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## FOR PEACE! DEMOCRACY! AND SOCIALISM!

### May Day Manifesto of the Socialist International

#### TO THE WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES!

At a fateful hour the workers of the world are preparing to celebrate the First of May.

In the Far East the flame of war has not yet been extinguished. Japanese troops are still on Chinese soil. There is still a great danger that Japan's imperialistic attack upon China, and the failure of the capitalist governments to force it to fulfill its treaty obligations, carry within them the germ of a new world war. The maximum of vigilance on the part of the workers in all countries is necessary!

We demonstrate on the First of May:

*Against Japanese imperialism!*

*Against those who stand to gain from the imperialist system of robbery!*

*Against world imperialism!*

*Against war!*

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At a time when war is raging in the Far East the Disarmament Conference has commenced in Geneva. For the very reason that the danger of war is at its greatest world disarmament is more necessary than ever. A substantial measure of international disarmament would not abolish the dangers of war as long as capitalism exists, but it would considerably reduce them. Disarmament must be secured in the fight against militarism and imperialism.

We demonstrate on the First of May:

*Against armaments!*

*For a substantial measure of disarmament!*

*For World Peace!*

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#### WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES!

The results of the elections which the workers are at present contesting will be of historic importance. The main issue is to defeat the attempts of big business to extend the realm of Fascism. It is a question of safeguarding democracy, defending the foundations of the labor movement in Germany, defeating the government of nationalist reaction in France and strengthening the power of the workers of Red Vienna.

We demonstrate on the First of May:

*Against Fascism!*

*Against all attempts to deprive the workers of their rights!*

*For Democracy!*

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In this terrible crisis capitalism is demonstrating more clearly than ever before its incapacity to satisfy the most elementary human

needs. The productive forces which it has created have slipped from its control. The misery and distress of millions, the idle factories and the mass unemployment are the signs of its decay.

Only a planned organization of world economy and Socialist economic principles are capable of pointing the way out of the crisis. The overthrow of Fascism must clear the path for the Socialist reorganization of society.

We demonstrate on the First of May:

*Against the economic madness of capitalism!*

*For adequate maintenance for the victims of capitalism!*

*For the forty-hour week!*

*For the realization of Socialism!*

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The greater the unity of organization maintained by the workers the stronger will they prove themselves to be in the historic struggles in which they are engaged. Every

split in the labor forces strengthens our enemy.

We demonstrate on the First of May:

*Against dissension in the working class!*

*For the complete unity of the working class movement!*

THE BUREAU OF THE LABOR AND  
SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL.

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#### A MAY DAY SONG

ABANDON your tools, the bricks and the boulders,  
Away from the bench, away from machines,  
Straighten and square your drooped-down shoulders,  
March on the highways, crowd on the greens \* \* \*

Builders and weavers, men in the valleys,  
Makers and dreamers, this is your day,  
Out of your hovels, your slums and your alleys \* \* \*  
March with me, sing with me, I am the May.

Say to the waster, and say to the master,  
"Our winter of slaving and hunger is done:  
"The frost chains are broken, the water runs faster,  
"And we are a cataract freed by the sun.

"We are not frozen by terror and wonder;  
"The dams you have built, we are sweeping away;  
"Our course is attuned to the tempo of thunder,  
"Forward and onward, along with the May."

Say to the rulers, "You, thieves and despoilers,  
"Tyrants and schemers, the bonds you contrived  
"To tether forever the lives of the toilers  
"Are shattered at last, and your hour has arrived \* \* \*"

Abandon your hammers, your picks and your shovels,  
Workers and dreamers, for this is your day,  
Out of your Ghettoes, your slums and your hovels,  
March with me, sing with me, I am the May \* \* \*

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## The "Average Man"

TWO mysterious men have been discovered in recent weeks. Governor Roosevelt introduced us to the "forgotten man" and now Secretary of the Treasury Mills makes us acquainted with the "average man." Whether the "forgotten" chap is average or the "average" guy is forgotten we do not know. We only know that the politicians are preparing for another round up of what they regard as voting cattle.

That "average man" discovered by Mills is a very interesting creature. He belongs to the plug hat tribe and is intimately associated with vast enterprises like railroads and industrial corporations. He is enjoying the only genuine dole the Federal Government has provided. It consists of hundreds of millions of dollars which are passed on to the owners of these enterprises to help them in their distress.

He is the "average man" who is not "forgotten" by Hoover and his associate best minds. He did not forget Hoover in 1928 when he and his party chiefs were passing the collection plate around. This "average man" was as generous in campaign contributions as the Hoover Administration is in passing doles to him and his kind.

Mills spoke of the "liquidation that is taking place" and of the "confidence" that is returning. No more blessed word than "liquidation" can be found to describe what is going on. What it means is that through bankruptcy and foreclosure hundreds of thousands of little fellows are passing their valuables over to Mills' "average man." Those who part with their loose change should be comforted with the knowledge that they are not being robbed; they are only being "liquidated."

It was a fine luncheon, Mr. Mills, and the "average man" will appreciate your kindness in introducing him to us while he goes on "liquidating" the little fellows with your kind assistance.

John B. Chapple of Wisconsin seeks the nomination for the Senate from the Wisconsin G. O. P. He intends to drive the "poison peddlers" to cover and repudiate the "disciples of destruction." He will expose every "undercover attack upon fundamental American principles." He will oppose any sliding "down the chute-the-chutes toward Socialism and Communism." If you are starving, there is a platform for you. You cannot eat it but you can vote for one who eats-'em-alive.

Wage cuts to the left of us, wage cuts to the right of us, wage cuts everywhere. One way to get even for reducing wages is to reduce the votes of the capitalist parties in November.

## At the Grave of an Unknown Laborer

You slew no guiltless brother—therefore you lie nameless in an unremembered grave; No sculptured shaft enshrines your valor. Slave That you were, and craven pacifist, your due Of shame is paid with usury unto Oblivion, the implacable: You gave Your broken self. To the ensanguined brave The martial ode, the banners, and the rue.

Peace was your guerdon. Now you have it. From Its heart the granite yields no epitaph; The world wags on its ancient way; none heeds The lesson of your grotesque martyrdom; The centuries look down on you and laugh; Nature, in pity, decks your tomb—with weeds.

OTTO FREUND.

## In the Republic Of the Starvelings

THE flood tide of depression has not yet been reached. President Green of the A. F. of L. places the jobless at nearly eight millions and notes that at this time last year 280,000 men were taken back while for the present corresponding period 100,000 more have lost jobs. This increase in the number of the jobless has never occurred before. Steel workers are facing a second wage cut of 10 per cent and in New York City thousands of teachers are destitute. Wage cuts are also proposed for book printers and in the building trades in this city.

All sources of information indicate an increasingly critical situation. President Green adds this general observation: "Trade union reports are a warning that unless hours are shortened to give work to more unemployed we run the risk of a worse crisis. Our weighted figures show 22.9 per cent unemployed for April, compared with 22.5 per cent in March—an increase of four-tenths of 1 per cent in unemployment at a season when unemployment usually declines." The figures of the Labor Department show the same trend.

