$200 for the United Socialist Drive last Saturday at a banquet where Devere Allen, editor of The New Commonwealth, and Fred Schwartzkopf, of Bridgeport, were the main speakers.

Another meeting will be held Saturday, May 11, at 53 Orange street to raise the additional \$300 which is the quota set by the State organization of the party.

IOWA

DAVENPORT.—Socialists and trade unionists held the first May Day celebration in years here in the auditorium of the Mississippi Hotel. Clarence Senior, secretary of the Socialist party and S. Kaminski, organizer for the A.C.W. of A. were the speakers.

LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS.—Paul Porter,

national labor secretary of the Socialist Party, and Clarence Senior, executive secretary, will speak at the "Far South" organization conference here, according to Louise S. Jessen, State representative of the party.

The conference, which will deal mostly with labor work and Socialist aid in the organization of southern farmers, will be held in the party headquarters here, on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. Delegates are expected from Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, and out-State Louisiana. The complete program may be secured by writing Mrs. Jessen, 4956 Music street, New Orleans, La.

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS.—The Socialist party here will conduct a Carnival and Labor Exposition on May 10, 11 and 12, at Jeffia Hall, Jefferson and Lafayette avenues. Labor and fraternal organizations are cooperating in the affair and many booths have been rented to them. Norman Thomas will be the speaker on the last day of the carnival.

NEW YORK

The Upper West Side Branch will give a May Solidarity dinner Saturday, May 11 at 7:00 p. m. at the Cecil Restaurant, 2512 Broadway. Samuel A. DeWitt, Frank R. Crosswaith and Murray Baron will be the speakers. B. C. Vladeck will be toastmaster. Make reservations at branch headquarters, 100 West 72nd street.

The Italian Socialist Party branch of Ridgewood, N. Y. will hold a dramatic and social evening on May 18 in the Ideal Ballroom at 151 Knickerbocker Ave., Brooklyn. The anti-Fascist play "Madre" by V. Vacirca and "La Via del Maradiso" will be the performance to be followed by a dance.

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

OHIO

Comrade John Monarch will spend a month in Ohio doing organization work as part of the organization work being carried on by the national office.

Starting May 12th, Monarch will spend a week in the northwestern part of the state working out of Toledo, then a week in Belmont County, a coal-mining section, in the southeastern section, and another week in and around Akron.

While Monarch is in the southern part of the state, Norman Thomas will address a number of meetings in northern Ohio. His dates are: Toledo, May 18; Akron, May 19; Massillon, May 20; Youngstown, May 21.

DO YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE CALL?

Bronx Labor Center Bazaar This Week-End

The bargain-seeker and amusement-hunter has his eye on the Bronx Labor Center Bazaar, to be held this week-end, May 3, 4 and 5—Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Richly laden counters will dazzle the vision of all who visit the Hillquit Auditorium in the headquarters of the Center, located at 809 Westchester avenue.

"Doc" Maggin, chairman of the Bazaar Committee, announces that the workers can now get the full product of their toil. All the creations of labor will be spread out in the booths and stalls of the Labor Center, and will be available to all buyers because of the extraordinarily low prices. "Doc" says: "The wise man will prepare to hop aboard an East Side subway train and alight at the Prospect avenue station."

Wisconsin Swings To Socialist Bill

(Continued from Page One) thousands of petitions, and the printing presses ran over time supplying more petition blanks and additional copies.

Bill Comes Up

On April 24th the bill, together with the Socialist State Marketing bill and two others relating to state enterprises, came up for hearing before the Committee on State Affairs. A monster demonstration was held in Madison to show the committee the widespread interest in the Bill.

Many prominent Socialists, including farm leaders, union men and unemployed representatives, spoke at length on the importance of the bill.

The powerful Farmers' Legislative Committee, official lobby for the Holiday Association, Farmers' Union, and the Wisconsin Cooperative Milk Pool, has thrown its full support behind the bill.

