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### NOVEMBER 1



### Local Candidates Rejected By ALP

After a confusing release to the press announcing that it would run local candidates, the American Labor Party (New York section of Labor's Non-Partisan League for the Re-election of Roosevelt) officially declared that it would run no local candidates in this campaign.

In the name of the ALP executive, it was declared:

"The American Labor Party is convinced that the best interests of the present political campaign will be served by refraining from making local nominations at this time."

#### Real Reasons

Although the ALP announced certain "technical difficulties," its main reason for not running its own candidates is that "it believes it desirable not to dissipate its strength on local elections in this campaign but to concentrate upon its immediate objectives; the re-election of President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman, and the welding of a permanent, independent political party."

The only names that will appear on the ALP ballot are those of Lehman and Roosevelt, the nominees of the Democratic Party.

The question of local candidates on the ALP ticket has been considered important as a measure of the party's readiness to break with the state and city Demo-

#### Disappointment

"The refusal of the ALP to run local candidates is further proof in support of the Socialist estimate of the New York section of Labor's Non-Partisan League as an instrument essentially devised merely to reelect Roosevelt and Lehman. Surely the ALP has conceded enough to the old capitalist parties in its support of Roosevelt and Lehman to claim something for itself in the form of independent working class candidates.

"I am certain that it will be a disappointment to many of those who had high hopes for the ALP in this campaign and I know that it is a blow to future independent action for the labor party to refuse, as it has, to build a movement around its own program and candidates."

—Murray Bacon, Socialist candidate for President, Board of Alderman.

cratic machine. Adherents of the American Labor Party itself have shown disappointment in the party's unwillingness to put forth its own independent candidates.

### Huge Meeting To End Drive

The Socialist campaign of 1936 will reach its climax on Sunday afternoon, November 1, in famous Madison Square Garden with the most spectacular demonstration for Socialism in American history.

The campaign committee is now perfecting plans for features never before presented at a political rally. Announcement will be made within the next two weeks.

Rebel Arts' most skilled artists are already at work on plans for the complete transformation of the great arena.

Presses are rumbling with hundreds of thousands of throw-aways, tickets and posters.

Sound trucks are tuning up to spread word of the meeting down every last alley in New York.

From now on every Socialist should be armed with a batch of tickets.

#### Register Socialist!

Registration in New York City begins on Monday, Oct. 5, ends on Saturday, Oct. 10. Polls open 5 to 10:30 p. m. except Saturday, 7 a. m. to 10:30 p. m.

You can't vote unless you register!

### Workers' Alliance Convenes Saturday

The Workers' Alliance of Greater New York will meet in convention Saturday in Irving Plaza Hall, to perfect plans for unity with the Unemployed Councils.

#### Suppressed!

The Federal Trade Commission, which is usually punctual in keeping its appointments, promised the nation a report on the milk situation in New York State, to appear on September 15. But it is tardy in appearing!

Is it perhaps waiting for the dairy farmers to cool off? Or is it adjusting its make-up to avoid embarrassment to some of its New York political friends?

Where, O where is that report?

### Dressmakers Form League For Thomas

The Dressmakers League for Thomas and Nelson, including in its membership many officials of Local 22 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, was organized last Thursday at a meeting addressed by Murray Gross, Chairman of the Laborer, State Secretary. The league Committee, and Frank N. Trapp, pledged itself to raise funds for the campaign and to publish a special bulletin.

The convention comes after the Workers Alliance had forced Brehon Somervell, WPA Administrator, to recognize the right of the Alliance to place shop stewards as representatives of its members on the projects which it has organized and to have its representatives sit on the mechanics reclassification board.

Brendon Sexton, chairman of the Workers Alliance of Greater New York and well-known Socialist, commented:

"The administration in New York, which for a long time under Victor Ridder's direction refused to carry out the mandate of the National Administration to recognize the Workers' Alliance of America, has at last yielded to the demands of New York's relief workers for union recognition.

"In addition to the recognition of its shop stewards the Alliance has been granted the right to place representatives of its own choosing on the examining boards for mechanics seeking re-classification. This, too, is a great step forward. In the past it was possible for the administration to arbitrarily demote skilled mechanics on the basis of examinations given them by boards, in the selection of which they had no voice. Now, such action will be impossible."

# THE CAMPAIGN IS ON!

## Town Hall Rally Begins Socialist Drive For State

The New York campaign received an enthusiastic sendoff last Sunday from a cheering throng that filled the Town Hall for the annual ratification meeting.

The issue was clearly laid down as one of Socialism versus capitalism by Mayor Daniel W. Hoan of Milwaukee, Harry W. Laidler, Murray Baron, Darwin J. Meserole, Frank R. Crosswaith and Jack Altman.

"Particularly at this time, we in Wisconsin are proud to be in the Socialist Party fighting with our standard-bearer, Norman Thomas, against the old system of exploitation," Mayor Hoan declared.

He denied emphatically that the Wisconsin Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation, of which the Socialist Party is a part, had endorsed Roosevelt in any way. The Federation, he pointed out, has adopted all the planks offered by the Socialist Party.

"The present federation is the result of the demand from the rank and file of organized workers and farmers for a real farmer-labor party controlled by them and not by politicians," Hoan said. "And I assure you it is a real farmer-labor party and not a bogus farmer-labor party such as you may have in the eastern part of the country."

### Attacks Woodring

Ridiculing the "good man" idea in politics, Hoan attacked Roosevelt for his appointment of Harry Woodring as Secretary of War. He quoted from Woodring's utterances and declared that if Roosevelt were to pick out five men in this country who came closest to being fascists, Woodring would be among them.

"I am ashamed of the two or three old Socialists in New York City who are going to disgrace themselves by supporting Roosevelt," he declared. "I believe that deep in their consciences they regret their action."

Delivering a stinging attack on the legislative records of the Democratic and Republican parties, Dr. Laidler blew up the myth that New York state is a heaven of liberalism with Governor Lehman as the presiding angel.

### Killed Amendment

"I charge the Democratic and Republican parties in this state with joint responsibility for the annual throttling of the Child Labor Amendment in the face of the overwhelming demand of the people for its ratification," Dr. Laidler said.

"I charge the Democratic and Republican parties and their leaders, Governor Lehman and Senator Fearon, with refusing to consider the principles of health insurance, with excluding thousands of needy from their inadequate old age pension legislation, with making unemployment insurance farcical by refusing to permit state contributions.

"I charge the Democratic-Republican administration of this state with placing burdensome restrictions around the municipal movements for public ownership and with retaining a futile system of so-called regulation.

### Aided Hearst

"I charge them with aiding and abetting the hysterical red-baiting of public enemy number one, William Randolph Hearst, by approving the McNaboe investi-

## CANDIDATE



Murray Baron, New York union leader, who is the Socialist candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen.

gation into public schools and by refusing to repeal the Teachers Loyalty Oath law.

"I charge Governor Lehman and the Republicans with failing utterly to bring forward any constructive solution of the milk problem for producer and consumer.

"I charge them with failure to make adequate provision for the unemployed, with refusing to develop a scientific system of taxation, with emasculating the anti-injunction law through their judicial appointees, with failure to reappoint legislators along democratic lines, with failure to touch the fringe of the housing problem, with failure to attack the root cause of any of our burning ills."

### Cheer Baron

Taking time out from important union conferences, Murray Baron, candidate for Aldermanic President, was cheered as he lashed out against "political apologists" in a brief but brilliant address.

"Everybody is apologizing this year. Landon apologizes for some of his backers. Roosevelt apologizes for some of his electors. His electors apologize for other things. Coughlin apologizes. Browder apologizes....

"We are against capitalism and for Socialism and we are not apologizing for it," Baron declared amid cheers.

"When the labor party of the future is formed, the general labor movement will be grateful to the Socialist Party for having kept alive in this chaotic campaign a clear program of fundamental change."

### Meserole Speaks

How the Supreme Court has usurped its powers was clearly shown by Darwin J. Meserole, candidate for Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals.

"If we supinely assent to the Supreme Court's continued use of illegal legislative power, then democracy has ceased to exist and we have surrendered our rights into the hands of nine men, with life tenure of office, in no

## IN BAD COMPANY



Legionnaire La Guardia, arm-in-arm with Cleveland's Mayor Harold H. Burton at the American Legion convention. Mayor Burton's anti-labor record is notorious. The Socialist Party refused his offer to greet their National Convention last May.

## Lehman, Democrats Block Milk Holiday

SYRACUSE—Charges that Paul J. Woodard, Democratic candidate for Congressman in the 32nd District, was instrumental in calling off the strike of New York dairy farmers were made last week by farm spokesmen before meetings of the state's milk producers.

In referring to the "change of sentiment" about a "farm holiday" announced by Woodard and Earl Flanders, representatives of four of the state's largest dairy counties, Stuart D Ormsby, a farm leader of Belleville, stated:

"It is apparent that these two men were induced to take the action they did by pressure from Albany. I have received information which leads me to believe that is so. They showed more allegiance to the Democratic Party than to their own neighbor farmers."

### Plan Fight

Despite the flight of some of their leaders who have resigned their posts with the excuse that since "there is no holiday, there is no need for a chairman," the dairy farmers are continuing with their efforts to organize against the milk distributing monopoly.

At a meeting of more than seventy farmers at Manlius, Dr. Ed Kidd, Socialist candidate for Assemblyman, urged the farmers to back the Piseck group and to stand ready for organized action. When Socialist organizer Gregory

Bardacke called for a show of hands of those who were ready to back up their federation leadership for effective action, there was unanimous response.

At a meeting of farmers in Canton, St. Lawrence County, the Pisecks promised that "the next month will be one of real organization in the north country." Orley N. Tooley, Socialist candidate for Congress, called upon the dairymen to consolidate their ranks and to repudiate Woodard for deserting the strike.

The Labor committee of the Onondaga Socialist Party, under the chairmanship of John Johanson, announced that it would use its "fullest influence in effecting a boycott of any scab milk in the eventuality of a strike."

The temporary recession of the farm holiday move is expected to turn many dairymen in the direction of political action against the present state administration. Fred Robbins, chairman of the Manlius meeting, declared that "Governor Lehman has shown his true colors, and all of you know where he stands with the farmers, and all of us know what to do when we go to the polls."

## Students Protest Expulsion Of Bob Burke From Columbia

A torchlight parade Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m., at Columbia University will mark the second stage of the campaign to reinstate Bob Burke, expelled leader of the American Student Union Chapter in Dr. Butler's bailwick.

Burke, president-elect of the junior class and an amateur boxing champion, was expelled last June after the close of school

way accountable to the people," he said.

### Assails Nationalism

Frank R. Crosswaith brought the meeting to a close with a ringing appeal for Socialism. Nationalism, he declared, was the enemy of the working class no matter who supports it.

"I am just an old internationalist who sees capitalism and cruelty wrapped in every flag. The answer is International Socialism," Crosswaith declared.

The enthusiasm of the audience was indicated by the collection of \$415. Jack Altman presided. The Rebel Arts Chorus drew prolonged applause. The meeting was broadcast over station W2NR.

for participating in a protest against Columbia's acceptance of an invitation to the Heidelberg anniversary ceremonies. His appeal for reinstatement has thus far been denied by University authorities.

Daily picket lines have been held on the campus since the opening of school. Student organizations have formed a Burke Defense Committee and protest meetings have been held by the A. S. U. on the campuses of New York's colleges.

A 20-page pamphlet entitled, "The Dismissal of Bob Burke" containing a chronological account of the case, as well as five affidavits by spectators to the incident which led to Burke's expulsion, has been published jointly by the Burke Defense Committee, the American Student Union and the American Civil Liberties Union.

## AN EDITORIAL

# Lehman's Decision

Governor Lehman has had to choose between surrendering to the boss-ridden machine of New York's Democratic Party with its Geoghan link to the underworld or conciliating the liberal and labor forces of the state, who have been repeatedly outraged by Brooklyn's "Bad Boy" District Attorney. The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman has chosen the "machine."

Nothing new is unveiled in the abject surrender of the "good man" to the corrupt boss political machine. But shocking is the new silence that has suddenly sealed the lips of those who made the removal of Geoghan something approaching a crusade.

Where are the trade unions who had to squirm under the vicious lash Geoghan applied to their backs in the Brooklyn courts? Where are all those outspoken liberals who, in the McGoldrick campaign, lined up against Geoghan?

Some of the so-called liberal newspapers have refused to back down completely before the Lehman-Geoghan combination. But what has happened to the voice of *The New Leader*, the *Jewish Daily Forward*, the American Labor Party? How long will they wait before speaking out? Is this the price they are paying for their Lehman alliance?

No doubt the Republican Party in this campaign will capitalize on this crass bit of gangster politics. They will use a justified resentment against Lehman to push a candidate into office who will give us a Republican variety of the same corruption. But to whom shall the working man and woman of the city turn to break the frozen grip of the underworld upon the political machine? Shall they cower in silence or seek refuge in the equally miserable Republican outfit? Or are they ready to register a real protest by voting Socialist?

"Clean government" is not the chief issue here. It is just one angle (and in minor one, too) of the whole set-up. The chief point here is the unmasking of the players. The sweet-smiling Lehman, the "good man," stands unmasked—the accomplice of Geoghan! The election of Lehman is not the elevation of a single, lone, independent man to the position of chief executive. The election of Lehman is the elevation of the Geoghans to the seats of government influence and the establishment of the Byks as the powers behind the throne. This is the real issue!