The various types of dole professionals have been almost hysterical the past few weeks in New York City but this week they get a temporary respite. It is expected that the Board of Estimate will approve a bond issue for \$5,000,000 for relief but even this only postpones the crisis in relief of the starving from June to August. What then? As a fat President said in a similar situation some twenty years ago, "God knows, I don't." The politicians and dolers are treading over an underground mine.

## Bleak Prospects In Cotton Kingdom

ONE way out of the industrial depression would be a five-year plan for the production of padded cells as many of us are qualifying for a permanent residence in a coop for nuts. One is provoked to such speculations by the prospects in the Southern cotton kingdom. Last year the production of cotton was so vast that its price sank below the cost of raising it. While the growers were prostrate before this calamity politicians, Governors and editors appealed to the growers to plant less cotton.

Then a number of state legislatures acted. Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas passed reduction bills. Mississippi followed with reservations then the Texas law was sent to the mat by the Supreme Court and Mississippi repealed her law. The old scramble is on and from Memphis comes the story that "spring in the mid-South finds the cotton farmers plowing and planting with prospects of almost as big a crop as the disastrous yield of last year."

But all is not dark. The forecasters figure that the boll weevil may save the situation. If the March freeze did not seriously eliminate the weevil the pest may eliminate much of the cotton later on! A disaster? No. It will be regarded as a godsend! The weevil will be well fed and the growers hope that they will at least break even if the price does not sink below five cents.

With all of our knowledge of agriculture and our available farm machinery a Socialist reorganization of farming occupations would transform the countryside and substitute certainty for uncertainty, leisure for back-breaking toil, and wealth for poverty.

## Our Padded Cells Are Badly Needed

IF our idea of mass production of padded cells becomes a reality we are sure that quite a number of eminent politicians in Washington will be inmates. Two weeks ago the bright minds of the Commerce Department, the State Department, and the Tariff Commission solemnly considered reprisals against the quota sections of the French tariff. Nearly a week later they gave their attention to the British tariff which went into effect Monday of this week. The prospective cell inmates were hearing from American corporations. They protest against the jacking up of tariffs

abroad because American exports are hit. France offends our Simple Simons more than any other nation. She is charged with having imposed about 250 separate quotas, half of which have affected American trade, but the British schedules are also giving alarm to the bright boys at Washington.

They have a simple philosophy. Walls up around the United States and walls down abroad. Sell but do not buy. Revive trade but strangle it. Hit the other fellow and whine when he retaliates. Discriminate but yelp against discrimination. Be a hog but object to swine. In short, substitute stupidity for intelligence and the net result is the statesmanship which serves our ruling classes.

Who will deny that there is a big market for our padded cells? Capitalism is bad enough when it becomes paralyzed through the normal working out of its own absurdities but our capitalistic politicians make a bad situation worse by their stupid policies. The average village "cut-up" could not do worse.

## The Ballyhoo in Stock Swindling

THE respectable swindle known as the Stock Exchange was bared this week by Congressman La Guardia. Richard Whitney, president of that noble institution, had sworn that its members do nothing to depress or promote stocks and bonds. La Guardia answered with two trunks of documentary material showing that for years high-powered financial writers had received substantial checks to boost the wares of gamblers. A. Newton Plummer has for fifteen years served as a ballyhooer for big brokerage concerns and he supplied the documents. The Boston News Bureau and the Wall Street Journal published most of Plummer's dope and how many innocents were trimmed we do not know.

Many instances are cited. Canceled checks showed a total of over \$286,000 paid by one publicity agent in the past ten years. In two drives to boost the stock of the Savage Arms Company in 1924 pay checks were endorsed by Walmsley of the New York Times, Murphy of the Evening Mail, Edmonson of the Wall Street Journal, Lother of the Herald-Tribune, and Gombor of the Financial American. In ballyhooing Maxwell Motors nine writers received \$600 each but this was not unusual.

This is simply a respectable crap game with the insiders playing with loaded dice. Part of the winnings go to "cappers" whose job is to lure innocents who have cash. The latter think of getting rich quick but get stung quicker. It is a phase of capitalism that should invoke a pious sermon from Coolidge or from the smug Hoover.

## Agrarian Revolt In India

INDIA is seething with revolt and there are about 50,000 political prisoners in jail. These include Gandhi, his wife and sons; Mrs. Naidu, philosopher, and others prominent in the Nationalist movement. An attempt of the All-India National Congress to meet last Saturday in Delhi, although prohibited by the government, led to clashes with the police and the arrest of nearly 500 persons. The Congress had kept its plans secret to the last moment and the session took the form of street demonstrations and shouting the texts of the resolutions.

The opposition to alien rule appears to be even more widespread than in 1930 and the general revolt against the land taxes through refusal to pay and no-rent strikes have much reduced the government revenue from this source. The British censorship on news is rigid and yet enough information seeps through. H. N. Brailsford in The New Leader of London writes of this decrease in land revenue which gives the government much concern. "The government," he declares, "has granted what Congress in vain besought it to grant. It drafted its terrific ordinances; it shot down starving peasants; it flung their leaders into prison, and within six weeks it had to yield what they demanded and it had refused." That is, the revolt against paying taxes is forcing concessions.

It is this thing that J. Ramsay MacDonald is sponsor of. As a Labor Pre-

mier he had bungled enough in India; Churchill himself could not better satisfy the imperial masters of India.

## Difficulties Facing Soviet Industries

TWO weeks ago a dispatch from Manchuria reported that a Soviet army force of 70,000 had been massed near Vladivostok and Japanese comment was that this action was due to "groundless suspicion or propaganda." One day later Izvestia, the Soviet organ, ran the headline, "Chain of Provocation and Deceit," and declared that "Japan aims at preparing Japanese public opinion for a further extension of military aggression." Little has been added to this tempest in the past week.

Meantime our interest has centered on the condition of Soviet industries. The closing of the Nizhni-Novgorod automobile plant was followed by the proposal of the Communist Youth of the Amo plant to supply several hundred workers. Four days later the Congress of Soviet Labor Federations stressed the importance of "labor discipline," the struggle against "bureaucracy" and "premature leftism." Duranty of the New York Times, who reports this, five days later wrote again of these "infantile maladies," as the Communists call them, which affect the "giant" industries, including iron and steel, transportation, coal, chemicals and non-ferrous metals. He returned to this theme late last week, summing up the difficulties as "muddle, mess, hardship, learn as you go along and unflinching determination." On the other hand he writes that Soviet farm plans are aided by favorable weather with hopes that the average yield of crops will increase 10 per cent. An Associated Press story from Moscow also confirms this.

## Vaudeville Comedy In Manchuria

ABOUT the funniest thing that has ever happened in the history of world imperialism is the regime set up in Manchuria by the Japs. A committee of the League of Nations is investigating the comedy and the New York Times correspondent gives us a good laugh in portraying Pu Yi heading the show. Jap interpreters are present at all official interviews and Jap advisers "talk at length of the magnificent idealism and patriotic fervor of the Chinese officials." Then there are the cynics who declare that these same officials are grafters whose "mounting expenditures for opium and sing-song girls" require more and more funds.