Communist "Unity"

Only three opponents of the bill spoke, two communists and one representative of the United Taxpayers League. The lobbyist for the State Chamber of Commerce came to speak, but on seeing the crowd he changed his mind and left early.

The Communists based their argument on two points, first that agitation for the Kiefer Bill would "detract attention from the most vital and pressing need of the workers, unemployment insurance," and second, that the plan deluded the workers into believing that socialism could come by peaceful and constitutional means.

Many workers who had favored united front activity, or at least given the Communists credit for sincere interest in the welfare of the workers, expressed themselves as completely disgusted with this opposition, to a bill for straight Socialization of industry.

Aside from this united front of the Taxpayers' League and the Communist Party of Wisconsin, there was no opposition to the bill.

Bill Stands Chance

On April 27th the bill was reported favorably out of the Committee by a vote of 8 to 1, with two Republicans not voting. This is the greatest achievement of Socialists in the legislature for some time, and they will not rest until the bill has been forced through the Assembly and Senate. Progressives on the committee voted for the bill, ashamed into action by the taunts of many groups at their inactivity, and if they take the same position, the bill will probably pass the Assembly.

The Kiefer Bill has been made the focal point in a publicity campaign to interest workers in Socialism through socialization of industry, and it is serving its purpose admirably.

LISTEN!! To That Call

Copies of the SOCIALIST CALL were in the hands of workers throughout the country on MAY DAY!

And that was only the sixth issue! All you CALL BOOSTERS have something to crow about. What basic reason is there for this extraordinary response to and enthusiasm for the SOCIALIST CALL all over America, a phenomenon certainly without precedent in radical publishing history?

This exuberance springs from a happy realization that here is a paper that definitely belongs to the great country-wide membership of the Party, effectively and militantly speaks for all of you and just as vigorously brings the message of Socialism in a manner and form no worker within the movement hesitates to present to the worker presently outside the Party.

As Local Elmira, N. Y., expresses it through Ray D. Hill: "All my comrades think it is a great paper. I also think the same. I hope we can build our Local up so we can soon order larger bundles."

May we point out to Ray, and all of you out there at the factories, mines, farms, etc., that larger bundles NOW will help you build a Local. The SOCIALIST CALL in the hands of a worker week after week will shortly bring him around to meetings and the eventual possession of a red-card.

Think that over and act accordingly. The CALL is passed along from hand to hand; there are more than a few readers to every copy. A few dollars invested in bundles of your newspaper will bring you a harvest of good prospects for membership. BUILD UP YOUR LOCAL BY BOOSTING THE CALL.

Cleveland took a bundle each week; they doubled their order for the State Convention. The SOCIALIST CALL was then made the State paper. Now Hy Fish orders a bundle of 1,000! He says: "The last issue was well-balanced, looked good and had plenty of meaty articles. . . . Give us an attractive paper and we'll do the rest." Here you are Hy, go to it.

They're whooping it up for the CALL out in Cheyenne, Wyoming; a bundle is called for, and Joseph Lunn has an Unemployment Union meeting waiting for it. Keep at it, Joe, and let us know how Wyoming is taking to the Socialist message. Jack Jaffe, one of the many ordering from out Chicago way, orders 500. How about doubling it next time?

A bundle of 1,000 is demanded by Yipsel John Crowley of Newark! Abe Rubin of Hartford, Conn., calls for 200 more. The home town of Katie Hepburn will do better. Branch 5, Local Detroit, orders 250, and I. Bremner out there sends for some; David Fortess, Chicago, wants 200 weekly; and the same amount is requested by the Sholom Aleichem House, Bronx, N. Y. Aleichem sholom!

Bundles are called for by Richard Babb Witten, Local New Orleans; Mildred McWilliams, Pottsville, Pa.; Francis King, Detroit, Mich.; Warren E. Perry for Local Wilmington, Del.; Chas. Daniels, North Adams, Mass.; John Loski, 13th Ward, Branch South, Camden, N. J.; O. Johnson, Fords, N. J., and Morris Stempa, Camden, N. J.; also Newark, N. J.