One wonders whether Lehman would ever have risked so care-free a whitewash of his backdoor acquaintances if he did not feel so certain that his "progressive" and labor friends would give him tacit support and indirectly help protect Geoghan in a cloud of hushed silence. Perhaps, he would. But surely those sly winks that pass for wisdom in some circles, cynically recognizing Lehman's political ties in this matter, do not help to oust a labor-hating, arrogant associate of New York's criminal elite from the office of District Attorney.

COMING EVENTS



Note: All meetings are scheduled for 8:30 p. m. unless otherwise noted.

Friday, Oct. 2

Dr. Harry W. Laidler and Murray Baron at Paradise Manor, Mt. Eden and Jerome Avenues, Bronx, Auspices, 2nd A. D. Bronx.

Murray Baron at symposium of Young Circle League of America, Vanguard Branch 1002 at Y. C. L. A. headquarters, 22 East 15th Street.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Luncheon meeting of all Socialist Party attorneys at Consumers Cooperative Cafeteria, Irving Place, between 17th and 18th Streets, 1:30 p. m.

Third Annual Concert and Ball of Bronx Labor Center, at Y. C. L. A. Auditorium, 22 East 15th Street. Admission 49 cents. Red Caballeros Music and Rebel Arts Chorus.

Lawn party of Circle 1 Sr. Kings at 84 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn. Admission 25 cents. Ping pong and puppets.

Dance of Lower East Side Branch at 31 Second Avenue. Admission 25 cents.

Sunday, October 4

Murray Baron at East Side Labor Center, 21 Second Avenue. Auspices, Lower East Side Branch.

Monday, October 5

Harry W. Laidler at Paramont Mansion, West 183rd Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, Auspices, Washington Heights Branch.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Dr. Harry W. Laidler at Jamaica Town Hall, Auspices Jamaica Branch. Dr. Laidler and Samuel A. De Witt at a dinner in the Yangtze Restaurant, 36 Main Street, Flushing, 7 p. m.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Dr. Harry W. Laidler at P. S. 167, Schenectady and Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn. Auspices, 6th Congressional District, Kings.

Murray Baron at symposium of Teachers' Union, Local 453, 11 West 18th Street.

Thursday, October 8

Harry W. Laidler and Murray Baron at P. S. 67, 178th Street and Mohegan Avenue, Auspices, 7th A. D. Bronx.

State Notes

The state executive committee and state finance committee will hold important meetings on Saturday, October 3, at 3 p. m. in the state office. This will be the last meeting before election day.

The Socialist state committee and state convention meetings required by law convened Saturday September 26, at 21 East 4th St., New York City, and ratifying the candidates and platform approved by the membership of the party.

Coleman B. Cheney, candidate for State comptroller, addressed a meeting in Cohoes, Albany County, on Friday, Sept. 25.

A regional conference of the Syracuse, Auburn, Geneva, Oneida, Sherrill, Rome, and Utica locals will be held in Syracuse on Oct. 4. State Organizer Bardacke will speak. Plans will be made for the remainder of the campaign.

Marjorie Kipp, National Campaign Finance Director, will work with Socialists in the Western District Council (Buffalo, Olean, Rochester, and nearby districts) from October 1-8.

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Teachers Hit Effort To Aid Old Parties

A referendum vote by Local 5 of the American Federation of Teachers on affiliation with the American Labor Party will be preceded by a membership meeting and discussion on the question, to be held on Wednesday evening, at Public School 17, 48th Street near 8th Avenue.

Many of the leading individuals in the union, including its president, Charles J. Hendley, have registered their opposition to the local's affiliation with the American Labor Party. A statement issued on the question declares:

"If we pay according to our membership, we hand over \$400 to help re-elect Tammany's slate. At the time of this writing, the prospect is the party will not put up any local candidates, not even one to run against the notorious Senator McNaboe."

[Since the issuance of this statement the American Labor Party has officially declared that it will not run any local candidates.—Editor.]

"In the Executive Board," the statement continues, "the argument was made that we do not have to pay on our full membership and we do not have to vote for any candidate we do not like, not even Roosevelt. Well, do we affiliate? Or do we not? Why make an affiliation for which we have to make such an apology?"

A Teachers Committee for Thomas and Nelson has been organized. Alexander Fitchhandler is to act as its chairman.

Plan Drives

Entering its twenty-first year of activity, the Teachers Union has mapped a twenty-seven point program of action on matters of immediate interest to teachers, including an organization campaign for teachers in up-state New York and northern New Jersey.

President Hendley has issued an appeal calling upon volunteers to serve on the numerous committees to carry through the planned actions.

Flight Pay Cuts

The Teachers Union of New York will demand the termination of the bankers' agreement, which resulted in pay cuts, and will fight for the immediate restoration of salaries to the normal levels.

Socialism Is Youth's Hope

SYRACUSE — While representatives of the Republican, Democratic and Communist parties offered youth various reforms within the structure of the capitalist system, Gregory Bardacke, speaking for the Socialist Party, told 300 young people here at an American Youth Conference that their only salvation lay in the establishment of a Socialist society.

Samuel Betts, Republican representative, attacked the Democratic Party for "regimentation" of business and told the audience that they would get jobs when business would be permitted to expand.

The Democratic representative, David Sugarman, pointed to the establishment of the NYA, the CCC, and collegiate centers as evidence of the fact that his party would provide the solution for youth's problems. Robert Minor speaking for the communists urged youth to defeat Landon at all costs.

Gregory Bardacke, presenting

ATTACKED



Johnny Holly, progressive Socialist rank-and-file union leader, who was seriously injured when attacked by thugs last week.

Musicians Demand Vote On By-Laws

A statement calling for a democratic vote by the membership of Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians on the by-laws of the organization has been issued by the Progressive Group of the union.

This declaration, signed by Edward Mendelsohn, states in part:

"For the executive board to act on the by-laws would tend to endanger union democracy and would be a step in the direction of losing those gains which the fight for local autonomy won, the right of the membership to run their own union."

GARAGE STRIKE

With Manhattan garage employees back at work, after accepting the proposed truce of Mayor La Guardia, Ben Golden has taken the demands of the Metropolitan Garage Board of Trade and the Garage Washers and Polishers Union into arbitration. Simultaneously an effort is being made to settle the strike of 1,600 Bronx garage service employees before an arbitration board of three, appointed by the mayor.

JOINS JOINT BOARD

The Dress Truck Drivers Local 102 is now a part of the Dress-makers Joint Board. The admission of the drivers to the board will prevent union jobbers from sending work to out-of-town open shops.

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the Socialist point of view, pointed out the inadequacies of the statements of the other representatives and urged youth to join with the laborers and farmers in the struggle to create a Socialist society.

Bardacke told the audience that the Socialist Party included in its program the American Youth Act. This act would provide adequate relief for the youth of the nation and would not serve as the scab agency which the NYA, with its sub-union standards, does now.

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Union Progressive Brutally Attacked; Rushed To Hospital

John Holly, progressive trade unionist and militant Socialist worker, last week fell victim to the gangsterism which he fought untiringly.

2-Day Strike Wins Victory

The first successful strike of shipyard workers in New York harbor since the World War was settled last Thursday when 1,600 member of Local 12 of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America voted to go back to work at the Staten Island plant of United Shipyards, Inc., on the company's agreement to arbitrate all disputes and grievances, and to abide by the union agreement of June 4.

The strike, which began last week as a lockout in violation of the union agreement, tied the yard up tight, delayed launching of a \$4,000,000 destroyer for the U. S. Navy, and halted all work on two other destroyers and three ferryboats.

Although United Shipyards had signed an agreement with the Industrial Union last June following an election and a strike threat, its failure to settle grievances and to abide by terms of the contract resulted in last week's sit-down strike of the whole yard. After two and a half days the management locked the men out.

The union thereupon declared an official strike, put a mass picket line on the yard, and kept everyone out. For the first time in history there was no scabbing of craft upon craft, as has been the rule in past shipyard strikes in New York. The twenty-odd different trades came out as one man under the Industrial Union. Negotiations, led by John Green, Socialist president of the union, ended successfully Wednesday, when the company gave in to the demands of the men to arbitrate all questions, including pay for time lost during the lock-out.

FLOOR WORKERS STRIKE

Floor workers brought about a complete stoppage of work in the industry in New York when more than 700 walked out. They are picketing the offices of real estate firms, including the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and the New York Savings Bank.

HOLD CONVENTION

The second national convention of the Workers Sports League will be held on Saturday and Sunday, in the Finnish Hall, 127th Street and Fifth Avenue.

The convention will review the first year of united activity, elect new officers and make plans for sending a large team to the Workers' Olympiad next summer in Antwerp, Belgium, under the auspices of the Labor and Socialist Sports International.

While on the way to the relief station to get milk for his children, Holly was suddenly set upon at 133rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue and brutally slugged with a metal wrench. He was taken to the Knickerbocker Hospital in a critical condition.

Active In Strike

Holly first came into the public eye because of his militant activity in the strike of the building service employees. His popularity among his fellow workers won him not only the position of union organizer but also the chairmanship of the progressive group of Local 32B of the Building Service Employees' Union.

His persistence in demanding complete democratic control and the end of all bureaucratic practices placed him in disfavor with some of the elements connected with the union. After being summarily removed as union organizer, he was further victimized by suspension and blacklisting on the employment rolls.

Holly is at present conducting a fight for his reinstatement in the union. His case will be heard October 6.

Stop Distribution Of Peace Circular

SYRACUSE -- Syracuse University officials last week forcibly prevented Eleanor Deren, member of the Young People's Socialist League, from distributing a leaflet calling for a boycott of the R. O. T. C. by incoming freshmen.

An unidentified official seized the leaflets from Miss Deren as she distributed them to freshmen registering in the university gymnasium and ordered her from the campus. His action was upheld by Acting Chancellor William P. Graham.

Issued by the Young People's Socialist League, the leaflet called on students to take "gym" instead of military training. "Don't be cannon fodder to protect big money," it read.

"The money invested in military units should be used for increased educational facilities." The entire leaflet was reprinted in the Syracuse Daily Orange as a result of the university's action.

LAIDLER TO SPEAK

Dr. Harry W. Laidler, will present the Socialist point of view at a symposium on "Politics and Peace" Wednesday night in the Pythian Temple, 13 W. 70th Street, under the auspices of the Henri Barbusse Memorial Committee. This is the first in a series of lectures and debates which the Committee will sponsor throughout the coming season.

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### New March Of Time Hits Gerald Smith

In what is undoubtedly the most brilliant piece of newsreel reportage yet seen on this continent, March of Time scores a major beat in a splendid 10-minute portrait of Gerald L. K. Smith, ape of Hitler. (March of Time, Vol III, Issue 1. At the Embassy.)

Making no bones about Smith's Fascist ambition, March of Time portrays the Louisiana self-appointed "rabble-rouser" as a rank hypocrite whose only desire is personal power. Smith's absolute egomania is such that he actually allowed himself to be photographed while practicing his speeches in front of a mirror; for the delight of the audience, he makes himself ridiculous by his posed antics.

The best shot of the evening (at least, to this reporter) is a quick flash-back to the fuming face of Father Coughlin as he watches Smith steal the crowd at one of his own conventions.

An obvious fault in the March of Time, however, is its failure to recognize Smith's role in the protection of capitalist interests; he is treated, instead, as part of the "lunatic fringe." But if Smith is a lunatic, so were Hitler and Mussolini.

Incidentally, the Embassy also features a Pathe newsreel on Spain from the Fascist capital, Burgos, which is nothing more than outright biased propaganda for the Fascist cause. Truth is ignored and lies shouted as, untroubled by any zeal for accuracy, Pathe prostitutes its camera to the whims of the butcher, Franco.—S.R.

#### GOLDMAN ON TOUR

Y. Murray Goldman, acting director of the Young Circle League, labor, fraternal and cultural youth organization and youth section of the Workmen's Circle, is leaving on a two-month tour of the country to check on the organizational progress of the League and to stimulate activity.

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# LOBBY AND AISLE

Of all the entertaining last week that entertained this passerby, by screen, not the stage, afforded the utmost. At the Filmarte Theatre on West 58th Street they are showing the French picture, "LA KERMESE HEROIQUE." This is one of the most suave, engaging and altogether soul-satisfying pictures that have been shown on the screen this season.

## The Cannon Fodder Of Tomorrow

SO PROUDLY WE HAILED, a play in two acts and ten scenes by Joseph M. Vierdel. Produced by James R. Ullman. At the Forty-Sixth Street Theatre.

"So Proudly We Hail," is an attempt to continue the tradition of "The Children's Hour" with a social emphasis. It succeeds partly. After a pretty dull first act it gets under way and manages to hold your attention. And tells a pretty sordid story with a tolerable amount of interesting action.

The theme of the play revolves around the stultifying influence of military discipline on a sensitive young man. Cadet Thornton, capably played by Richard Cromwell of movie fame, comes to Stoneridge Military Academy for two reasons. He is intrigued by the uniform and he his parents think that his education at a progressive school was sadly deficient. He must learn to obey.

He does. His violin smashed, his Bach and Beethoven records broken, his roommate dead, a victim of the regulations — by the time the curtain rings down, Cadet Thornton emerges as a true product of the academy, a typical military martinet.

The real dramatic interest is supplied by Thornton's best friend who is almost beaten to death because of his refusal to salute the war dead at the Armistice Day exercises. He does not believe in saluting those who have died for a democracy that does not exist. As a result he is cashiered out of school with full military trappings.—H. S.