The official pronouncements of the governing clique also correlate with the farce and are screamingly funny. In florid language they refer to the "independence movement" which is the "expression of the people's will." In the background and behind the scenes are Japanese bayonets ready for prodding the posteriors of any of the actors who may forget their lines. The correspondent makes this comment: "It is doubtful if the Manchoukuo regime could last two days if General Honjo's army evacuated Manchuria."

Our comment is unnecessary, but as this is written we think of Pu Yi in relation to a letter written to a Honolulu paper by a Japanese. He quoted Confucius as saying: "Man who keeps shirt-tails inside pants won't get them on fire." Then we get this inspiration: Why shouldn't our own State Department send observers to Manchuria, study the Japanese comedy and stage it in the Latin-American nations?

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# Raise the Banner of Revolt!

## May Day Manifesto of the Socialist Party

TO the Workers of the United States:

May Day comes with the working masses of the world facing the greatest tragedy in all history. A World War that took an enormous toll of lives, that nearly wrecked the economic structure of many nations, that piled up staggering debts, has been followed by a "peace" almost as disastrous.

Industries in many nations have locked out millions of wage workers. Working farmers and peasants hunger despite the foodstuffs they have produced in abundance. Commerce between nations is stagnant. Government deficits increase and huge armaments are loaded on the backs of the working masses.

### The Danger to Peace

Meantime the governing classes of the capitalistic nations follow the old policies that have led to ruin and measureless suffering. They try to prop a sick capitalism by further pushing the laboring masses to lower levels of living. Foreign policies are intended to make the weaker nations the vassals of the imperialist powers and the colonial peoples the slaves of great corporations and powerful banking magnates.

Rivalries between the ruling classes of the nations for foreign markets, for concessions, for usurious loans and for spheres of influence again threaten the workers of the world with another bloody slaughter. In such a struggle the working masses will be forced as conscripts to fight in a war having its origin in the greed of capitalist interests. Either that or universal refusal of the masses to contribute one soldier to such a capitalistic war.

### Hunger and Fascism Spread

With all this the forces of black reaction in many countries seek a way out of the ruin which their rule has brought by enslaving the working class. Fascism is becoming the creed of the ruling classes. It seeks to place the laboring millions under the club and the bayonet of overseers. It would destroy what measures of democracy the working class has wrested from the ruling classes in decades of struggle.

At home the two parties of capitalism have permitted nearly three years of increasing misery to afflict millions of workers without any adequate legislation to alleviate our sufferings. The two parties vote vast funds to banks and cor-

porations while we either starve or are compelled to accept the miserable doles of the parasite rich. Throughout starving areas of the nation strong men grow gaunt of hunger and children waste away for lack of nourishing food.

### Awaken the Masses!

Workingmen and women of the United States!

This May Day is Labor's International Holiday. All over the world the working people gather in great demonstrations to affirm the solidarity that binds workers of all nations, all languages, all colors, and all nationalities into one movement for their liberation from inhuman exploitation and class rule. Many millions are so bound in this international fraternity.

The Socialist party summons the working classes to celebrate this International May Day with their brothers in all lands. Awaken those who sleep and inspire those who are awake. Inspire the masses with confidence in their vast numbers and with hope in their ability to conquer the bankrupt capitalist system that has made them outcasts in their own country.

### Against Capitalism!

Above all, raise the banner of revolt against the two parties of capitalism. Against International Capitalism raise the banner of International Labor. Against war demand peace. Against armaments demand disarmament. Against Fascism demand Socialism.

On this May Day we send greetings to the fighters for liberation who are in exile or who waste away in the prisons of the ruling classes. We send our fraternal greetings to the tens of millions of workers who are demonstrating the ideals of labor solidarity all over the world.

May this International Holiday bring hosts of new recruits to uphold the banner of Socialism in all countries and inspire newly awakened millions to the need of ending the capitalistic system and replacing it with the Socialist Commonwealth where all labor will be free and industrial democracy will become a reality.

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# Workers! Unite for May Day!

## Demonstrate for Peace and Freedom! For Socialism!

### Your Place Saturday and Sunday Is in the Ranks

**NEW YORK CITY**—Saturday, April 30—Parade forming at 11 A. M. at 15th Street, between Broadway and Fifth Avenue, proceeding to rally at Union Square. Speakers, Norman Thomas, Frank Keeney, Algernon Lee and others. A series of local meetings, concerts and dances will be held Saturday night, and all day Sunday, May 1st. (See New York City Socialist news on page 17.)

**CHICAGO**—Parade forming at Kedzie and Ogden avenues, winding up with rally at Ashland Boulevard Auditorium, Ashland Boulevard and Van Buren; speakers, J. B. Matthews, Roy Burt, Dr. R. B. Green, Adolph Dreifuss.

**PHILADELPHIA**—Sunday, May 1st, 8 P. M. Wishart Theatre, Front and Alleghany avenues. Speakers, Norman Thomas, Frank Keeney, Franz Daniels and others.

**READING, PA.**—Sunday afternoon, Socialist Park. Speaker, James Oneal.

**BRIDGEPORT**—Youth Rally, April 30th.

**LOS ANGELES**—Red Dawn Dance, April 30th, auspices Y. P. S. L.

**CLEVELAND**—Sunday, May 1st, 2 P. M., Slovenian National Hall, 6409 St. Clair Avenue. Speakers, Joseph W. Sharts, Joseph Martinek; evening, May Day dance at same hall.

**OMAHA**—Sunday, May 1st, 2:30 P. M., at the Labor Temple, 22d and Clark Streets; speaker, John H. Paul; dance and entertainment in the evening.

**ST. LOUIS**—3 P. M. in the Deutsches Haus, Jefferson and Lafayette Streets; speakers, Clarence Senior, G. A. Hoehn and others.

**GLEN CARBON, Illinois**—Sunday, May 1st, 2 P. M. Speaker, Clarence Senior.

**NEWARK**—Sunday, May 1st, four meetings, at St. Regis Annex, at Workmen's Circle Hall, 190 Belmont Avenue, at Polish Hall, Court Street and Belmont Avenue, at the Labor Lyceum, 14th Street.

**BUFFALO**—Sunday, May 1st, 8 P. M., at Hotel Lafayette; speakers, Gustave A. Strebel and others.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Joint Socialist and labor rally. Speaker, Cameron H. King.

**DETROIT**—Sunday, 1 to 6 p. m. At Danceland, Woodward and Forest avenues, concert of revolution songs, dances; addresses.

**LINDEN, N. J.**—Sunday, picnic and rally, from 10 a. m. to midnight at Progress Hall, Mitchell avenue. Concert and addresses by Walter E. Peck and Henry Jager.

**PITTSBURG**—Sunday, 2 p. m. Mass meeting and concert at Band Stand, West Park (North Side) Sherman and Ohio streets. Speakers, James H. Maurer, Frank Cederall and others.