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All this is in addition to the sensational demand all over the country which has been described in detail in previous issues. Lack of space prevents a similar enumeration of the great subscription response.

FLASH! Alfred Baker Lewis, Massachusetts State Secretary, sends in 110 subscriptions! And more to come!

Remember, writing out a sub saves you the labor of each week—selling the CALL to your particular prospect. It practically insures turning the prospect into a comrade in the movement. As to party members, you all know that the word is going around: every party member a subscriber to the SOCIALIST CALL.


Come on you CALL BOOSTERS and CALL HAWKERS. A powerful Socialist press must and will be built! It is up to you.

General Workers Union Formed in California

SAN FRANCISCO.—The General Workers Union, which provides for units of professional workers, construction workers, FERA factory and clerical workers, those on direct relief, and those who have no union in the American Federation of Labor, has been endorsed by many local unions.

George W. Graydon, secretary of the union and chairman of the Berkeley Socialist local, stated that the union intends to spread organization work throughout California. He may be reached at Carpenter Hall, 763, 12th street, Oakland, California.

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CURTAIN CALL

By Bill Shulman

A Dress Shirt Drama

"Something Gay," a comedy by Adelaide Hellbron, staged by Thomas Mitchel at the Morosco Theatre.

Tallulah Bankhead always has had a knack of appearing in poor plays. Treading the boards in "Something Gay," a comedy, she again displays her histrionic ability to full advantage in contrast against the background of a meritless play. "Something Gay," a play of, by and for Men in Tuxedo, is of little consequence and an unnecessary garnish to a most eventful theatrical season.

With a simple threadbare plot, Miss Bankhead had full license to interpret the role of Monica in her own characteristic manner. Tempestuous Tallulah gives her fans a full treat by calling on all her histrionic reserves. But, in spite of all her singing, acting, cussing, dancing and piano playing, she is unable to build up this play into a worthy production. "Something Gay" is just a balderdash, somewhat amusing dress shirt drama.

Horror at the Biltmore

"If a Body," a mystery melodrama by Edward Knoblock and George Rosener now showing at the Biltmore Theatre.

Mix a concoction of every mystery play and picture you've been unfortunate enough to see, and a touch of musical farce and you have "If a Body."

Probably, if the script were interpreted as a straight horror story, the audience may have responded to the chilling situations more than it did. But by introducing heavy slapstick, the producers confused the audience and spoiled its effectiveness. The acting is strained, no one performance remaining outstanding. As a dramatic piece, it presents no more than a "movie-around-the-corner." It's Hollywood fare.

New York Youth—Notes in Brief

SLID Membership Meet

May 5.—An open membership meeting of the Student League for Industrial Democracy will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square South, at which movies will be shown of the Student Anti-War Strike, the Columbus Day demonstration, and the 1934 and 1935 May Days.

The speakers, who will talk on different aspects of student-labor relations, will include Julius Hochman, general manager of the Joint Board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union; Lester Rosner, president of the City College student council and member of the all-America Lacrosse team; Ward Rodgers, organizer of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, and others.

United Youth Conference

May 11.—The New York regional continuation committee of the American Youth Congress, representing 150 local organizations with a combined membership of 150,000, has called a United Youth Conference for Saturday, May 11, 2:30 p.m., at the Union Methodist Church, 229 West Forty-ninth street, to make arrangements for the Memorial Day counter-demonstration. All youth organizations are urged to send two delegates. YPSL circles and SLID chapters are so instructed.

Tyler-Weiss Debate

May 11.—In the same auditorium at 8:30 p.m. August Tyler will debate Max Weiss on Socialism vs. Communism, under the auspices of the Student League for Industrial Democracy. August Tyler is a leading member of the Young People's Socialist League and the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, Educational Department. Weiss is a former editor of the Young Worker, official young Communist organ. Admission will be 20 cents at the door, 15 cents in advance. Tickets may be obtained at the SOCIALIST CALL, 21 East nineteenth street.