#### Open Opera

"Opera for the masses," is the theme behind the Fall continuation of Alfredo Salmaggi's New York Hippodrome Opera Company's fourth season scheduled to begin Friday night. The occasion will be ushered in with a gala performance of Verdi's "Aida." Puccini's "La Boheme," on Saturday night, will be sung by Ruth Rooney as Mimi, Santa Biona as Musetta, Lawrence Power as Rodolfo, and many other eminent artists who are making their debut with the Hippodrome organization. Fulgenzio Guerrieri conducts.

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Now we're going to get heavy. We're going to tell you all about George Kelly's REFLECTED GLORY that he wrote for Tallulah Bankhead. We spent a part of the evening wondering whether Tallulah was going to marry a petty bourgeois with a lot of money or give up her career as a temperamental actress. We hoped to God she would do either. Next to us sat a cynical young woman who said, "Nowadays if a competent woman marries, she will keep up her career willy nilly." We, being willy at the time, agreed with her completely.

Our career at the present moment is mainly SEEN BUT NOT HEARD which is a play to celebrate the artistic virtues of Frankie Thomas, one of our favorite actors. Frankie and his fellow juvenilia do one of the most amazing evenings hereabouts. I forgot to mention the GOLDEN JOURNEY, which I hope by this time is off the boards. It's about three pansies thinking about why they don't write a book. I spent a long evening with my advance spy wondering why we came to this thing.

Next week, boys and girls, we're going to see all kinds of divertissements (that's a \$2 word) of the sort that you would like to get into if you only had the money. The main problem about why you don't have the money is resolved in the Socialist formula. The Socialist formula is that if you have enough wealth, which can be plentifully produced for all by all, we all could go to see all of these plays which at the present time only your dramatic critic gets to see owing to the fact that they give out tickets for some unknown reason for nothing.

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#### Dog Is Actor

The most consistent laugh-getter in the theatre these days is Oscar, a wire-haired terrier who plays a "lead-on" role in "The Golden Journey," the new comedy at the Booth Theatre. Oscar is personal property of Harry Wagstaff Gribble who staged the play and until he was cast by his master he had never before appeared on the stage. The audience finds this little dog amusing and Oscar captures between twenty and thirty laughs during the performance.

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## BARE SLAVERY IN SOUTH

**Sharecroppers Tri-State Cotton Strike**  
**ON MEN WAR ON FARM STRIKE**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (Special)—The plans for a protected strike of cotton pickers in three states got under way this Southern Tenant Farmers' Union opened a national-wide drive for support of the strikers and against intervention by planters and government officials.

### PLANTERS THROW DYNAMITE IN MURDER PLOT

Frame Negro 7-Year Jail Term



**Mass Evictions, Mob Used Against Sharecroppers**

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The convention of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union promptly answered by a fierce mob, mass evictions and the arrest of members.

**FASCISM STALKS IN ARKANSAS**

By WARD ROGERS  
Henry A. Wallace in a speech in Maine, April 27, said: "The South had its income cut down to the point where the average income of a cotton grower was \$100 a year."

**Sharecroppers' Strike**  
The Sharecroppers' Strike  
"The Voice Of The Disinherited"  
Cotton Pickers! STRIKE!  
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Refuse to pick a boll for less!  
Strike on every farm or plantation where cotton is being picked for wages!  
Accept No Less Than The Union Prices—\$1 per 100 lbs  
Strike Call  
Specimen SOUTH  
See Instructions

**Norman Thomas Attacked in Arkansas**  
**Planters Jail Sharecroppers, Resort to Guns, Dynamite**  
Special to The CALL  
Within twenty-four hours of the time Jim Bland was arrested for his term, renewed...

**A Bill for Agriculture**  
Sharecroppers Legislation Drafted  
**ARKANSAS TERRIBLE RAGES—TWO SHARECROPPERS HUNDREDS EVICTED**  
Socialized Land OK'ed By Farmers  
COTTON STRIKE WINS PAY JUMP  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (Special)—Having won widespread offers of cents for a hundred pounds of cotton picking, the Southern Tenant Farmers Union officials off its general strike. More local unions have been organized.

### Indict Planter For Peonage In Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Slavery in the United States!  
Such is the discovery made by a federal grand jury this week, which indicted City Marshal Paul D. Peacher, of Earle, the town near which Norman Thomas had been attacked last year by an armed mob when he came to investigate conditions.  
Named By CALL.

Peacher, indicted for "aiding and abetting" in holding in slavery, was named last January by The CALL as the man responsible, in great part, for wholesale terrorism against the sharecroppers. It was not until last week, however, that the federal grand jury acted, following a heavy barrage aimed by Socialists at the Roosevelt administration for its failure to protect the rights of members of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union.

The lone defendant is charged specifically, with having arrested eight Negro sharecroppers, taken them before Mayor Mitchell of Earle and falsely charged them with vagrancy. They were convicted and sentenced to work on Peacher's plantation.

It was in the same town of Earle that Willie Sue Blagden and Claude Williams, prominent Socialists, were seized by a mob of planters and brutally flogged. Though they named their assailants—"Boss" John Dulakey, Dr. H. S. Watson, L. L. Barham, Ernest Richards, Earl Cherry, Percy Magness and Tommie Thompson, all planters or riding bosses—the Crittenden authorities have refused to act. Civil suits against them, however, are pending.

**Campaign Gesture**  
The indictment of Peacher is viewed here as a campaign gesture intended to save the face of Democratic candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose right-hand man, Senator Joseph T. Robinson, is the mouth-piece of the plantation owners.  
Charges of peonage against the planters were first made by Thomas who sent a telegram to President Roosevelt, describing the facts. Senator Robinson and Governor Futrell both hastened to deny Thomas' assertions. The action of the federal grand jury this week, however, puts the lie to their denials.

FIRST WITH THE NEWS—AS USUAL. The CALL scored an important newspaper beat with its year-long expose of slavery in Arkansas—which has now resulted in the indictment of one of the planters. Above is a picture of some of the headlines which featured the CALL stories.

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# Jingo Banker Named War Chief By F D R

Harry Hines Woodring, jingo militarist, machine politician, American Legion "king-maker" and Kansas banker, was appointed Secretary of War last week by President Roosevelt. Woodring has been the driving force in the Administration's billion-dollar, high-powered militarization attempts to prepare America's youth for another period of international mass murder.

Although Roosevelt announced the appointment of Woodring to succeed the late Henry Dern as "temporary," Washington observers interpreted the action as merely a political maneuver to stop liberal criticism until after the November elections. It was recalled at the nation's capital that the appointment of Homer S. Cummings as Attorney-General was also characterized as "temporary" when he succeeded Thomas Walsh.

Although Woodring's appointment was greeted by surprised chagrin on part of those liberals who are supporting Roosevelt as a "good man," it was immediately acclaimed by reactionaries. Republican Presidential Candidate Landon, Hearst puppet, wired Woodring congratulating him on his appointment.

### Liberals Object

Typical of the reaction of liberals was an editorial in The New York Post, ardent New Deal supporter. It read in part:

"We are glad that Harry H. Woodring's appointment as Secretary of War is announced as 'temporary.' We hope his term will be short."

But it was generally agreed in Washington that Woodring has enrolled with FDR for duration. Even under Dern, Woodring was the real power in the War department; as assistant secretary of war in charge of military procurement, Woodring planned M-Day, that fateful day following the declaration of war when the entire United States will be mobilized in Fascist-like array to serve the bloody wishes of Wall Street. Woodring is also reported to be the actual author of the secret bill held in readiness by the FDR administration to militarize the CCC camps.

### Attacked By Socialists

Woodring was attacked by the Socialist national executive committee in January, 1934, after he had written a widely publicized article in "Liberty" magazine in which he proposed that the army "direct the country in the national interest." The article was denounced by the Socialists as "a frank pronouncement of military Fascism."

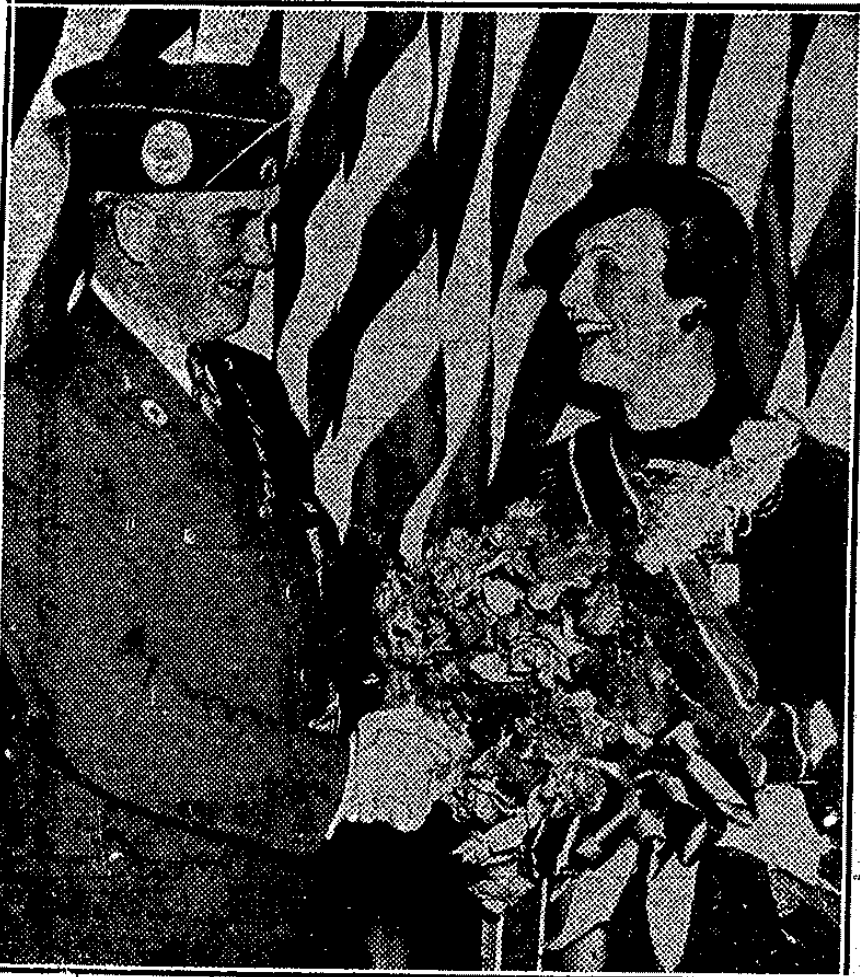
The new Secretary of War is a Kansas banker who received his appointment under Dern after he was rejected for a second term as Governor of Kansas. A big shot in the American Legion, he is generally credited with pulling the strings that elected Harry W. Colmery, another Kansas politician, commander of the Legion at its Cleveland convention last week.

### Win In Sweden

STOCKHOLM—Detailed reports of the Swedish general election indicate that the working class parties now have a substantial majority in the Lower House of Parliament. The number of Socialist delegates increased from 104 to 112.

The popular vote of the Social Democratic Party was 1,336,554 votes as compared with 1,040,089 in 1932. The communists increased their vote from 74,245 to 96,223 and their deputies from 2 to 5. There are now 123 workers' representatives in the Riksdag facing 107 non-labor deputies. Per Albin Hansson has been sworn in as premier.

## WOODRING'S BUDDY



Above is Harry W. Colmery, Kansas politician, receiving congratulations on his new office of national commander of the American Legion. Colmery can thank his buddy Harry Woodring, Roosevelt's jingo Secretary of War, for pulling the strings that made possible his election.

## WOODRING SPEAKS:

Here is what Harry Woodring, new Roosevelt Secretary of War, said in an amazing article "The American Army Stands Ready," in "Liberty" Jan. 6, 1934:

"The army has sometimes been called upon to suppress disorderly activities in defiance of government by large groups of individuals. It is scarcely too much to state that the army's existence for this purpose alone would justify the investment we have made in it. Economic breakdown unless promptly corrected induces social breakdown.

"In such a crisis, the army is the only organization in the country which is able and ready to maintain the government.

"Let me speak frankly. If this country should be threatened with foreign war, economic chaos or social revolution—

"The army has the training, the experience, the organization and the men to support the government and direct the country in the national interest.

"Our army happens to be the only branch of the government which is already organized and available not only to defend our territory but also—

"To cope with social and economic problems in an emergency. It is our secret insurance against chaos.

"It is our 'ace in the hole' for peace as well as war!

"If the army were so directed, it could organize the veterans of the World War, the CCC men, and through them the administration of relief into a system of—

### ECONOMIC STORM TROOPS

"That could support the government's efforts to smash the depression."

## Wall Street (Of All People) Hits Roosevelt Red-Baiting

WASHINGTON — Henry Morgenthau, Roosevelt's secretary of the treasury, is the author of the season's best political hoax, namely the charge that Soviet Russia's recent transaction in pound sterling was a "raid" on Great Britain.

The transaction was promptly described by Wall Street men as an ordinary deal, occasioned by Russia's payment of a large bill owing to a Swedish firm.

While Morgenthau pictured the Roosevelt administration as saving England from the clutches of the big red bear, political observers, wise to the wiles of campaign-time, labeled the charge just another example of vote-getting through red-baiting. Of such stuff is the latest Roosevelt strategy made.

Even the reactionary New York Herald-Tribune condemned Secretary Morgenthau for the "cheap political trick designed to counteract—even at the price of deliberately insulting another government—the charge that the present Administration enjoys the support of the communist element in the United States."

Of course, the Herald-Tribune has its own political eggs to hatch—the addled eggs of Alf Landon. But workers, amused by the spectacle of reactionary Re-

## NAMED



Carl P. Dietz, Socialist alderman in Milwaukee, who won the Progressive nomination for Congress on the ticket of the Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation

## 'No Cossacks Here' Says Police Chief In Socialist City

MILWAUKEE — Police horses are no more. In the city made famous by Socialist Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, they've been sent into respectable retirement.