**UTICA, N. Y.**—Saturday evening, 8 p. m. at Sons of Italy Hall, 513 Third avenue; addresses, concert, and dancing.

### Funds Are Needed To Help Socialist Jobless Activity

Ten thousand organized jobless workers in New York City, meeting regularly, participating in mass demonstrations, would be a powerful force in obtaining action on unemployment measures. They are being organized now in Unemployment Leagues in more than a score of working class districts throughout the city.

Many of those who have joined the Unemployment Leagues are reading Socialist literature; some of them already have realized that the Socialist Party is the only one that really represents their interests and have joined the Party.

This is important work that

needs the help of every active Socialist. Books with 10 cent and 25 cent coupons have been sent to the branches. Get a book from your branch organizer or from Leonard Bright at the office of the Emergency Conference on Unemployment, 7 East 15th street, and sell as many as you can.

### Detroit Councilman Flays Capitalism

**DETROIT**.—Detroit's governmental ills are due to the workings of the capitalist system and no complete relief can be had until Socialism is adopted, John W. Smith, member of Detroit Common Council, told the Saturday Forum of the Michigan Socialist Society here.

### Claessens to Debate Bishop Charles Nelson

A debate has been arranged under the auspices of the East Bronx Relief Society, proceeds of which are to go to the needy and poor, at the Pel-Park Palace, 708 Lydig avenue, near White Plains road, on Monday evening, May 2, at 9 p. m. sharp. Topic: "Resolved: That Socialism Is the Only Solution for Unemployment." August Claessens, affirmative; Rev. Charles Nelson, D. D., Bishop of United Christian Church, Long Island, negative. Chairman, Rabbi Julius J. Price, Temple Gates of Israel. Admission 25 cents.

### Legion Post Demands Unemployment Relief

**DETROIT**.—The Thomas Jefferson Post of the American Legion opposes payment of the soldiers' bonus and demands unemployment relief, in a resolution recently adopted.

### Cleveland Socialists Hit Murder of Miner

(By a New Leader Correspondent)  
**CLEVELAND**.—The shooting to death of a miner in the Ohio coal strike has called forth a bitter protest by the Socialist party here in a resolution which demanded that the state take over and operate the mines which the private owners have so completely mis-

### Rebel Arts Dance In Harlem Friday

The most colorful affair the New York Socialist movement has seen in years will be staged next Friday night, May 6th, when the Rebel Arts will stage their first annual red revel at the Alhambra, in heart of the Negro section of Harlem. Within a few months Rebel Arts has already won its place in the Socialist movement. Indications are that the dance will be the gathering place for every Socialist and radical artist and writer, in addition to a generous section of the Socialist party of the city. Tickets are \$1 when bought in advance and can be had at the Rand Book Store, 7 East 15th street.



# The Socialist Bid for American Leadership

By Louis Waldman

**W** E SOCIALISTS celebrate this May First with heavy hearts, although we are politically stronger today than we were in many years. Our message is listened to with greater interest than ever before. Our program is treated with respect. Our membership is growing; our vote constantly increases. Ordinarily, these would be reasons for rejoicing, but when we remember that the discontent of which we are, in a measure, the political beneficiaries, is the result of untold human misery and indescribable suffering, we do not feel happy about it.

We would have had real cause to celebrate if our present success and growth were the result of enlightened discontent, of education for a new social order, of a burning resentment against economic and political corruption, of a passionate devotion to democracy, to social equality and to greater human happiness. Some of us often forget that the structure of the new social order must be built out of human material that is not de-

## Responsibility of the Movement Must Equal Great Opportunities, Is May Day Message of N. Y. Socialist State Chairman

void of hope—yes, even of dreams and illusions.

Cynicism and hopelessness, wrought out of hunger and need is not only the individual tragedy of the millions of unemployed and their dependents, but it is also a great social loss. The inclination of some of the victims of this crisis to support us because of their blind fury and hatred against the social institutions they had lately worshipped and defended, should not mislead us into false assumption and false policies, built on quicksand. We had such support during the War. We were deserted immediately afterwards.

### The Struggle for Power

And yet, in the struggle for power, Socialism must take advantage of this economic disorder and interpret its meaning. Our social disaster, in the midst of technologic supremacy, brought about by science and machinery,

is the crowning glory of a government which bases its laws and institutions on a competitive system, no longer here.

In an age of great concentration of wealth production and billion-dollar mergers, there may be competition of a sort, but as a prevailing system it has been relegated to history. The refusal to recognize this fact is responsible, in a large measure, for our present tragedy.

Economic planning and social control of industry, commerce and finance along Socialist lines, are the great need of our times.

### The Cost of Government

The income of the utility business, alone, privileged and protected, as it is by law, is over ten billion dollars a year, one-ninth of our entire annual national income. The people may be economically prostrate but the income of the utilities is secure. In times of

falling prices, they even increase rates.

With no social legislation to speak of, such as Unemployment Insurance, Old-age Pensions, Maternity and Sickness Insurance to protect our forty million wage earners, the cost of national, state and local governments reaches, this year, the staggering sum of over fifteen billion dollars, one-fifth of the total national annual income. For a government, based on the philosophy of "rugged individualism" and of private ownership, not only of industry generally, but even of public services as well, this huge expenditure is appalling. It is a great public burden with little to show for it. Some of it goes to subsidize privileged business; some is wasted in extravagance and corruption; and some is sheer inefficiency.

### The Unemployed Denied

In spite of this huge expenditure, public relief for the unem-

ployed is practically denied them. For the hungry workers, there is no money and, of course, no jobs. What they are to do seems to be a matter with which our government does not care to bother seriously. This outrageous treatment of the helpless millions is one of the grievous wrongs against which Socialists and Progressive labor emphatically protest today.

An aggressive Socialist political movement will now find wide response in the country. The general discontent has created quite a body of intelligent public opinion reconciled to the fact that profound social changes are needed and must come. Who shall lead them? The Socialist Party is the logical leader of this movement. By its capacity to adapt its program to present needs, by its courage to resist the natural tendencies for demagogic appeals and short-cuts, where none exist, the Socialist Party will prove itself worthy of leadership.

This crisis is the turning-point in American Socialism. Ours is the great opportunity. Grave is also our responsibility.

## May Day Thoughts—The Vision of What Might Be

By Judge Panken

**O** NE'S thoughts naturally turn to hope on May Day. Shutting the eyes, you see what should be. Nature is bursting into life again. Mother Earth cloaks herself in verdure green and bedecks herself with ornaments that no human hand can fashion. Profuse in her bounties, rich in resources, she has stored up for man all that he needs, and a surplus for his luxuries.

Man has, during countless ages, laid up a store of knowledge which makes possible with least exertion to coax from the womb of Mother Earth all his needs. Century on century added to his experience, developed his mind, sharpened his intellect, enhanced his creative power, multiplied his ingenuity, accentuated his inventiveness. Each generation profited not only by the mistakes, but by the achievements of the preceding.

Happiness and joy, plenty and comfort, peace and culture—these are within the grasp of man. These one sees with his mind's eye.

But one cannot exclude the actualities, the realities, the facts of life.