WORKERS! SUPPORT YOUR PAPER

Jewish Socialist Monthly Appears

With the slogan, "Socialism in Our Time" on its cover, Di Socialistische Shtime, organ of the Debs Club published in Yiddish, makes its appearance. The Debs Club, consisting of members of the Jewish Socialist Verband, is well-known in New York Socialist circles. The magazine is to be published monthly.

The editorial policy of the new magazine is unequivocal in its support of the Socialist Party of the United States and its Declaration of Principles. A statement by the editors announces: "The Socialistische Shtime will be the organ of militant revolutionary socialism. We will give the Jewish readers accurate and correct reports on the life and struggle of revolutionary socialist workers throughout the world, inform them impartially of the contentions, opinions and ideas that are being disputed in Socialist ranks, in the ranks of the workingclass.

"We will fight with all our strength in a comradely fashion, for unity in the Socialist Party of America, for the spirit of the Detroit Declaration of Principles, for a strong unified party."

The May issue carries articles by prominent figures in the Jewish Socialist world. The controversy now being waged in the Jewish Socialist Verband is discussed by Haim Kantorovitch, the brilliant Socialist author whose articles in both English and Jewish have attracted considerable attention in labor circles. Other articles discuss the situation in the New York party, the matter of Harry Lang's articles in the Hearst press, May Day, and greetings to the Workmen Circle Convention meeting in New York.

David P. Berenberg, author of "Socialist Fundamentals," contributes an article on the subject of a Socialist program. Other writers in this issue include I. Vanaev, B. Shefner and Gershon Zibert. The May number contains a summary of Socialist Party activities throughout the country.

The Socialistische Shtime sells for ten cents a copy or one dollar per year. Information concerning the Debs Club and its publication may be obtained from H. Sobotko, 560 Beck street, Bronx, N. Y.

Moscow Summer School Attracts Great Interest

The Moscow University Summer Session for American Students, teachers and social workers which takes place from July 16 to August 25th inclusive has attracted a great deal of favorable attention in the United States.

Travel agencies throughout the country are actively recruiting parties to attend the school.

Among these bureaus which have scheduled definite sailing to bring students is World Tourists, 175 Fifth avenue.

In Anti-War Play



Katherine Cornell, now appearing in "Flowers of the Forest" at the Martin Beck.

Call Board

"Avec L'Assurance" ("Love Insurance"), French musical comedy, will have a premiere showing at the Fifth Avenue Playhouse beginning Friday, May 3rd.

The Theatre of Social Protest is presenting a mass recitation, "No, No More War," and a group of modern dances by Leah Dillon as well as a one-act play on Saturday and Sunday nights, May 4 and 5, at the Boro Park Labor Lyceum located on 14th avenue and 42nd street in Brooklyn, N. Y.

On being interviewed, Alexander Chapayev, 23 year old son of the Soviet Military Leader, said, "I lived in the barracks with my father. On the drill ground, and during the instruction hours, I always observed the bearded grown-ups as they learned how to walk. One of them said: 'I've been walking for thirty years, and I thought I knew how.'" But Chapayev says, "Learn! You don't know how to walk yet."

"Laddie," an RKO-Radio picture, began Friday at the Roxy Theatre. . . . "The Devil Is a Woman," starring Marlene Dietrich, opened at the Paramount Theatre Friday. . . . "Youth of Maxim" continues at the Cameo.

"The day is past when the public can be attracted to the theatre solely by spectacular scenic production. The talking picture with its limitless scope for effects of this kind has changed all that. More than ever before the play is the thing," says Guthrie McClintic.

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CURRENT MOVIES

A Worthwhile Picture

"The Red Village," a Soviet Talkie with English titles, produced by Belgoskino.

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Laying the scenes of the picture in the newly built power houses, the producers have dramatized

the story of how a former mill owner, slyly creates trouble by causing dissension among the engineers of the plant, and by endangering the lives of the workers through sabotage, until he is finally discovered.