By order of the new police chief, the mounted force has been abolished. The Federated Trades council had pointed out that in other cities the only function served by the mounties was to run down strikers and disperse picket-lines. Socialist Milwaukee doesn't need Cossacks.

The abolition of the mounted police was a bold stroke, taken in the face of the idolization of the horse-cops by the so-called Law and Order League, the Association of Commerce, the capitalist newspapers and other employer interests. Last year, when Mayor Hoan vetoed an ordinance passed by the non-Socialist council appropriating funds for the horses, the employers had taken up a collection to keep them on the job. Prettexts that the mounties were needed for traffic duty proved of no avail.

## Senate Probe Links Finks With Lawyers

WASHINGTON—The parade of the links continues before the La Follette Senatorial Committee, in an atmosphere of lawlessness and incitement to crime.

Unbashed, the hard-boiled agents of the Railway Audit and Inspection Co. and the notorious Pinkerton outfit, founders of the strike-breaking racket, tell their story. Eminent members of the bar are linked with underworld characters in anti-labor drives.

How disorders are created by employers to discredit and terrify strikers was told by E. J. McDade of Chicago, former fink employed by the RA and I. He testified to smashing the property of persons by whom he had been hired ostensibly for protection, a tactic frequently used to bring the workers into disrepute or to induce the employers to hire more finks from the ranks of the criminal element.

### Gas Jobless

Walter Gordon Merritt, notorious anti-labor lawyer, who played a prominent part in the attack on New York's building service workers some months ago, admitted that he and Pennsylvania coal interests were planning to pour nauseating gases into coal mines that were being worked by unemployed miners.

The Anthracite Institute had purchased 7,500 ampules containing tear and nauseating gases at a cost of \$17,000 for this purpose, he said. It was intended to flood the "bootleg" mines simultaneously throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

An important part of the strike-breaking industry, it was revealed, is the manufacture of weapons of chemical warfare to be used against striking workers.

### Name Firms

The LaFollette committee placed upon its records a list of firms that have been using the services of the Railway Audit and Inspection Co. Included were the Borden Milk Company, National Dairy Products, which have figured in the news recently because of the threatened milk strike of New York farmers, the Remington-Rand Company, whose employees are now on strike, and Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company, subsidiary of United States Steel, which is preparing for a long siege against the Committee for Industrial Organization.

publicans rebuking the Democrats for insulting the Soviet Union, are saying with increasing vigor: "A plague on both your red-baiting houses!"

## FINK NO. 1



Pearl Bergoff, America's Strike-breaker No. 1, whose activities are being probed by the LaFollette Senate Committee.

## Hoan Assails Major Parties In Address

MILWAUKEE — A vigorous plea for independent working-class political action was made by Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist mayor, in an address denouncing the old parties at the national convention of the machinists here.

"You cannot sit around while Rome is burning," Hoan told the delegates. "The time has come for direct action by labor in politics. Labor should sit in Congress and demand recognition rather than beg for it from the sidelines."

Hoan praised the labor and Socialist press throughout the nation and pleaded for its support.

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## Labor in Action

**SEATTLE** — The American Newspaper Guild has completed testimony, before the National Labor Relations Board in the strike against Hearst's Post-Intelligencer. The evidence showed that two union men were discharged for Guild activity.

**SHREVEPORT, La.** — Trainmen on the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway system are out on strike. Members of six shop crafts, which also have grievances against the company, are taking a vote on whether to walk out.

**TOLEDO** — The Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers' Union has won a three-week strike. The men succeeded in getting a ten per cent wage increase, a forty-hour week, and recognition of their union. Three hundred men were involved.

**GREENVILLE, Ky.** — More than 2,500 members of the United Mine Workers, District No. 23, won their demands after a strike of several days duration. Wages were increased from \$3 to \$3.50 a day for outside work, from \$4 to \$4.50 for inside work.

**MILWAUKEE** — A sit-down strike conducted by Seaman Body Company workers, members of the United Automobile Workers Union, Local 75, has resulted in stopping an attempted speed-up. Other demands are being negotiated.

**SAN FRANCISCO** — After a strike that lasted several weeks, the Warehousemen's Union has won, a basic wage of 62 1-2 cents having been granted. The strike was aimed at the famous five-and-dime chain, F. W. Woolworth Company.

**JASPER, Ala.** — Classrooms were deserted here as labor leaders demanded that teachers be required to join the American Federation of Classroom Teachers, affiliated with the AFL. Unionists kept their children out of class pending settlement.

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Two officers of the local International Longshoremen's Association were arrested for talking to workers at the Municipal Docks. After being threatened by the police, they were finally released from custody.

**MAUCH CHUNK, Pa.** — The Paragon Novelty Bag Company, after moving here from Newburgh, N. Y., to escape the International Pocketbook Workers Union, found its local employees are 100 per cent unionized. They are fighting for recognition.

**DETROIT** — The United Automobile Workers of America will open six branch offices in as many cities. Regional headquarters will also be established in New York City, according to President Homer Martin.

### SHARECROPPERS ESCAPE

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** — Two organizers of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union had a narrow escape when unknown persons fired at them as they were driving along a dirt road. Their car, on being examined later, revealed three bullet-holes through the windshield.

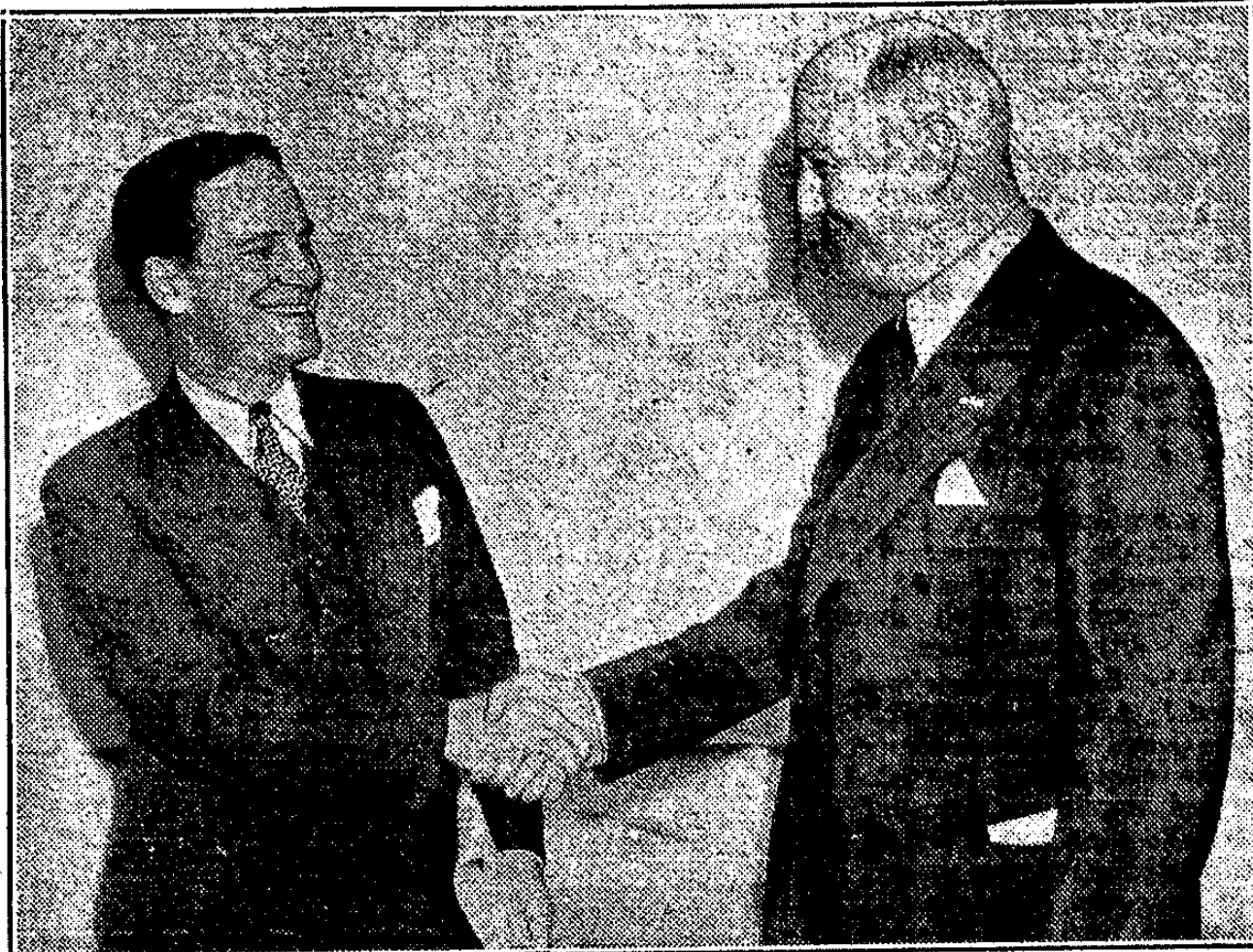
Throw a Party For the \$100,000 Campaign Fund.

# FEDERAL JURY BARES SLAVERY IN SOUTH

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The isolated gesture involved in Peacher's indictment has not stopped the practice of enslaving sharecroppers and cotton pickers. A United Press dispatch this week from Clarksdale, Miss., reads: "Planters of north Mississippi appealed for cotton pickers today to help gather the largest crop in six years. Between 2,000 and 3,000 pickers were needed immediately.

## IT'S ALL JUST A GRAND GAME



When Republicans and Democrats snarl at one another in campaign time, it's all just a grand game of make-believe as the above picture shows. Here we see John D. M. (Tweedle-dee) Hamilton, who orders Landon around, shaking hands with James A. (Tweedle-dum) Farley, Roosevelt's political mentor.

"Appeals for men were issued to drought sections of Georgia, Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas. Local police arrested all vagrants who refused to work in the fields."

It was also charged in Washington by David Lasser, head of the Workers' Alliance of America, that WPA workers were being forced into the fields by the authorities under threat of being stricken from the rolls.

When Roosevelt visited Arkansas recently, Governor Futrell ordered the release of thirteen sharecroppers held illegally in a "stockade" at Earle. Dr. Sherwood Eddy, well-known writer and Socialist, had investigated the place a few days before and reported that the prisoners were forced to work at clearing land belonging to Peacher.

At that time, Roosevelt hailed Arkansas as "the wonder state."

### Peacher Still Free

A long list of similar cases was made available to the authorities by the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, but no other indictments have been brought. Peacher has not been arrested yet, his bond being fixed at \$5,000.

At the same time, the Crittenden County grand jury, where Miss Blagden and Williams were flogged and where Frank Weoms, militant STFU member, was murdered, asserted that "we have not found any evidence of violations of the law in any instance."

The action of the federal grand jury came shortly after the convening of Governor Futrell's commission investigating the problem of the tenant-farmers. The governor has already been quoted as saying that all is well with the sharecroppers. At the opening session, he declared publicly that "worthless people can't be helped."

### To Hear Williams

Claude Williams, the flogging victim, who is the Socialist candidate for United States Senate against Joseph T. Robinson, has demanded the right to appear before the commission. He was promised a 15-minute hearing.

The Southern Tenant Farmers Union is also prepared to present evidence concerning conditions in Arkansas and its program for the future. In a letter to Futrell, it condemned his failure to appoint a member of the union to the commission, and challenged him with the statement:

"You may reveal the true nature of the situation or you can whitewash it, as others have done before you."

The STFU also demanded the removal of "politicians and anti-social officials" of the Federal Rural Resettlement Administration. It called for co-operative farming in place of the present plantation system.

should be Mr. Hamilton by Governor Landon; it should be every avowed sympathizer with fascism who is on the electoral ticket of either old party.

"I now formally raise this question, and ask President Roosevelt, and still more Governor Landon, to declare themselves. I am not, of course, asking the American government as such to send aid to Spain. I am asserting the right and duty of American citizens to sympathize with and support democracy and progress and social justice in Spain as against fascism and black reaction."

## Smith Calls For Fascism

**INDIANAPOLIS** — "Within three months you will wake up to find Gerald Smith the leader of a movement of millions of Americans," Gerald L. K. Smith shouted to a rally of the Union Party here last week, calling upon his audience to rise and extend their arms to him in the fascist salute.

Anti-labor from beginning to end, right down to the refusal to use a band of union musicians, instead of a non-union band, the meeting heard the self-anointed successor of the late dictator of Louisiana, Huey Long, attack John L. Lewis and denounce industrial unionism as an invention of Moscow.

At the close of his address, Smith asked the audience to join in his crusade. More than half rose to their feet and with hands in the air pledged to follow Smith in his fight to replace "the Russian Primer with the Holy Bible, Karl Marx with Abraham Lincoln, Lenin with Thomas Jefferson, and the Red Flag with the Stars and Stripes."

### Wants Fascism

**DES MOINES, Ia.** — Father Coughlin has come out into the open.

"I take the road to fascism!" he told an interviewer here last week.

That Coughlin was moving closer and closer to an open avowal of his fascist intentions had become increasingly clear in the past few months. His program, promising all things to all men, had been proved to be identical with that of fascist demagogues abroad in their early stages.

## Thomas Hits Fascist Attack On Dubinsky

**ROCKFORD, Ill. (LSP)** — Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for President, in a speech here last week, accused John Hamilton, Republican campaign manager, of siding with fascism.

Thomas said in part:

"John Hamilton, who frequently acts as if he were the Republican candidate for the presidency and not the campaign manager, has brought the fascist issue into American politics in a left-handed fashion.