A million and more of the population of New York City are the recipients of alms—charity. Children and adults and old people, all stretching out their hands, begging for a crumb that falls from the tables that are over-laden with plenty.

Forty million in our nation are in the same state or bordering on it. Every unemployed man, every unemployed woman, has three or four dependents who suffer along.

The insanity of it all! In the midst of plenty—want—because too much food is produced, many must go hungry; many must be without clothes, because there is a superabundance; because there are too many shoes, many must go barefoot. The insanity of it all!

The factories are empty, the jails are filled. Suicide on the increase—the refuge of the despondent. It is a crazy world—a world produced by a disjointed, planless, criminal social system. Yet, it is supported by presumably sane people.

The miracle of it is that people are still sane. Billions of dollars allocated for engines of destruction in preparation for war, in expectation of going to the "kill."

A pittance for education, culture, art, and all things that go to make life beautiful. No, it is not a world supported by sane people.

Fascists in Italy, Fascists in Hungary, Fascism raising its head in Germany and elsewhere. In the midst of it all, the germ of a new world is present—and rapidly developing.

The Socialists of Hungary face the suppression of their paper. The Socialists of Austria are on the watch, fighting every attempted step by the Fascists. In Germany, the Fascists have shot another bolt.

Nationalism has been strengthened because of the depression. People generally are most concerned by the situation which immediately affects them. The human feels his personal hurt most, the hurt of his own family is keener than that of strangers, that of the nation of which he is part hurts more than that of other nations. It should not be so. In the last analysis, what affects one nation

reacts upon many other nations.

Insecurity—economic insecurity—makes cowards of us, undermines our morale, destroys our self-respect, makes us abject.

The world is at the crossroads. Hopelessness and despair have clouded the vision of many.

Clarity opens new vistas for man. The situation is clarifying itself. Great masses of the people are shaking off the lethargy induced by vain hope, the result of false promises.

On this May First, we see the capitalist world crumbling; government after government acknowledging bankruptcy; powerful cities bankrupt; financial institutions closed; industry at a standstill. Capitalism is crumbling!

The wealth that has been produced by man, capital which has been created by the labor of humanity, these must not be destroyed. They must be conserved for the use of man; planned systematic organized production and distribution initiated. Capitalism is

### Crumbling!

In its place will rise the new order, the order of social justice, a Socialist world.

The capitalist structure is crumbling! The giant labor, as Samson of old, but multiplied by a hundred million, is in the midst of this crumbling capitalist structure. One effort, and the whole capitalist structure will fall.

On this May First let us consecrate ourselves to the great task of saving the giant from being crushed by the falling walls of the capitalist structure.

Responsive to our ideals, let us march forward to build a world in which all will have the opportunity for full, complete, and adequate life.

### THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE

The People's Institute will close the season with a lecture in Cooper Union Friday evening, April 29, with a lecture by Dr. E. G. Spaulding, on "Reason in Criticism: The Open Mind."

## For A Red May

By JULIUS UMANSKY

Circles throughout the United States and Canada are urged to proceed immediately with the completion of their plans for Red May as was the decision of the National Executive Committee of the Y. P. S. L. of America, at its last meeting in Milwaukee. Traveling organizers have been sent out since the beginning of the year to prepare the preliminary groundwork that had been necessary so that during Red May there would be no obstacle in the way of doubling the membership of the organization and establishing circles in the most important industrial centers of America. The Canadians have already reported groups in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, and Winnipeg. The Pacific Coast has successfully instituted a string of circles in California through the agitation tours of Fish, Sheinin, and Goldberg. In the East, Connecticut is the newest state to fall in line.

The National Office has sent out copious materials with specific recommendations for the entire month's activity. The first day starts with a real smash: Yipsel circles and Party branches in joint May Day Parades and Demonstrations with Trade Unions throughout the Nation. The whole month will be marked with Youth Rallies, indoor and outdoor meetings, house-to-house canvassing, literature distributions before schools and factories, the latter process to continue constantly, so that the meetings will be well advertised and well attended.

The outstanding subjects that will serve as the targets for the Yipsel speakers will be Unemployment, Poverty, War, and Capitalism generally. The close of Red May will have spectacular parades and enormous youth rallies on Memorial Day, focusing a particular attack upon War, with the members of the Y. P. S. L. showing the world that they are absolutely and irrevocably opposed to Capitalist War.

## May Day's Call to the Workers

By Joseph Baskin

General Secretary, The Workmen's Circle

**G**REETINGS to you, readers of the New Leader, and to you, Socialists and proletarians of all lands, on this glorious May Day, on this worldwide Labor Day!

Nearly 44 years have elapsed since the representatives of labor from all parts of the globe, in solemn conclave assembled, voted to proclaim the first day of May as the international festival of the workers of the world. On that day, they declared, all wage earners were to march in solid ranks like brothers, like members of one vast family, proclaim their unity, and tell the capitalist class in no uncertain terms that the worker was not a slave destined to bear the yoke and to toil incessantly in order to make the rich still more rich. On that day the international proletariat were to declare their determination to fight for their rights as human beings and citizens.

The cry then raised was the slogan of the three 8's—8 hours for work, 8 hours for sleep and 8 hours for rest and recreation. Some of

these demands have long been granted in many parts of the world, although the working class had to pay dearly for them. Today, however, under the pressure of an economic crisis of unexampled severity, these hard-earned gains are being taken away one by one. The workers are being forced back into the system of sweatshops, of humiliations and unbearable exploitation.

Hence it is important that this year, more than ever, the May Day demonstration be so powerful and impressive that our rulers and masters will understand its meaning and not play too much with fire.

All over the world the workers are organizing for the May Day celebration, and the powers that be are already mobilizing the police and military in order to dampen the ardor of the working class for this glorious demonstration of its solidarity. But labor is too intelligent and too well aware of its interests to permit itself to be tricked into rash acts by these provocations. Here in America all preparations are being made to celebrate this great labor festival

with becoming dignity and understanding.

The Socialist Party, the trade unions, and the Workmen's Circle will take part in the street parades and demonstrate to the capitalist class the unity prevailing in the ranks of labor, the solidarity existing between the workers of America and those of all other lands. This solidarity, this united front presented by all labor elements will surely help to restrain the greed of our rulers and masters, who would like to deprive the working class of its last morsel of bread and of what still remains of its hard-won rights.

This year, in particular, when the bankruptcy of capitalism is apparent to all, when the capitalists, in order to escape the consequences of their own folly and greed, are trying to reduce labor to the state of serfdom, it behooves all class-conscious workers to turn out in full force for the May Day demonstration. For May Day not only betokens the rejuvenation of nature, but symbolizes the ultimate rebirth of mankind under the benign and fruitifying Sun of Socialism.

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# The Power That Keeps Tom Mooney in Jail

By James Oneal

**J**AMES J. ROLPH, JR., is the fourth California Governor that has refused a pardon for Tom Mooney. A state that for decades after the Civil War was looted by railroad and other corporate bandits and that today is the kept mistress of banking, landed and utility capitalists, this decision need surprise no one.