"The Red Village" does not match the standard of its predecessors. This may be expected since both prize winning "Chapayev" and "Youth of Maxim" are of such a high calibre, that it will be some time before either Hollywood or Moscow can duplicate the same in quality.

Turn to The Left

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loudly and clearly for himself. By that time, Fascism will be ready and organized for seizure of power, and the doors of hell on earth will yawn wide open for the American Jew. . . .

And wouldn't it be an irony that shimmers, with silver, in a moment of savage exultation, the New York American Fuehrer drags out from some detention camp the haggard Jew Lang . . . and holds him forth before a "Hell"-ing host of 100 per centers . . . and introduces him with this:

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At the Front — By Norman Thomas

NEITHER Father Coughlin at his big Detroit meeting nor Milo Reno and Huey Long in their Iowa gathering created a third party. Both meetings showed a strength of discontent which the self-appointed leaders are far more likely to exploit for Fascist ends than for the achievement of any cooperative commonwealth.



There was no magic in the President's radio speech and none in the doings of Congress to change this picture. Any Administration with \$5,000,000,000 to spend is in a strong position under existing conditions to win an election. This even though it should refrain from too obvious political bargaining. It is not in an equally strong position to end the crisis in Capitalism.

The Third Party Fascist Appeal

Father Coughlin played a shrewd game in Detroit by the way in which he picked his associates on the platform and by the bills which he endorsed. Obviously he was trying to meet the charge that he was anti-labor and anti-Semite. Also he was probably well advised in disclaiming any intention of himself at this juncture establishing a third party.

However shrewd these moves, they do not change the essential nature of Father Coughlin's Fascist appeal or the logic of the situation which requires him and Huey Long to make some kind of terms on which they can build a third party or its extra legal equivalent.

If anything in American politics is certain, it is that the future of any third party movement which does not consciously reject capitalism and the whole price-profit system lies today with these demagogues so well described by Raymond Gram Swing in his "Forerunners of American Fascism" and not with the older type of LaFollette progressive or any of the enthusiasts who are trying to build a third party without definite appeal to the workers and without any class basis.

The Canadian Socialist Movement

When I was in Toronto at the interesting and encouraging convention of the Ontario Section of the Canadian Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, wise men told me that they doubted if the CCF would have made the headway it has if it had not been started before Stevens and some others, who may be forerunners of a Canadian Fascism, had made their demagogic, reformistic appeals.

On this side of the line, we have to act after our far more potent demagogues are already well under way. This makes it vitally important that we take great care to be led astray after no third party messiahs. Our Socialist position is one of willingness to cooperate in a genuine Farmer-Labor party which appeals to workers with hand and brain as workers against an exploiting system and not as little-owners against big.

Sometimes I wish we had been in a position boldly to take the lead in trying to build such a party

after the success of the Continental Congress at Washington in May, 1933. But there were all sorts of reasons, and good reasons like the temporary popularity of the New Deal with the organized farmers and workers, to make that step difficult if not impossible.

I still believe that an organization patterned after the Canadian CCF might be the best way to build the mass movement of the workers that we want, but it must be remembered that the CCF is definitely and avowedly Socialist in philosophy and aim. I was impressed with the emphasis put on this fact at the Ontario Convention.

Richberg's Betrayal

If anything was necessary to illustrate the failure of NRA from the standpoint of the workers, it is to be found in Donald Richberg's extraordinary statement that neither he nor the Department of Justice believed that the Colt Arms factory in Connecticut had violated the Code—this although every tribunal of NRA had found the company guilty and had ordered the removal of the Blue Eagle.

Meanwhile the War Department goes on giving fat contracts to the company which is fighting its own workers. But then, isn't that in the last analysis what war departments are for?

The Thing to Fight For

The things for which labor should fight are unchanged. They include:

Real Security legislation—in Congress the Lun-Jeen Bill; in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Wisconsin the Socialist bills—not the President's mis-called Security bill.

The Wagner Bill protecting labor organization, strengthened by amendments, particularly by extending its provisions to agricultural labor.