"He thinks that he is bringing the communist issue before the public when he demands that President Roosevelt repudiate, as a Democratic elector in New York,

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. He charges that Dubinsky was a Socialist and is now raising, in his own union, with the cooperation of Socialists and other unionists, a fund for the Spanish Red Cross.

"The Spanish Government, it must be remembered, is a duly and democratically elected government, recognized by the United States. The rebels are fascist militarists whose chief fighting forces are the Spanish Foreign Legion, composed mostly of criminals, and the Moors. They would have been defeated before this except for open aid from the fascist governments of Portugal, Italy and Germany. It is generally recognized that a complete fascist victory in Spain menaces democracy in Europe and ultimately of mankind.

### Hits Gerard

"Under these circumstances Dubinsky, with whose present politics I do not agree, is to be applauded, not condemned. It is our own government which should be condemned for facilitating trade with the rebels. It is former Ambassador Gerard that eulogist of Spanish fascism - Dubinsky's colleague on the New York electoral ticket, who should be condemned. Above all it is John Hamilton, Republican national chairman, parrot, in this case, to William Randolph Hearst, who should be condemned. If anyone is to be repudiated in the name of democracy by any presidential candidate, it

### Where Thomas Will Speak

Sixty-two speeches in one month is the precedent-breaking record of Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president. It is expected that he will break even this record during October.

His immediate schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 2—Portland, Ore.
- Oct. 3—Bellingham, Wash. (Afternoon). Seattle, Wash., (Evening).
- Oct. 4—Bonners' Ferry, Idaho (Afternoon). Spokane, Wash. (Evening).
- (Broadcast, Don Lee Network, 11:15 a. m.)
- Oct. 5—Pocatello, Idaho.
- Oct. 6—Billings, Mont.
- Oct. 7—Fargo, N. D.
- Oct. 8—University of Minn. (Noon). Minneapolis, Minn. (Evening).
- Oct. 9—Polk Co., Wis. (Afternoon). (Home of Nelson, V. P. candidate). St. Paul, Minn. (Evening).
- Oct. 10—Wausau, Wis.

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## A LANDON PROMISE

Over a road littered with broken Republican promises, Alf Mossman Landon marched this week to announce that he is "a profound believer in the justice and necessity of old age pensions," and proposed "to provide for every American citizen over 65 the supplementary payment necessary to give a minimum income sufficient to protect him or her from want."



LANDON

So the old-age pension now finds a place in the vocabulary of respectability. Like the weather, it is now a fit subject for conversation even if nobody does anything about it.

Some people may see in Landon's endorsement of old age pensions a symbol of progress. Even a horse-and-buggy can move.

It was witty Oscar Ameringer who said that the conservatives always made him think of the bath-tub—and he didn't mean that as a dirty crack either.

"The first bath-tub was used in America in 1842," says Oscar. "Two years later a law prohibiting the tak-

ing of a bath between November and March was defeated in Philadelphia by only two votes. Virginia put a tax of \$30 on each bath-tub owned. In Boston a law was passed to forbid bathing in a tub without a medical order; but it was never enforced, and was repealed in 1852. Today there are nearly two bath-tubs to every automobile.

"And now, look at 'em!" he concludes. "Even Tories are using them."

Yes, even Governor Landon uses them. And in this year of 1936, a Republican candidate has finally hemmed-and-hawed his way to an endorsement of old-age pensions. But even at that, Republican Alf doesn't talk a good pension. Republican and Democratic candidates, it is well-known, suffer severe injuries of the face during political campaigns as a result of talking with the tongue in the cheek.

### Here Is The Joker

in Alf's old-age pension, just as in Roosevelt's social security law. Aside from the failure to provide for adequate funds to meet the responsibility of caring for the aged, it sets 65 years as the age when workers can begin to draw benefits.

As Harry W. Laidler has pointed out in his "Program for Modern America," such proposals fail "to provide for the superannuated worker between 55 and 65 years of age, the man who can no longer be hired in competition with younger workers." He quotes Professor Dorothy Douglas:

"This man is the crux of the old-age problem as it actually presents itself to the American people today—a mass problem that will continue increasingly to present itself so long as the present competitive order is allowed to persist."

The Socialist Party, on the other hand, which for years has fought for old-age pensions, is on record in favor of the principles embodied in the Lundeen Social Security Bill. As it now stands, the bill would give protection to all workers and farmers 60 years of age or over by providing for a minimum pension of \$10 a week for each person and \$3 additional for each dependent.

Old-age-pensions will never come from the insecurity laws proposed by Alf Landon or from those enacted by Roosevelt. A sound system of social security will be written only by the workers themselves through their own political organization.

**That's why your vote for the Socialist Party means something!**

### WALL STREET'S SOCIAL NOTES

You can't keep up on what the best families are doing these days unless you read the financial pages of the newspapers. Take, for example, the following item that appeared in "Topics in Wall Street," a New York Times column, September 26:

"Members of the stock Exchange were somewhat surprised yesterday to learn that Charles R. Gay, president of the Exchange, was the luncheon guest of President Roosevelt at his Hyde Park home. . . . By most it was viewed merely as another gesture of good-will by the President toward representatives of so-called Big Business."

A man is known by the company he keeps, they say. But a politician is known by the companies, corporations, and stock brokers that keep him.

## ALWAYS HOPEFUL



Mr. Micawber: "Something will turn up."

## Schools and Campaign Issues

To The Editor:

Please continue the fine articles by Norman Thomas. They are certainly the finest discussion of the issues of the day that are published anywhere.

I have just written a letter to the American Education Press at Columbus, Ohio, in regard to a circular it is mailing to high school superintendents and principals.

They are advertising "Election Civics," the textbook for 1936 "for all grades and all subjects; teaches facts, . . . fair, unbiased, impartial, a factual presentation." Then we read on to find that both the Democratic and Republican National Committees have voiced their approval. Continuing, "It teaches the facts concerning the greatest responsibility facing the American people at this time: that of picking their President and determining their policy for the next four years." As if there were no other policy except that of the two old parties.

I have informed this company that there is no place in my school for any undemocratic book

that is afraid to face all the issues and devote space to all other presidential candidates. I am a supporter of Norman Thomas and do not believe that this type of book should be published for our schools unless all sides are fairly represented.

Teachers who read The CALL should write these companies that falsely advertise, and strive for real justice in our struggle for absolute freedom in the schools.

WAYNE D. CHANEY, Grant, Iowa

### Candidates Of Profit

To The Editor:

I have sent the following in reply to a letter from Nathan Fine, director of the American Commonwealth Political Federation:

"To our intense disappointment, the Federation was not able to put out a national ticket of its own this year. No blame would attach to that, under the circumstances, in spite of promises, if

the Federation would do the next logical thing, that is, get behind a candidate who stands for the same ideals.

"We have such candidates. I heard that the Federation had decided to back Roosevelt, and promptly denied it. The Roosevelt Party is not a production-for-use Party but is for continuing profit and capitalism, as you well know. To support Roosevelt is to stultify ourselves. Landon is out of the question, the Federation has properly repudiated Lemke. With unnecessary vehemence it spurns communism. But Thomas and Nelson stand for everything that the Federation has advocated. I challenge you to compare the two platforms.

"Just as soon as it became evident that the Federation could not put out independent candidates, I suggested that Thomas be endorsed. But the Federation seemed incapable of decisive action for a time. Now you propose to wait until after the elections! Frankly, I believe the Federation has blundered."

JOHN C. GRANBERY Georgetown, Tex.

### They're All Well Pleased

To the Editor:

I am receiving The CALL regularly and am well pleased. I like its sentiments and so do others who read it. Please send me year club and bundle rates.

G. C. McCULLACH Okmulgee, Okla.

Vote Straight Socialist For a Better World.

## MAIL THIS TODAY!

CLARENCE SENIOR,

Socialist Party, U. S. A.,

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Tell me more about Norman Thomas and what he stands for. Is there a Socialist branch in my community?

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# WHO HELPS LANDON?

By John Ball

ALTHOUGH the American Labor Party is devoting no small part of its energies to directly undermining the Socialist vote, we are always on the lookout to find signs of hopeful development toward a real labor party in the ALP movement, with an eye to a sound party of independent labor political action after the 1936 campaign. Such a development toward independent action, the Socialist Party believes, can best be aided during this campaign by pointing out to workers what is wrong with both capitalist candidates of the major parties, why neither deserves working class support, why both should be openly fought. The Socialist Party today is the only party doing this in the campaign! But while doing it we watch anxiously for every move toward real independence on the part of the ALP.

We cannot therefore be indifferent to the decision of the ALP not to run local candidates of its own in this campaign. We are not disappointed, since we expected it and predicted it; but neither can we rejoice. If the ALP were to run local candidates, it would at least be an indication of its temper, its desire to build its own party around its own issues. For a few days, it seemed as if we were wrong in our estimate of the ALP. A news release had gone out to the effect that the ALP was to run its own local candidates. This would have meant an attack upon the Tammany machine, upon Jim Farley's ward-healers.

But the ALP's independent candidates never developed beyond the news release stage. For the ALP decided that "the best interests of the campaign will be served by refraining from making local nominations." And so—the only work of the ALP in this campaign will be to help to elect Roosevelt and Lehman.

## Who Hurts Roosevelt?

But now, irony of ironies, it appears that the endorsement of Roosevelt by the ALP may not help him at all. It may, indeed, injure him, just as the morganatic marriage of the Communist Party to Roosevelt in this campaign is injuring FDR's standing in "respectable" circles.

Louis Waldman, spokesman for the People's Party (affiliate of the ALP), insists that Norman Thomas is aiding Landon by pointing out that the communists are so conducting their campaign as to render aid to Roosevelt. Landon and his pals, meanwhile, charge Thomas with supporting Roosevelt because the Socialist Party is so critical of Landon. Neither Landon or Waldman is particularly interested in knowing whether or not Thomas' statements are true. They would have Thomas speak lies or show cowardly silence, just to help their "masters."

The American Labor Party knows perfectly well that the communists are working hand in glove with them in their organization in support of Roosevelt. The *Jewish Daily Forward* recognizes it and states it and has displayed far more joy and bigger headlines over Ben Gold's joining the ALP than has The CALL. Harry Rogoff in his column and the *Forward* editorials say that communists support FDR. Against this background, Waldman looks a little foolish when he announces that Hearst and Thomas are in cahoots because they both say that Browder supports Roosevelt.

## Maybe Waldman Aids Landon

As a matter of fact, if this "logic" of the People's Party is correct, then we charge Waldman, Dubinsky, and Hillman with supporting Landon. It must be remembered that the Hearst press is making a bigger issue over Dubinsky's and Hillman's support of Roosevelt than over Browder's "hidden" support. In the case of Hillman, Dubinsky, and Waldman (if you please) Hearst finds real instances wherein "lefts" are supporting the President. And for Hearst and his readers, the shade of "left" is not important. If Richberg is a "left" then even Louis Waldman is a "Bolshevik." For after all, is not Waldman giving credence to Hearst's charge, is he not acting like Hearst's stooge, is he not a puppet in Hearst's hands, when he, a "Socialist" of-a-sort, supports Roosevelt?

If the accusers of Thomas are at all sincere about their novel charge against the Socialist Party, why do they not openly repudiate Roosevelt, since their support is proving to be just as embarrassing as the communist support and more embarrassing even than Thomas' statements?

## Funnier and Funnier

The really funny part of it all is that when reactionary Republicans want to make a telling point against Roosevelt, they charge that FDR has the support of Waldman, Dubinsky, et al. And then when Democrats rise to refute the charge that Roosevelt is a Socialist, they point to the fact that Thomas is running against Roosevelt. So who is really hurting Roosevelt?

Oh, by the way, on this matter of aiding Hearst, we notice a giant ad for Hearst's "American" in the *Jewish Daily Forward* of September 25th:



# A Flood Of Propaganda Will Save America

Last week, the Spanish workers opened the dams and flooded the fascist armies that were marching on Madrid.

Here in America, we've got a similar job to do; we've got to let loose a flood of propaganda that will sweep away the forces of reaction now spreading over the land. And the Socialist CALL is the tidal wave that can do the job. But you've got to help!

Here are a few samples of what Socialists are doing to help the cause of labor here and abroad:

From Detroit, Mich., H. T. Holmes writes:

"Enclosed you will find two dollars for the support of our Spanish comrades. Please forward as soon as possible. If The CALL is in need of funds, please let me know."

From New York City, Bradford Young writes:

"While I cannot spare a contribution from my personal gifts budget, I am glad to turn over to you a gift of \$10 I received the other day. I hope that The CALL pulls through triumphantly."

But you mustn't leave the job to others. "Let George do it" is not a slogan that makes revolutions. The tasks of the workers, as Marx said, must be done by the workers. The struggle for Socialism depends on the sacrifices of Socialists. Do your share!

## ARE YOU LISTED?

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The total number of subs this week was 196.

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# ALF'S FARM PLAN

By McAlister Coleman

COUNTLESS readers (two) have written in complaining that I am not sticking to my assignment in this campaign. I am supposed to be analyzing the speeches of the old-party candidates including Earl Browder, and here I go all over the lot talking about the bees and the flowers and how the stork goes.

So let's get to our muttons and talk about the speeches made by Alfred Mossman Landon (by the way, what ever happened to that Lemke feller?) during his tour last week.

Alf told the embattled farmers of Iowa that they ought to have more money and that they were being done in by the nuts from Brazil. It seems that we are importing more nuts than we are exporting and that makes Alf pretty mad. My God, I always thought we had enough home-grown nuts without importing them. "If there is a nut we have it," used to be the slogan of the S. P. before we got rid of the Old Guard.