These refusals to free Tom Mooney were written by four governors but the power that determined their actions is located in the offices of as merciless a crew of labor exploiters as ever ruled a state. California has the most notorious anti-syndicalist law of any state. It is the will of the capitalists written into law. It is "open shop." Here "patriotic" racketeering has been developed into a fine art. Here is the nearest approach to the old Prussian caste to be found in the United States.

All this reaches up into the ruling politics of the state. Any governor who would free Tom Mooney would thereby end his political career. Each of these executives who has refused to do the right thing now knows this. They prefer to bury an innocent man alive rather than to jeopardize their future in politics.

## Altgeld Had Courage

There was a governor of another kind some forty years ago in Illinois. John Peter Altgeld faced the old problem of doing his duty or surrendering to his ambition. The case of the surviving eight-hour day martyrs was before him. Friends warned him that to pardon the victims would mean political suicide. Altgeld did not hesitate. He opened the prison doors and the illegally convicted men were restored to their families.

Altgeld did not rest content with this act of justice. He did not leave the investigation of the record to a committee, one of them already on record against the framed men.

No. He spent months going into the record himself. He issued a document reviewing the hideous farce, the prostitution of the court and the packing of the jury, the perversion of the law and other infamous perpetrations in an infamous "trial."

Altgeld pilloried every low creature identified with this prostitution of justice. His logic seared the thick hides of the politicians, the capitalists and legal gangsters like a hot branding iron. He placed them in the dock where the accused had been.

## Rolph and Altgeld

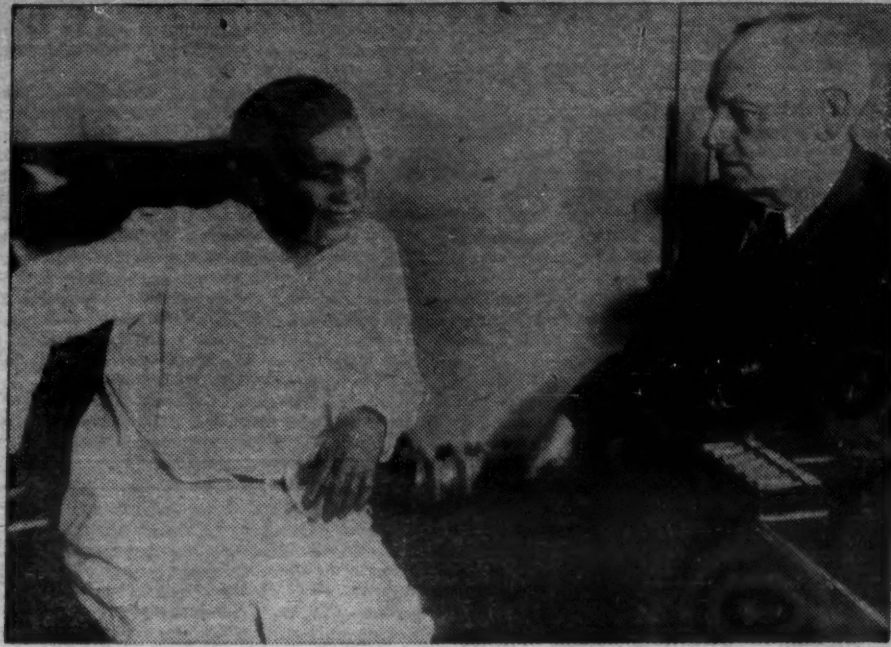
Then he calmly awaited the blow. Serene, calm, confident of his course, John Peter Altgeld faced the bourgeois gangsters. "Traitor," they yelled. "Anarchist," they howled. Editors turned their servile pens to the task of ruining the man. Cartoonists pictured him with a torch in one hand and a bomb in the other.

Altgeld finished his term and passed into political oblivion. His enemies had "finished" him. So they thought, but historians of a later generation have dealt kindly and generously with him and they are beginning to pillory his accusers. Today Altgeld lives in the affections of those who appreciate the measureless courage of a man who refused to bury human beings alive in order that he might translate this infamy into offices for himself.

Contrast this former executive of Illinois with the four executives of California who have buried Tom Mooney at San Quentin. Comparison only brings out a revolting contrast.

Governor Rolph had even a better case and a better opportunity

## Capitalist Masters of California Pulled Strings Behind Rolph and Three Other Governors



When Gov. Rolph announced to a shocked world that justice was again denied to Tom Mooney, Warden Holohan called the world famous prisoner to his office to get the news. This picture was sent by Telephoto. Mooney promptly denounced the decision as "proof of the whole rotten frame-up system."

than Altgeld had.

All of the living members of the jury that convicted Mooney are convinced that he is innocent.

## Judge Turned Pleader

Judge Griffin who presided at the trial is convinced that his court was made the scene of an

infamous conspiracy.

Frank Oxman, who testified that he saw Mooney at the place of the explosion, was proved to be a perjurer. He was in Woodland, 90 miles away when the explosion occurred.

Two other witnesses, Mollie

Edeau and John McDonald, a drug addict, were later proven perjurers.

A picture of Mooney on top of a building, a mile from the explosion and showing a clock indicating a time that made it impossible for Mooney to be near the explo-

sion, was suppressed at the trial. Police Captain Matheson reversed his opinion of the guilt of Mooney and declared the "trial" a terrible miscarriage of justice.

This is a tabloid history of the case. These damning facts were before Governor Rolph's legal advisers. They advised against a pardon. The Governor has slammed the prison gates in the face of Mooney.

## What Next?

What's to be done? Make the Mooney case as infamous as the Dreyfus case in France.

What of California? The working masses and others interested in the release of Mooney should turn to the job of placing a John Peter Altgeld in the executive's chair at Sacramento. No Altgeld will be found in the capitalist parties of that state.

The modern Altgeld will be found in the ranks of the workers. Out of the Socialist movement must come a Governor pledged to swing open the prison gates and release both Mooney and Billings.

Nay, more than that. This liberating governor must pillory the ruling gangsters as Altgeld pilloried the bourgeois scoundrels in his day. That measure of justice is long overdue.

The road to liberation through capitalist parties has been travelled for sixteen years and it is as hopeless now as it was sixteen years ago. A vast shower of working class ballots for a working class party will do the job.

"Open the doors of the San Quentin tomb." It is a slogan worthy of enlightened and class conscious workingmen and women in California.

# The Mooney Decision—A Defi to Labor

By George H. Shoaf

**E**ITHER the intelligence and courage of American workers have degenerated, or the plutocracy of California made a mistake in instructing Governor Rolph to deny a pardon to Thomas J. Mooney. If there was no mistake, the workers of state and nation will take this smashing blow like yellow curs. If there was a mistake, however, the blood and brains of the working-class will resent this premeditated and deliberate insult with action that will make its repetition forever impossible.

Rolph's refusal to pardon Mooney was prompted not so much by a desire to keep Mooney in jail, as it was an expression of vindictiveness against those who wanted him out, by the members of the Plunderbund responsible for the governor's decision.