The 30-hour week bill, not as a cure all but a help in the fight against unemployment.

Federal anti-lynching legislation.

Congressional investigation of the exploitation of share croppers.

Labor should fight AGAINST:

Extension of NRA.

The big army and navy bills desired by all imperialists, fascists, and enemies of labor.

All forms of the sales tax—that means adequate income and inheritance taxation instead.

The New York Legislature doomed the anti-child labor Amendment to please the Roman Catholic hierarchy; it defeated reapportionment as a result of a political feud; and it adjourned without giving real protection to tenants in this emergency. The latter failure means that one of the primary factors in causing the Harlem riots is but little changed for the better.

I hear fine things about the Mid-West organization conference. The Eastern Massachusetts Conference last week had an excellent program. This is work to rejoice in—and to imitate.

Congratulations to New York workers on a great and impressive May Day!

Six Sentenced to 111 Years In Attempt to Smash Union

Six members of the United Textile Workers Union were given 111 years of hard labor in North Carolina prisons as a result of \$12.50 damage done by a dynamite explosion. The explosives were planted by strikebreakers in the yard of the E. M. Holt Plaid Mill Co., according to John Anderson, one of the victims.

Those who were framed during the general textile strike last September, and convicted in December, 1934, are: John Anderson, sentenced from 8 to 10 years at hard labor; J. P. Hearg, 6 years; Tom Counipe, 2 years; J. F. Haraway, 2 years, and Florence Blockcock and Harold Overman, 45 to 46 years, respectively.

The conviction was brought about by a strike-breaking company of Pennsylvania, when it

sent four of its detectives to do the dirty work and plant the dynamite in the property of the company which had not been used in years, declared Anderson, who is in New York on a \$3,500 bond raised by workers who mortgaged their homes for that purpose.

He revealed that when the trial took place last December, workers employed by the textile mills were barred from serving on the jury. While the trial was in progress, textile manufacturers mingled with the jurors, thereby prejudicing the jurors against the workers on trial.

The defense committee is in need of funds to appeal the sentences. Funds sent in care of the SOCIALIST CALL will be forwarded to the strike committee in Burlington, N. C.

100,000 Mass in New York Socialist May Day Parade

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part in the demonstration. Huge cartoons symbolized the struggle of the white collar workers. A huge pen to which were chained several of the marchers spoke eloquently of their lot under capitalism.

The Inside Bakery Workers (National Biscuit Strikers) who had just settled their strike, turned out in force. Negro and white workers, united in the Building Service Employees, strode proudly through the streets.

Three hundred striking radio workers marched from their picket line in Brooklyn to join their fellow workers. The striking Butler workers also participated in the great manifestation of solidarity.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union made a brilliant display of their numbers. Many of their sections were led by blue-shirted young Socialists acting as a color guard for the workers' flag.

Various political groups besides the Socialist Party took part in the parade, including the IWW, the Workers Party, and the Communist Party (Opposition).

Half Million

About half a million people wit-

nessed the demonstration along the line of March. At the Central Park Mall, 60,000 persons listened to a concert and speeches by Norman Thomas, Luigi Antonini, acting president of the ILGWU, Julius Hochman, manager of the Joint Dress Board and others.

Thomas, who was the principal speaker, said in part: "We are not here for a picnic under blue skies. The drums are beating for a call against war. Let us dedicate ourselves to the struggle against fascism. We are here to get peace, plenty and freedom for the worker."

PHILADELPHIA

More than 25,000 workers marched in Philadelphia in one of the largest May Day demonstrations ever held. The ILGWU and the ACWA cooperated with the Socialists in the affair.

PATERSON

Workers in the Paterson silk mills declared a one day strike in protest against the refusal of the manufacturers to give them a contract and more than 10,000 joined other labor groups in a May Day parade and mass meeting. Mass meetings were held in Newark, Elizabeth and many other neighboring towns. Banners calling for the support of Socialism and opposition to fascism were carried by the marchers.