## Alf's Farm Plan

Anyhow, Alf has a farm plan. The plan is to have the Republicans shovel out the jack instead of the dirty Democrats. Someone woke up the former Governor of Illinois, Lowden, and he endorsed Landon's plan. No one tells Lowden much these days and maybe he thinks that Alf really has a plan outside of that outlined above.

Further, Alf is against war. It turns out that, on the whole, war is more devastating than peace, so Alf is against that. He also opposes rape.

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On the Democratic side, (pardon us, we meant the labor and liberal side) Franklin is getting set to give TVA back to the Indians.

The President, bless his cheery little self, is arranging a "conference" with private utility executives to arrange the new set-up for Tennessee Valley power disposal. So he has called in the Indians, who have the social outlook of Sitting Bull, in the shape of Owen Young and a gent named Wilkie of the Southern gang and he has appointed some government men to sit around and discuss. We are no prophet and we were not born with a caul, nevertheless if the government men come out of that conference with their BVD's they are smarter than we think they are.

Here again is the familiar sound of the Roosevelt bugles signalling retreat.

Over and over again we have been assured by our liberal friends and severest critics that TVA, was proof positive that the President meant business. That here was the shining exemplar of the New Deal. So what? They get it all done with large dams and so on and then they have a conference. Wolves conferring with lambs about the best methods of mastication of mutton is a Sunday School picnic compared with what is going to happen in Washington this week.

## His 5-Cents Worth

Joseph P. Ryan, that far-famed, progressive, intellectual giant, President of the Longshoremen's Assn., is now calling the signals for the American Labor Party of New York with the profane assistance of Mrs. Elinore Herrick, erstwhile non-partisan labor arbitrator for La Guardia. Someone named Waldman, who according to rumor was once a Socialist, has chiseled his way into the picnic. The other day Elinore was bothered by having Waldman call up on the telephone. "Who the Hell do you think you are?" asked Elinore with her wonted suavity. Waldman said that he was representing the People's Party. "And what the Hell is that?"

That seems to cover the political situation.

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I have been reading "Green Laurels" and am all fascinated with the love life of the ants. I was going to write a piece about that when I got into The CALL office and found all these protests awaiting me. It appears that some ants have wings and others haven't. It depends on their sex. Winged ants are fond of swarming and so on. Other ants just get along without wings or any other sort of fun. And so, dear boys and girls, we should all take a lesson from the ants.

If you haven't got wings you're just out of luck and have to scrobble along as best you can on your own hill, instead of swarming. What a lesson we can learn from observing the habits of the insect world.

Next week I will tell you more about Landon and Roosevelt and, who knows, if Browder makes a speech maybe we can analyze that too. We have neglected to refer to the fascinating article in The New York Times about the explosive qualities of the soy bean, but you can't cover everything in one short column.

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# A Pledge Of Loyalty To Labor's Freedom

The following pledge will be taken by young Socialists in every section of the country at the "Solidarity Bonfires" which feature International Socialist Youth Week:

On this International Socialist Youth Week in 1936, we rededicate ourselves as revolutionary young Socialists to the struggle for Socialism.

On this International Socialist Youth Week in the midst of an historic presidential campaign we dedicate ourselves to the job of MAKING THE YOUTH VOTE A SOCIALIST VOTE. Every minute and every talent we have will go into the final month of campaigning for a Socialist America.

In the face of compromise and opportunism running rampant in the labor movement, we pledge ourselves anew to our policies of traditional revolutionary Socialism, of stern unequivocal opposition to capitalist war, of a firm resolve to defeat Fascism by helping the triumph of Socialism.

In the face of difficulties and defeats, opportunities and victories, we say, FACE FORWARD! FIGHT HARDER!

We pledge everything to our movement. We pledge all to the struggle for a Socialist Spain. We stand united with the terrorized underground fighters in the Fascist countries. We are determined to take great strides forward in the name of our movement, in the name of the struggle of workers everywhere.

## Nelson's Neighbors Hear Story Of Tour

More than 1,000 people, led by the Polk County Farmers' Union band, greeted George A. Nelson, Socialist candidate for vice president, when he returned to his farm for a week's rest. They escorted him home where he told of his experiences on his tour of 26 states.

He described the abject conditions of the sharecroppers in the South which he had seen. He told of places where elections had not been held for years. The officials in power decided that they had been pretty good administrators and reappointed themselves. Democracy has ceased to exist in many parts of the South, he said. He warned the northern farmer that exactly the same conditions were in store for him unless he did something about it.

On October 1 Nelson will speak



### A Plea to Youth:

# Cast Your Vote Against War

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST YOUTH WEEK, October 1st to 7th, is a time for the rededication of Socialist Youth to the loyal, determined and courageous struggle against war which found its highest symbol in the action of the Socialist Youth organizations of the world when they declared their opposition to the World War at a historic conference in Berne, Switzerland, in 1916, during the very heat of the war fever.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST YOUTH WEEK in 1936 has special significance in the United States as the period of great rallies of youth who are against war voicing their determination to make their opposition to war effective through a large Socialist vote.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST YOUTH WEEK will find great masses of young people who have rallied behind the STUDENT STRIKE AGAINST WAR advance their activity to a demonstration for a YOUTH VOTE AGAINST WAR, which can only mean a youth vote for the Socialist Party. The determination of masses of young people to refuse support of any war which the United States government may undertake was exhibited dramatically

"Your slogan, 'In April students strike against war: in November students vote against war' expresses the lessons of the student strike. Those of us who have participated in the Student Strike know that only through voting Socialist can we carry our Student Strike Against War to its logical conclusion."  
—William Millis, Secretary of the Stanford University chapter, American Student Union.

## YOUTH SPEAKS

"Students will vote Socialist this year because the logic of their own struggles impels them to do so. Students who struck against war, opposed educational retrenchment, fought for academic freedom and were represented at the American Youth Act hearings cannot vote endorsement of an administration which increased war budgets, closed down schools, suppressed student rights and killed the youth bill. Neither can they endorse a Republican Party which promises nothing better.—George Edwards, Chairman of the American Student Union.

— MAKE THE YOUTH VOTE A SOCIALIST VOTE! —

"Let me urge all young people from the ranks of the church groups to support Norman Thomas and George A. Nelson and the Party to which they belong. Youth who 'Vote Socialist' in this campaign are voting for things they want rather than for things they don't want but will probably get. The activity of Young Socialists in the struggle against war certainly should be adequate proof to doubting young people that the Socialist Party is the only Party that really fights war to the finish.—Hayes Beall, President of the National Council of Methodist Youth.

— MAKE THE YOUTH VOTE A SOCIALIST VOTE! —

"I don't believe that it is 'Roosevelt or Reaction.' Anyone who votes for either Roosevelt, Landon or Lemke will be voting FOR reaction!"—Lewis Cohen, editor of the University of Louisville, Ky., "Cardinal."

in April when half a million students took part in the Student Strike. But the time has come when the Student Strike of refusal to support must be translated into the Youth Vote of active opposition to war.

For youth to vote against war, they must vote for Socialism. Norman Thomas and George Nelson are the standard bearers of the only party which comes before the youth of America and

states that it will oppose any war which the United States government may undertake. The Socialist Party is the only Party which says unequivocally to the youth:

"The fight against war is more than a student fight, more than a campus struggle. It is a basic fight on all fronts against capitalism. Capitalism breeds war. Only Socialism can end capitalism and its offspring, international slaughter."

The Socialist Party is the only Party which in this campaign has come before the workers, farmers, unemployed and students with the message:

"The issue in this campaign is Capitalism or Socialism, the rule of the war-making capitalist class or the rule of the workers whose interests demand peace."

Roosevelt stands on his record! His record reveals the largest peace-time budget for military

## 'Solidarity Fires' Feature International Youth Week

CHICAGO — International Socialist Youth Solidarity bonfires will feature the activities of Young Socialists throughout the country the first week in October. Bonfires will take place throughout the country on the night of October 3rd, and an international bonfire will take place at Belle Isle between Detroit and Windsor, Canada, in which Young Socialists of America and Canada will take part.

The central slogan of International Socialist Youth Week, October 1 to 7, this year is, "To Fight War Vote for Socialism." The Young People's Socialist League national executive committee appeal to all young people to follow up their actions against war, mainly the activities of the Student Strike Against War participated in by 500,000 students in April, with political action along the same lines.

The mass meetings, parades, street meetings, bonfires and rallies being held throughout the country during this period are called "a great demonstration that the youth vote will be a Youth Vote Against War," in the statement. "A big vote for Thomas and Nelson will be a demonstration that we are resolved to strike at the capitalist war makers at the base of their power, the capitalist system; it will be a great stride toward a Socialist America."

Greetings will be read at the meetings from Ernest Erber, national chairman of the YPSL, who is touring through Europe at present and who has just completed a stay in Barcelona.

## Consumers' Cooperation

By BENJAMIN WOLF

An important development of the cooperative method applied to community needs has been claiming the attention of cooperators in many parts of this country as they turn to putting their health needs on a sensible basis. Perhaps one of the greatest indictments of capitalism is its utter failure to look after the body and health of its workers. Such callousness did not exist even in times of chattel slavery. Slaves were hardly ever cast out and thrown upon their own resources when they became sick and diseased. On the contrary, they were looked after and cared for in their time of need. They received the kind of treatment a horse or mule gets today. Under capitalism a worker doesn't even get the attention a mule gets from its master.

### Co-op Hospitals

Cooperation has been successful in devising a way of assuring workers competent medical and dental service on a democratic, sensible basis. Although we have been slow to adopt this technique in America, other countries have already developed cooperative health services to an astonishing degree. For example, in Japan among the most exploited class of workers there has been developed a string of more than 400 cooperative hospitals. In America, we already have an outstanding example of what can be done. In

Elk City, Oklahoma, a town of 7,000, the cooperative health association provides complete excellent medical and hospital services to its members at the rate of \$25 a year for a family of four.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., cooperators have been busy during the past month working on a plan for cooperative medical service. The plan has already reached the stage where they have begun recruiting subscribers. They hope to have the service in operation by the beginning of next year.

The plan has been carefully worked over in collaboration with Dr. Joseph Slavit, editor of the Journal of Socialized Medicine, and will provide a personal medical service and periodic medical examinations at a cost of \$10.00 per year. If successful, the service will be expanded to include hospital, dental and optometrical services. Those interested may apply for more detailed information at the Brooklyn Cooperative Federation, 525 Sixth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Cooperators and Socialists will be happy to learn that George Nelson, Socialist candidate for Vice-President, will attend the Tenth Biennial Congress of the Cooperative League at Columbus, Ohio, October 8-10, as a delegate from one of the many cooperatives in which Nelson is an active member.

purposes in the history of the United States. His record reveals that he has built the army and navy and air force more rapidly than any previous peace-time president. His record tells us that through the CMTC, the ROTC and the CCC, Roosevelt has increased the militarization of youth tremendously.

His record proves that during his administration, reaction, the twin brother of war, has grown in terms of military law used against strikers, anti-labor terror inflicted by Democratic Party leaders in the various states and an appalling increase in the lynching of Negroes.

Roosevelt's record is hardly different from Landon's promises. Landon's promises are a subtle statement of the doctrines of the notorious William Randolph Hearst, open champion of reaction and militarism.

Socialists declare that under Roosevelt or Landon, America will be in the camp of the forces making for war. Only a Socialist America will be able to strive toward peace sincerely.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST YOUTH WEEK in 1936 will mark great mass meetings of youth who have fought against war in their shops and in their schools, in their organizations and among the unemployed. It will mark the graduation of many of these forces from the stage of acting against war to the stage of acting against war by fighting against capitalism.

The time is short but what we do will determine in large measure whether we will have the opportunity to know a future as living men and women.

A big vote for Thomas and Nelson will be a blow against the capitalist war-makers.

A big vote for Thomas and Nelson will be a direct statement to the rulers of capitalist America that we will oppose any war which the United States government may undertake.

A big vote for Thomas and Nelson will be a blow against the stupendous military budget and a demand for the diversion of war funds for relief so that people may live.

A big vote for Thomas and Nelson will be a smashing condemnation of the feverish war preparations taking place in America and all over the world.

A big vote for Thomas and Nelson will be a demonstration that we are resolved to strike at the capitalist war makers at the base of their power, the capitalist system; it will be a great stride toward a Socialist America.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST YOUTH WEEK will be a great demonstration that the youth vote will be a YOUTH VOTE AGAINST WAR!

In April—Students Strike Against War!

In November—Youth Votes Against War!

"Of course, you can count on me. Some of us who have been liberals in the past must get off the fence. The increase in military funds when both Republicans and Democrats refused to bring out of committee a bill providing federal aid to education should convince all students that these parties are more interested in training students for war than providing them with an education."

Dale Mericle, Editor of the Wayne University (Detroit) "Collegian."

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## For A SOCIALIST AMERICA!

For a Socialist America—Make the YOUTH VOTE a SOCIALIST Vote in 1936!

Under this slogan the Youth Committee for Thomas and Nelson has been organizing young people for the last month and a half for support of the Socialist Party presidential campaign.

Local affiliated state, city, neighborhood, school and organization committees already dot the country, and are at work pushing the candidacy of Norman Thomas for President and George A. Nelson for Vice-president.