Since the beginning of the present depression the men and women of labor throughout America have strangely submitted to arbitrary unemployment, to drastic wage cuts, to evictions, to contemptuous charity, to every conceivable insult which the racketeers of capitalism could impose. The big men of industry and finance have openly boasted their ability to work their will regardless of the wishes or interests of the working class, and they make no concealment of their glee when they behold a nation of workers abject and submissive to the point of cowardice.

## Behind Rolph's Decision

Emboldened by the experience of the last few years, the exploiters of labor and the robbers of the nation's wealth decided to make the issue of the Mooney pardon at once a challenge and a threat to every person who questions the

## Only Hope for Labor's Martyr Is Organized Force of Class-Conscious Workingmen and Women

social and economic status quo; for they correctly reason that if the people submit to Rolph's determination to keep Mooney in jail, they will continue to submit to any outrage the masters of capitalism may inflict.

The governor's decision hinged not upon Mooney's innocence or guilt. Every unbiased investigator of the evidence long ago concluded that Mooney is innocent of the crime charged against him. Governor Rolph was instructed to deny a pardon for three reasons.

First—Rolph's financial connections with and his dependency upon certain San Francisco men of wealth who had decided Mooney's fate before the Preparedness Day explosion gave them the opportunity to railroad their victim to prison.

Second—The necessity of preserving the so-called integrity of the California judiciary which had given the Mooney conviction a review and an endorsement.

Third—The determination of the plutocracy of California and of the United States to demonstrate, dictatorially, by this pardon refusal, the supremacy of those who own over those who work. Of the three reasons this last is the most outstanding and important.

## Rolph's Questions

Persons who have followed the case closely, and have watched the governor's attitude thereto, are not disappointed at the decision. When Rolph turned vehemently upon Robert Whitaker, famous California writer and speaker, in the governor's executive offices in Sacramento a year ago, saying, "If Mooney is not guilty, who is? That's a fair question isn't it? I led the par-

ade when the explosion occurred. It was my parade. Somebody exploded a bomb. Innocent people were killed and injured. Who is guilty?" his interest in Mooney's guilt was exposed and his animus was clearly shown.

From the moment of that interview, all persons who knew the situation were convinced of the impossibility of expecting a pardon at the hands of Governor Rolph.

And yet, in his latest pronouncement, the governor declares he reviewed the case in a spirit of disinterested impartiality! No wonder Edwin V. McKenzie, attorney for the Mooney defense, declared the decision had been anticipated by those supporting pardons for Mooney and Billings, adding: "The Mooney case is now nothing but a political football. We knew what the decision would be when Governor Rolph named his advisers in the case!"

## Sullivan's Record

Matt I. Sullivan, principal "adviser" and the one who wrote the "reasons" for the governor's refusal to pardon, was former chief justice of the State Supreme Court, and a politician of the most disreputable type. According to report, his subservience to big business is such that his bias against the working class is more pronounced than that constantly exhibited by the members of the judiciary in Los Angeles, and that is going some! Sullivan on a previous occasion had rendered a decision hostile to Mooney and Billings. How could he be expected to reverse that decision at this time?

The fact of the matter is Rolph appointed the "advisers" to con-

coct and present plausible "reasons" for a refusal to pardon Mooney, thereby enabling him, the governor, to shift responsibility for the decision, in a measure, from executive shoulders to those who composed the advisory board.

However regarded, it must be borne in mind that this refusal to pardon Mooney is not so much the decision of a puppet governor, as it is the voice of an arrogant plutocracy speaking defiance to the working class. The question now paramount is, what does the working class propose to do about it? Will the workers take it on the chin, that is, will they make complete obeisance in the dust before their self-appointed masters, or will they organize for action? If this latest insult by the master class is not resented by an awakened and aroused working class, then, indeed, has the blood of the workers grown cold and their brains turned into mush.

## Mooney's True Words

In the language of Tom Mooney, himself:

"Governor Rolph and his advisers did not base their findings on the facts of my frame-up, but merely carried out the bidding of their masters. This decision proves the utter impossibility of any militant worker ever securing justice in a capitalist-controlled court."

The final disposition of this case depends upon the education and organization of the workers of the state, the nation and the world, and the character of action the workers decide to take. May this education and organization, preliminary to intelligent action, proceed apace!



# First May Day Duty: Build Socialist Party

## Campaign Fund Drive Offers the Opportunity

THE first week of the six weeks' drive to provide a \$25,000 national Socialist campaign fund comes to a close with approximately \$5,000 of the required amount subscribed.

Maryland Socialists, at a special joint city and state campaign committee meeting, following a canvass of all their resources, subscribed \$500 to the first half of the fund, to be raised by June 1, and \$500 for the second half.

With its quota thus fully subscribed, and part of it paid in, Maryland is the second State to subscribe its quota. Pennsylvania was the first, subscribing its quota before the drive was formally launched.

Massachusetts, which held second place last week, with 40 per cent of its \$1,500 quota subscribed and paid in, continued to climb towards its goal, with special committees, personal appeals, and letters from prominent Socialists striving to give Massachusetts the distinction of being among the first to subscribe and fully pay the quota.

### \$30 Is Branch's Minimum

While definite reports of total amount raised by branches and locals which had met since April 21, the day the drive was launched, were lacking, information received at the National Drive Headquarters by Marx Lewis, director, indicated that no branch had subscribed less than \$30, declared to be the average that had to be obtained from each of the 700 groups if the goal was to be achieved, while in many instances the amounts subscribed, some of which were paid in immediately, were \$50 and \$100.

Among the outstanding developments during the week was the activity of the foreign language federations.

W. N. Relvo, national secretary

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## The Importance of the National Campaign Fund Drive

By Morris Hillquit

IT IS generally conceded that the economic and political conditions of the country are extremely favorable to the Socialist movement, more favorable than they have been in many years.

How will the Socialists of the United States take advantage of their unparalleled opportunities in the coming presidential election?

We may without any extraordinary effort cash in on the general sentiment of discontent and roll up a good-sized vote for our ticket, but in that case our gain would be purely ephemeral and likely to be wiped out with the passing of the acute economic crisis.

Or we may enter the campaign with the firm determination to build up the party throughout the country as a permanent and important factor in the political life of America.

To achieve that purpose we cannot rely on the mere unformulated, uneducated and unorganized popular sentiment of discontent or on our own effervescent enthusiasm.

Today our party is politically significant in

only three states: Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and New York. It has substantial nuclei of organization in eight additional states and hardly functions as a political factor in the remaining thirty-seven states of the union.

All of these states can be organized for Socialism. They have been fairly well organized before the war.

But that task calls for hard work, with a corps of organizers in the field and other planned and uninterrupted activities from the opening of our convention to the day of the election. It will take a good deal of money to finance these activities on ever so modest a scale and with ever so much volunteer work.

That is why the drive for a campaign fund which Marx Lewis is conducting for the party is of such vital importance to our movement and why every Socialist should exert himself to the very limit to help him in the drive.

The forthcoming National Convention of the party must be furnished with sufficient funds to insure the immediate organization of a vigorous and sustained campaign for Socialism in America.