CLEVELAND

More than 12,000 marched in an enthusiastic parade in Cleveland where they were addressed by Leo Krzycki, national chairman of the Socialist party.

CHICAGO

Despite a cold driving rain, more than 5,000 workers took part in Chicago's May Day demonstration. The marchers gathered at Union Park and were addressed by speakers from the Socialist party, and trade union leaders.

INDIANAPOLIS

Maynard C. Krueger, N. E. C. member spoke at a May Day mass meeting at Amalgamated Center, Indianapolis, Ind. About 1,000 were present.

NEW HAVEN

Frank R. Crosswaith, New York labor organizer, spoke to more than 2,000 workers at a May Day parade and mass meeting. Other speakers were Thomas Burns, AF of L organizer and Harry Hines, president of the FERA Workers Union. Many labor organizations took part in the demonstration.

YONKERS

The Socialist party of Yonkers, New York, held a May Day mass meeting at the Workmen's Circle hall where Arthur Duffy and John D. Stradley told the workers the meaning of May Day. Similar meetings were held in New Rochelle and Mount Vernon.

MARXISM FOR TODAY

By HAIM KANTOROVITCH

IV

It was evident that a new and revolutionary force was coming to life, a force that was destined not only to revolutionize society in the future, but also to revolutionize Socialist theory and the Socialist movement immediately.

Pre-Marxian socialism could not adapt itself to the new revolutionary situation. It was rather afraid of it. The awakening proletarian movement could not, on the other hand, accept and assimilate pre-Marxian socialism, a socialism that was for the workers a socialism of escape rather than of struggle.

Engels labeled this socialism "utopian" and this name has stuck. Both Marx and Engels had a very high opinion of their utopian forerunners. They freely and willingly acknowledged their debt to them, but accept their socialism they could not.

Utopian socialism was as unscientific as it was unrealistic. The utopians were excellent critics of existing social conditions, but had not the slightest knowledge of the inner mechanism and the dynamic forces of society. They approached society, its laws and evolution, from a purely idealistic and metaphysical point of view that Marx and Engels not only rejected as false but also condemned as harmful.

"True Reasons"

What was wrong with the work according to the utopians was that

human reason till now had failed to find the true principles upon which society should be organized. Ignorance of "true reason and justice" was at the root of all evil. "All the nations of the world," complains Robert Owen, "... are today governed by force, fraud, falsehood and fear, emanating from ignorance of governors and governed."

This view of Owen is common to all utopian socialists of his time; as well as to all utopians of our own time. All that is necessary for the reorganization of society is the "true principle." In our time it is the "blue print," the "right plan" that can appeal to all "reasonable and good people." Once this true principle is found, the rest will take care of itself. Those socialists and social reformers of our day who call conferences to work out the "blue print" for socialism are really continuing the work of the utopians.

"Man of Genius"

Summing up the ideas of utopian socialism, Engels says, "If pure reason and justice have not hitherto ruled the world, this has been (in the conception of the utopians) the case only because men have not rightly understood them. What was wanted was the individual man of genius who has now arisen and who understands the truth."

Once this "individual man of

genius" is here everything will be all right; he will show us our errors and the way to eternal happiness.

The question, why this individual man of genius has been so late in arriving, does not bother the utopian. Social changes are, for him, in no way connected with time and space.

That the man of genius has not arisen, is for the utopian not an inevitable event, explains Engels, "it is a mere happy accident. He might just as well have been born 500 years earlier and might then have spared humanity 500 years of error, strife and suffering."

'Anti-War Frank' Joins Arms Race

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naval projects above the regular naval budget.

The bulk of this money is to be spent in armaments in the Pacific: \$14,715,000 on Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hawaii; \$4,335,000 on Mare Island, California, Naval Base; \$4,610,000 on Puget Sound Naval Base; \$2,659,000 on San Diego Air Base; \$5,621,000 for submarine and air bases on the Pacific terminals of the Panama Canal.

The Work Relief Bill signed by the President only a few days ago specifically appropriates \$600,000,000 for the CCC and increases the