The committee is headed by Albert W. Hamilton, who has played a prominent role in the American youth scene, including the anti-war, church, student, and more recently the Young People's Socialist League. At present he is chairman of Social Action of the National Council of Methodist Youth, a member of the national executive committee of the American Student Union, on the administrative committee of the youth committee representing over 50 denominations. Last year he was Student Secretary of the Young People's Socialist League.

The Church section of the committee has as chairman, Hayes Beall, formerly president of the Executive Council of the Student Christian Movement and now president of the National Council of Methodist Youth. The Church Section has recently published a pamphlet entitled, "Building a New World through the Socialist Party."

Other prominent members of the Church Section are William Kopp, a member of the executive committee, New York State Christian Youth Council, Ellen Lund, secretary of the National Council of Methodist Youth, Hal Erickson, secretary of the Christian Council of California, Ruth Bottomley, president of the Wisconsin Youth Organization, and Harvey Helfert of the Boston School of Theology.

The student section is headed by George Edwards, national chairman of the American Stu-

dent Union. The committee is widely representative of college life. Included in the growing "college editors bloc" of the student section are Dale Mericle, editor of the Wayne University, "Collegian," Detroit; Tom Jones, editor of the Earlham College "Post," Earlham, Indiana; and Lewis Cohen, editor University of Louisville "Cardinal," Louisville, Kentucky. Joe Moody, president of the Student Council, Chapman College, Los Angeles, and Herbert Robison, president of the Student Council at City College, New York, are two of the prominent student council heads supporting the Youth Committee.

The American Student Union is well represented in the Youth Committee for Thomas and Nelson. Dorothy Rockwell of Smith College, Joseph P. Lash, national secretary of the ASU, Molly Yard, treasurer of the ASU, Harold Librow of Temple University, and Jeff Campbell of the New England Student Christian movement are a few of the national executive committee of the ASU who are members of the Youth Committee.

Fay Bennett, president of the New England Student Christian movement, Margaret Edwards of Scarritt College, Tennessee, James Leake, Jr., of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Cleveland, are a few of the prominent young people who have joined the Youth Committee.

The Farm Section, under the chairmanship of Ed Mitchell of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, and the Industrial Section headed by Phil Axelrod, secretary of the executive board of Pocket-book Makers Union, Chicago, are cooperating with the Farm and Labor leagues for Thomas and Nelson.

## Erber Says Labor Can Stop War

GENEVA—Raising the slogan "Stop War Through the Independent Action of the International Working Class," Ernest Erber, national chairman of the American Young Peoples Socialist League pointed to capitalist imperialism as the cause of war in an address to the World Youth Congress.

"I do not speak primarily as an American but as a Socialist," he told his audience. "We do not see the world divided, as so many here hold, into a group of peace-loving nations and a group of aggressor nations. We hold that all imperialist governments are aggressors."

"The distinction must be made between those governments who satiated their desires for colonies and spheres of influence and those governments whose desires were frustrated. We must never forget how the American, the British and the French colonial empires were built."

**Hits "Collective Security"**  
"What can the slogan 'For Collective Security' in a world divided between satiated and hungry aggressors mean but that we side with the satiated powers to defend their booty?"

Condemning the slogan of collective security as another phrase similar to the phrase originated by Woodrow Wilson, "Make the World Safe for Democracy," he cited the record of the Socialist Party of the United States.

"The Socialist Party did not only stand against war in theory during the last great conflagration, but fought America's entry with all its power and continued its opposition after war was declared. It cost us the liberty of our leaders, including that great, gentle soul, Eugene V. Debs; it cost us the legal existence of our press; it cost us a large part of the Party organization; but we do not regret the stand we took."

"We are proud of our consistent anti-war record. We stand prepared to undergo the same sacrifices, if the situation demands them of us."

**Asks Labor Sanctions**  
The young Socialist leader called attention to the fiasco of League of Nations sanctions in the case of Ethiopia. "Had the international trade union movement applied its own sanctions against Italy, workers' sanctions through strikes and boycotts, the out-

## A Falcon's Diary

The Red Falcons of America are the Boy and Girl Scout movement of labor. It is an organization of workers' children, working for a better America and a better world. If you are interested in its program, inquiries will be welcomed by RFA officials at 781 Moxley Building, Chicago, Ill.

**SUNDAY**—Flight meeting today. Boy, did we have fun! We finished making our knapsacks

to use when we go hiking. Then we played a swell game called "Keep Out the Sheriff." If we could only stop evictions like that in real life!

As we sat in a circle, Comrade Walter, our Guide, told us a true story from the "Falcon Call" of kids are making in Spain against those Fascists. I'm going to be brave too, and do all I can for the workers when our time comes. In honor of our heroic Spanish Falcons and older comrades, we then stood up and sang the "Workers' Memorial Hymn."

Our bulletin board this week had a lot of good stories and poems on it. I drew a picture of a bunch of Falcons picketing in a strike, and most of the Falcons said they liked it.

**MONDAY**—We practised our parts in the play "New Deal." We're going to perform it at the Norman Thomas meeting Friday night, and everybody's all excited about it. The whole play is made up of poems and we all wear such funny costumes.

**TUESDAY**—We talked about American inventors in school today and when the teacher asked if we knew anything about the new cotton-picking machine, I told the class that the Rust brothers, who invented it, wanted to use their machine for the good of all the workers, and would only rent it to planters who paid minimum wages and used no child labor. They don't care about mak-

ing a lot of money for themselves, because they're Socialists.

**WEDNESDAY**—I got a letter from Andre Lavergne, a French Falcon. He wrote all about the big Falcon camp he went to in the summer. Gee, they had a lot of good times. Falcons were at this camp from England, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Belgium as well as France. Andre's English is funny, but I like his letters. I'm going to show his letter to our Flight and then, I'll write and tell him what our Flight did this summer.

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people to the war machines of one set of imperialist powers. This is the road to a new world war. This is the road to the set-back of civilization.

"If you favor the independent action of the working class and the producing masses, you can help mobilize a force that will throw terror into the hearts of the warmongers on both sides of the present international line-up.

"This is the road to strengthening all the anti-war forces. This is the road to the erection of governments of the toiling masses who constitute an overwhelming majority. This is the road to a new society, to Socialism, the only system that can give us real peace, freedom and progress."

### HOW MUCH IS A BILLION?

It's pretty hard to figure out just how much is a billion dollars—the sum Roosevelt spent on war preparations in one year. Let's explain it this way:

If a young man were set to work on his 21st birthday counting a stack of silver dollars and, if he counted at the rate of 90 a minute, working 10 hours a day and 300 days a year (Sundays and holidays excluded), he would be almost 83 years old when he finished counting his first billion dollars.



# Democracies Betray Spain By Blockade

MADRID — Democracy is retreating in the face of advancing Fascism. While the Fascist nations continue to supply the Spanish rebels with arms, nations that might have been considered friendly to democratic institutions are standing idly by—waiting, waiting.

Worse, these nations, in particular, France and Russia, have the responsibility for what happens in Europe. While they refuse to permit the government to buy arms, the rebels are receiving planes and munitions from Germany and Italy. England, always faithful to her own self-interest, permits Portugal, known to be under its control, to serve as the avenue through which the fascists receive their armaments.

**Betrayed By World**  
Suffering only because of the superiority of military equipment which has been made available to the rebels, the Spanish people has been betrayed by the world. While the Fascists shout "Viva Espana," they have bartered to the foreigner part of the territory of their homeland — the Balearic Islands to Italy and the Canary Islands to Germany; and they have let loose on their own people an army of alien Moors.

With little hope of action, Spain is preparing its charges against the guilty countries for presentation to the League of Nations. A memorandum drawn up for distribution to the Assembly has been withheld, however, by A. C. Avenol, League secretary, because of what diplomats label as "serious results" that might ensue.

**Hits 'Neutrality'**  
Addressing the Assembly, Julio Alvarez del Vayo, prominent Socialist who left his post in the workers' militia to assume the portfolio of foreign minister, denounced neutrality pretenses as a "de facto blockade" of the Spanish government.

"The rebel army," he declared, "has received beyond any possibility of doubt or dispute both moral and material assistance from countries whose political structure and outlook coincide with those to which the rebels wish to reduce Spain."

# OFF TO THE FRONT



A troop of Spanish labor cavalry passes through the streets of Barcelona on its way to new fighting in Madrid sector. Note the kiosk covered with recruiting posters.

# Lumbermen, Brewers Hit CIO Suspension

WASHINGTON—Resolutions from various sections of the American Federation of Labor executive council in suspending committee for Industrial Organization continue to accumulate.

The CIO was unanimously endorsed at a convention of all lumber industry subdivisions of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, held in Portland, Oregon. The executive council of the AFL was sharply condemned for its ruling in spite of the fact that President William Hutcheson of the carpenters' union was one of the leaders of the craftists who forced the decision.

Brewery workers, meeting in their convention in San Francisco, adopted a resolution similar to that of the lumbermen, asserting that industrial unionism is the only practicable way of organizing the mass production industries. It warned the executive council that it was responsible for a course "which threatens to divide the labor movement into two warring factions, and is inimical to the interests of organized labor." It

condemning the action of the unions affiliated with the Com-

voted "all possible assistance to the CIO."

The Arizona State Federation of Labor also ranged itself on the side of the industrial union forces this week. The machinists' union, however, backed the executive council, severely attacking John L. Lewis, CIO head.

Unity was called for in a resolution adopted by the Illinois state federation at its convention.

### Report Success

PITTSBURGH — The Steel Workers Organizing Committee of the CIO, meeting here this week, heard reports of widespread successes in the steel drive.

In the Great Lakes-Chicago area alone, 28 new lodges of the Amalgamated Iron, Steel and Tin Workers have been chartered since the CIO organizers began the recruiting drive.

Most important feature of the drive, according to the organizers, was the fact that whole company unions were turning to genuine unionism and seeking admission to the Amalgamated.

armed police to intimidate pickets and protect scabs in recent strikes. The resolution was unanimously endorsed.

The second attack came just before dawn on Tuesday when a powerful tear-gas grenade was hurled against a front window splattering glass splinters over Selander and his wife sleeping in the front room. Both escaped injury. The bomb, identical with those employed by the police, miraculously failed to explode.

community, are the objects of this individual terrorism. Pollock and Preis are also active Socialists.

### Condemn Scabberding

The first attack on these workers' homes occurred a week ago Thursday, a half hour after Pollock, a delegate to the central labor union, had placed a resolution before that body condemning the action of the city in employing

# Waterfront War Looms As Bosses Block Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO—The agreements and awards between the various maritime unions and the employers have lapsed and a gigantic strike looms on the waterfront.

### Heard Thomas

WEST MONROE, La. (LSP) —The central labor union of West Monroe suspended all business at its last meeting in order to hear Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president, speak over the radio.

Whenever Thomas speaks, reports come to Socialist national campaign headquarters of hundreds of gatherings. Two more national broadcasts and over a dozen regional broadcasts are planned before election day.

The shipowners are insistent on dropping the terms of the old agreements. They are out for blood and seem to be intent on forcing a head-on collision with the longshoremen and seamen. The workers, however, are insistent upon retaining union control of hiring halls.

Longshoremen are demanding a 5-cent raise in hourly pay. The seamen are insisting on a living wage and a 6-hour day in port.

The seamen are also determined to block the imposition of the Copeland "continuous discharge book" passed by the last Congress which would smooth the machinery for the operation of a blacklist against the militant elements. Up and down the coasts one sees conspicuous white buttons worn by seamen, reading: "As an American I refuse the Copeland Fink Book."

Faced with the strike possibility, President Roosevelt, whose man Johnson broke the general strike here which began on the waterfront in 1934, hastily appointed a new Federal Maritime Commission, headed by Admiral Henry A. Wiley, anti-labor "arbitrator." Wiley is a strong "big navy" man whose arbitration decisions in the Camden, N. J., shipbuilding strike recently was denounced by the union.

# Thousand Join Lettuce Strike

By FRANK STERN

SALINAS, Cal. — One thousand Filipino lettuce field workers voted this week to join the packers, teamsters and boxmakers who are already on the picket-lines. In spite of the unprecedented reign of terror that has been unleashed, all three lettuce workers' unions are out together, including the Filipino Labor Union. They are backed by the California Federation of Labor.

Peace conferences have been called by Governor Merriam after days of lawlessness on the part of the employers, the state police and special deputies. Merriam backed water and talked peace only after the State Federation of Labor took decisive action protesting the official lawlessness and threatening to begin an immediate drive to recall the governor unless he took immediate steps.

Sentiment in the community is indicated by the organization of the Salinas Citizens Welfare Committee, whose demands clearly reveal what actually took place during the days when the employers' orders deputized 2,000 irresponsible men and boys and brought hundreds of special officers and State Highway Patrolmen into the city to assault strikers.

The Welfare Committee is demanding an end to the use of tear-gas bombs and long-range gas-guns in the strike area, the prohibiting of minors' carrying guns, insistence on the sobriety of officers and deputies, the elimination of unofficial "co-ordinators," and protection of free speech.

# Mill Workers Win Contract

MINNEAPOLIS—Militant Minneapolis labor has won another victory.

After almost a month on the picket lines, members of the Flour, Feed, Cereal and Elevator Workers Union, Local 19152, have brought the Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. to terms. The mill owners signed an agreement to bargain collectively with the union. Collective bargaining was the main issue in the strike.

Troops had been held in readiness during the course of this strike but were not actually used against the strikers. The threat, however, had not succeeded in keeping the workers off the picket-lines which were successful in closing down the flour mills.

Meanwhile, the strike of the grocery truckdrivers continues with 33 chain stores keeping their doors closed as a result of picket activities.

# Guard Home Of Socialists After Bomb Attempts Fail

TOLEDO, Ohio (LSP)—A workers' guard, young volunteers from the Lucas County Workers Alliance, are keeping a steady all-night vigil at the home of three labor and unemployed leaders here, following two attempted tear-gas bombings of their residence.

Ted Selander, national executive board member of the Workers Alliance of America and state organizer for the Ohio Socialist Party; Sam Pollock, prominent Auto-Lite strike leader and secretary of Local 463, American Federation of Teachers, and Art Preis, chairman of the local Workers Alliance, strongly organized in this

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**Norman Thomas Says:**

**ROOSEVELT SOUNDS THE BUGLE . . . TAPS**

**M**ORE political lime-light on Kansas. The President has made Harry Woodring of Kansas Secretary of War on a temporary appointment. Woodring, as Assistant Secretary, has been a dumb Big Army man, the puppet of the generals. Early in his Washington career he wrote an article in *Liberty*, if I remember correctly, hailing the CCC camps as centers of military training. Roosevelt rebuked him very, very mildly, and now makes him Secretary of War!

Worse than Woodring's performance is John Hamilton's self-revelation as an incipient Fascist and a stooge of Hearst. Thus he wrote himself down when he officiously demanded David Dubinsky's removal from the Democratic electoral ticket because of Dubinsky's leadership in aiding the Spanish workers and their democratically elected government against a brutal, military, Fascist revolt.

It is not a violation of true neutrality for workers to aid fellow workers against such Fascism. Even in legal terms, the Spanish Government was recognized by the United States. The rebels were not. The man whom Roosevelt should remove is Gerard, the friend of Fascists, and the man whom Landon should remove from his present political position is John Hamilton himself.

That other Kansan, Alf Landon, is making this campaign crazier than ever by trying to outbid Roosevelt for farmers' support at the same time as he is assuring his Eastern backers that he is for economy, a lower budget and smaller taxes.

**Neutrality And Spain**

It is clear that the strength of the Spanish rebels lies largely in their use of the Moors and that aggregation of criminals, the Spanish Foreign Legion. With these disreputable allies, the rebels, nevertheless, would have been defeated long ago had it not been for direct aid from Portugal, Italy and Germany. Russia and France did not succeed in getting effective neutrality in the Spanish struggle and their hesitancy in aiding a duly recognized government, at least by the sale of arms, jeopardized their own cause which is at stake in Spain.

For this situation two different Americans just back from Europe, whom I have seen recently, both hold the attitude of the British Tory Government, largely responsible. Its secret sympathy with the Fascist cause acted as a deterrent on Blum, and an encouragement to Portugal, Italy and Germany. I hope that its present promise of a certain degree of financial collaboration, while France does a necessary job of devaluing the franc, will hold good!

To go back to the Spanish situation, one of my informants, a newspaperman, recently in Spain, speaks in the highest terms of the bravery of the workers and says that most of the churches, of whose destruction we have heard so much, were Fascist points of concentration or used for storing arms.

**Storm Over Palestine**

In various parts of the country I have been asked my point of view on the continuing Arab attacks on Jews in Palestine. My oral reply has been something like this: The first business of the British authorities is to restore order and end murderous attacks on peaceful people. There is no

excuse for Arab pogroms or guerrilla warfare against the Jews. The Arab workers have benefitted, not lost, as a result of Jewish colonization, and Jewish immigration has not reached the saturation point.

Nevertheless, the idealism of the Jewish homeland will be lost in a continuous racial struggle. That homeland cannot, and will not, rest forever on British bayonets. The one hope, as Jewish working class organizations to their great credit have seen, is the development of friendly relations between Jews and Arabs, and of organizations which give practical expression to working class solidarity. This is an ideal far richer in meaning to the exploited Arab worker and peasant than the passionate nationalism upon which his exploiters of his own race so diligently play. More power, then, to every man or group which will pioneer in winning Arab peasants and workers to this sort of solidarity!

Ultimately, the high hopes of Jews in the Palestinian homeland will be denied or frustrated except as they are guaranteed by friendship between the races, both of whose roots go so deep in the soil of Palestine.

**Roosevelt Surrenders**

Consumers of electricity may well view with apprehension the projected conference between government officials and the executives of the privately-owned utilities in regard to the pooling of TVA power. About the call to such a conference, there is the familiar sound of Roosevelt bugles signalling retreat. The only logical inference to be drawn from the mere fact that the Administration is willing to sit down with those who have done their utmost to destroy TVA and every other governmental power project is that an agreement has been made whereby the people will pay for the setting up of power pools and the private interests will have the last word in regard to rates.

It is a typical Roosevelt gesture to surrender the one effective weapon left to the consumer, namely the "yard-stick" check on exorbitant rates. TVA has been called "the chief asset of the New Deal." That asset is now sacrificed to political expediency. "Anything to the re-elected" is a slogan of a sort, but it is hardly the rallying cry for those who pride themselves on their concern with the interests of the common man.

**Neither Stands For Democracy**

Norman Thomas delivered the following speech at the annual Herald Tribune Public Forum in New York last week:

As a Socialist I do not affirm that there are no differences which can be symbolized by the names "Roosevelt" and "Landon." I do affirm that neither, on the face of the record, and taking due account of the associates of both, stands for true democracy. I affirm that the difference between them is not enough to keep us out of war or fascism in the hour of new disaster, any more than the difference between Wilson and Hughes in 1916 kept us out of war. I affirm that, in order to see the contrast in terms almost of white and black between the two major parties, it is necessary to employ rose-colored glasses when looking at the Democratic record. It is necessary to forget what Democrats did, and left un-

**When Moneybags Runs The Show**

*There is an old, old story of a proud father who came upon his son one day engaged in a fight with a neighbor's boy. "Stop it!" he shouted. "Stop that rough-house! Be a gentleman." "Aw," cried his son. "He's trying to take my nickel." "Oh, he is; is he? Hit him again. Hit him again."*

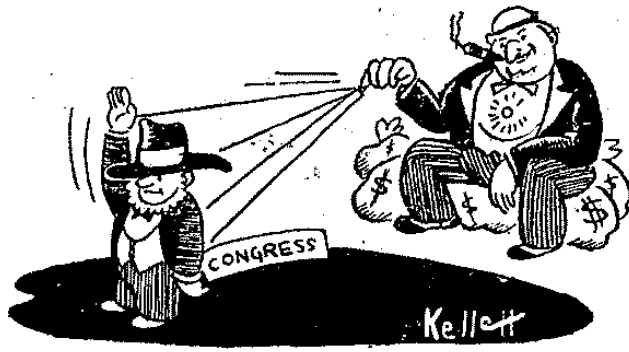
**T**HAT'S the way it goes generally in this world. There is a fight going on all the time for the good things—a fight between the people who own the factories and don't have to work in them and the people who work in the factories and don't own them.

**Are Your Hands Tied?**

In this fight, one of the strongest weapons is the government. Laws are made to regulate the fight, and of course, the laws favor those who write them. Nobody ties his hands if he can help it; and it's always to the advantage of one of the fighters if he can tie the hands of his opponents. And the laws are better than rope.

Just think of the policemen who enforce the laws. More important than the clubs they swing is the authority which backs up the club—the city ordinances that forbid picketing, the laws that tell how injunctions can be issued, the legislative enactments that protect the "sacred" obligation of contracts and forbid workers to interfere with profits.

To get these laws, big business has to have its own legislature, its own congressmen and senators. It must be able to pull the strings and tell the "boys" when to lift their hands and vote Yes or



No. And it's an easy thing to do if you own the political parties to which they belong.

The upper class knows only one way of getting such ownership. It cannot create the things that it needs, but it can buy things with its money. It cannot labor and build factories, but with the power of its money it can get others to build for them. Using the hypnotism of its money, it can get congressmen and senators. By contributing to campaign funds, by paying for political machines just as it pays for factory-machines, it gets what it wants—a Congress that obeys orders.

**Workers Must Work**

The workers, on the other hand, can get things only by working for them. If they want food, clothing and shelter, they have to work and create them. If they want a political party, they must work for it.

They need a political party just as much as their enemies do. Their economic demands—shorter hours, higher pay, better working conditions, the right to join unions—are also political demands.

done, in some of the codes, in dealing with unemployment, and in the ruthlessly repressive tactics employed against labor in the general textile strike, and the Colt Arms strike, to say nothing of the terrorism of the cotton country.

Socialism will make it possible to ask and answer the question, How shall we produce and distribute what we want and need?—not, How shall we produce and distribute that which will make a profit for private owners of natural resources which they did not make and great machinery which they do not operate? This private profit is derived from exploitation of labor of hand and brain, and in the last analysis it must depend on relative scarcity of consumers' goods. This is inherent in the system. It cannot be ended by Roosevelt's state-regulated capitalism, or by Landon's futile yearning to return to economic individualism, plus a protective tariff.

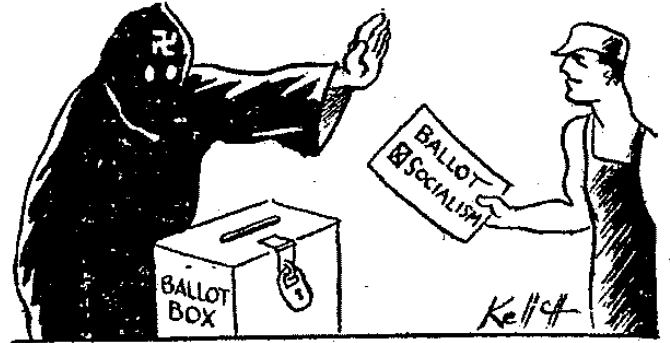
The society that Socialists propose means an extension of the family principle and of genuine democracy to the whole community of workers with hand and brain. Already, even in the unfavorable environment of capitalism, public ownership and operation for use is a success in the case of schools, roads, water systems, power plants and the like. It is a principle that should be extended. But mere public owner-

Workers can gain nothing by just lying in the orchard, waiting for the ripe fruit to fall into their laps. They have to organize and fight for what they want.

In order to be able to organize their ranks on the economic field and the political field, they must have freedom of speech and the press; otherwise, they find tremendous obstacles in their way, in addition to the ordinary difficulties that they have in fighting powerful opponents.

It took many years of struggling for the workers to get these rights and win a foothold for organization. From time to time, particularly when the fight grows more bitter (for example, when there is a strike or a very important political campaign), the ruling class tries to wipe out these rights. Meetings are forbidden, labor parties are barred from the ballot, or workers, as in the case of large sections of the people, are forbidden to vote because of their color or because they cannot afford to pay "poll taxes."

Of late, this has become more and more frequent. In the South, Negroes do not dare to step



into the polling places. In some states, you must pay a heavy tax. In this campaign, there are states like Florida, Louisiana and Ohio, where it is almost impossible for a working-class party or any new party to get on the ballot.

But in the long run these tricks of the politicians and their money-bag bosses do not succeed. Workers continue to fight for their political party just as they fight for their trade union. That party is the Socialist Party, which is teaching the principles of labor solidarity, and is helping to build the foundations for a great labor party which will elect workers' representatives to Congress and to other public offices.

**Ending Robbery**

When that happens, the laws which now favor the owners of industry will be wiped out. Laws that protect labor will be passed. Eventually, the workers will be able to put an end to the system of legal robbery which allows a small group of men to benefit from the labor of society.

The platform of the Socialist Party therefore says:

"The Socialist Party calls upon the workers, farmers and all advocates of social justice to join with it in its struggle to widen the channels through which peaceful, orderly and democratic progress may be made; to resist all trends toward insecurity, fascism and war; to strengthen labor in its battle for better conditions and for increasing power; to refuse to support the parties of capitalism, or any of their candidates, and to unite in the historic struggle toward a cooperative world."

[The above is one of a series of articles on various phases of the Socialist program.]

ship is not Socialism. If it exists to bolster up a class division of income it is state capitalism. Socialism requires that first we own the government, and, through it and consumers' cooperatives, produce abundance for all. In this society we can control the rate of introduction of new machinery by our capacity to produce and distribute abundance and to shorten hours. In no other society is this feasible.

**The Socialist Program**

Our platform sets forth immediate plans, some of which we would force on a capitalist government, even before we ourselves come to power. These plans include constitutional amendment to make democracy constitutional, as it is not today; a program to place taxation on wealth and not on poverty; genuine security legislation for young and old; public works, especially public housing, which will at once help take care of unemployment without the present starvation level of wages, the politics, and the boondoggling, and, at the same time take a third of our people out of the disgraceful shacks and slums in which they now live.

Years ago we proclaimed the practicability of crop insurance for farmers and today we present carefully thought out plans to protect working farmers on their

farms and to substitute cooperative collectives for the vicious system of plantation and corporation farming.

We present plans to keep America out of war while we seek the maximum possible cooperation with our brethren in other lands to change the system which breeds war. We state without qualification or reservation our intention to guarantee equal rights to Negroes, to extend and protect all civil liberties, perhaps especially the right of workers everywhere to organize.

In this campaign I am in a somewhat different position from some of the gentlemen who will follow me. Unlike Mr. Lemke, I head the ticket of a democratically organized party which has a ticket, not just candidates for President and Vice President. He himself is a candidate for Congress, not on his own ticket, but on the ticket of the Republican party which he frequently denounces. Browder heads a ticket, but in New York, a great many of his party are working in a labor party which is explicitly pledged to Roosevelt and Lehman. His own fight is against Landon, and his campaign gives indirect aid to Roosevelt, although for reasons and under conditions quite different from those stated by Hearst, in his effort falsely to attach a Socialist or communist label to Mr. Roosevelt.