## \$5,000 Is Raised in First Week of Campaign

cent of her quota.

Howe Higgins, of Maine, has undertaken to raise \$100 of Maine's quota to the national fund. Marion S. Alderton is working among Socialist sympathizers at Palo Alto, California, while San Francisco Socialists have called a special meeting to raise their quota for the fund. In Utah, Ohio, A. Kennedy, state secretary, announces meetings of several locals to raise Utah's quota of \$150.

In New York the Young People's Socialist league, led by Julius Umansky, have assumed the conduct of a special campaign among groups in sympathy with the Socialist movement. In New Jersey, Andrew P. Wittel, state secretary, has undertaken to personally visit a group of prospective contributors in Northern New Jersey.

Activities through the country prevent a full account of the work being done in support of the drive, Lewis declared, but the favorable response at the outset is continuing, as new and old Socialist branches join hands. Foreign language and English speaking branches, women's auxiliary organizations, Young People's Socialist groups—all are throwing their energies into the drive.

"When the roll is called in Milwaukee, and contributions are announced, there will not be many Socialist groups among the absentees," Lewis declared. "The hard times seem to have intensified the determination to make Socialism the dominant issue before the people."

Those desiring to assist the drive without having the committee undergo the expense of personal appeal to them are asked to send their contributions directly to Lewis, 907-15th street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

### May Day in Boston

BOSTON.—Two May Day meetings are scheduled. Sunday at 11 a. m., Wellington Auditorium, Dorchester, and Boston Common at 4 p. m. The Speakers are Charles W. Ervin, former city editor of New York Call, representing I. L. G. W. U.; George W. Roever of the Amalgamated; David Eisenberg of the Workmen's Circle; Frank Crosswath representing the Socialist party.

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of the Finnish Socialist Federation, with headquarters at Fitchburg, Mass., wired Lewis that a special drive would be conducted among the Finnish branches with a view of raising \$500 of the \$1,000 assigned to the Federation before the national convention. Finnish branches have begun to forward their subscriptions to Lewis, as a result of the appeal he issued. One of the first of the Finnish group to act was Armas Koski, secretary of the Finnish branch at Port Chester, N. Y.

Charles Pogorelec, national secretary of the Yugoslav Socialist Federation, with headquarters in Chicago, is expected to match the subscription of the Finnish Federation. Yugoslav branches have generally been among the first to

respond to all appeals for Socialist support. A number of Yugoslav branch contributions received will be credited to quota of the Federation.

### St. Louis Swings Into Action

With Nathan Chanin, national secretary of the Jewish Socialist Verband actively supporting the drive, Verband branches have promised to conduct activities for the purpose of raising funds. The Baltimore group of the Verband responded first, with a subscription of \$100.

St. Louis Socialists have subscribed \$50 of the \$250 quota assigned to Missouri, and are planning a dinner to raise the balance. Ernest Mallot, secretary of Local Marion, Indiana, reports that it has subscribed its quota of \$30,

and appointed a special committee for further solicitation. Local Norwalk, through Arnold Freese, secretary, reports that \$32 was subscribed to the national fund.

### Individual Donations Made

Individual contributions are continuing to pour into the drive headquarters, as a result of the solicitation of members of the Committee of One Hundred.

In Annapolis, Md., Rev. James Smiley, veteran Socialist, has sent in part of the fund he has agreed to raise. Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Devere Allen, B. C. Viadeck and other members of the New York committee are among those assisting the drive among special groups to whom they are appealing. Ruth Standish Baldwin, of Connecticut, has collected 60 per

## Walker Ousts His Socialist Critic

INFURIATED by Henry Rosner's irrefutable argument for financing necessary unemployment relief, Mayor Walker ordered a policeman to eject him from the Board of Estimate meeting room last Tuesday.

The occasion was a hearing on a 20 million dollar request for unemployment relief by the city welfare commissioner for the period beginning with June 1st and ending November 30th. Rosner appeared for the Socialist Party.

The Mayor at the outset said "there is no need for a hearing at the moment since it will be several weeks before the money will be voted." Rosner retorted "the assumption appears to be that no additional relief is required until after June 1. The city ought to appropriate five million dollars at once for the month of May to carry on existing relief work." In support of this contention he cited the fact that the City Home Relief Bureau had just cut down the daily allowance to families from \$1.00 to 30 cents, and was providing no relief for 30,000 families who had registered but had not been investigated. In addition, new applications for relief which had been coming in at the rate of 900 to 1,200 a day were stopped. This had been done so that the Home Relief Bureau's funds could last until June 1st. And for the same reason, the Emergency Work Bureau, financed by private funds, on the First of May, is laying off 15,000 heads of families receiving work relief.

### Taylor Backs Rosner

The Mayor replied that that was not the case and called upon Commissioner of Public Welfare Taylor to refute Rosner's statements. To his consternation and dismay, the Commissioner answered that "every fact was true"

and that an immediate appropriation of \$5,000,000 was necessary for May. In self defense, however, he acknowledged that he had not requested that sum because the city could not afford it.

"That's right," the Mayor agreed, "the city cannot burden the taxpayer any further."

Rosner insisted that the money could be provided without any additional cost to the taxpayer through proper economies and the development of new sources of revenues.

"Since you know so much," challenged the Mayor, "let's hear it."

The Socialist spokesman then revealed that salaries of important city officials had been boosted \$2,500,000 since 1925. "Restore these salaries to the 1925 levels, and you save \$2,500,000 annually," Rosner concluded.

"That shows you how little you know," the Mayor shot back. "The money is needed right away and your proposed economy won't materialize for 12 months."

Rosner said the city could sell unemployment relief bonds maturing in five years to the city's sinking and pension funds which by May 1st will have 25 million dollars available for investment in city securities. By setting aside the \$2,500,000 a year saved in this way for five years, there would be \$12,500,000 fund built up to pay off the bonds.

### The Last Straw

"It's about time," continued Rosner, "the city stopped giving away the city's streets to favored bus operators for a song."

The Mayor, his face reddening shouted, "The city has not voted a franchise in five years."

Rosner retorted: "The city gave a franchise to the Brooklyn Bus Corporation last summer for 5 per cent of gross revenues when the

city could have gotten 15 per cent just as easily. The city is about to give a franchise to two favorites for bus operation in Queens for two and a quarter million dollars less to the city than is being offered by responsible bus operators. The Brooklyn franchise is particularly indefensible because it should have yielded the city at least ten million dollars in additional revenue. Under the existing arrangement the B. M. T. will net a 100 per cent return on the investment. With another ten million dollars going to the city, the annual profit would still be 40 per cent."

"You are through using this board as a soapbox for your propaganda," yelled the Mayor. Rosner continued talking; the Mayor ordered a police attendant to eject him.

Subsequently, the Board of Estimate went into executive session and approved a five million dollar appropriation for unemployment relief for the month of June and July. Not a dollar was appropriated for May.

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# Cross Currents in the British Labor Party

By Fred Henderson  
LONDON.

SINCE my last letter was written, the Independent Labor party has held its annual national conference and made its decision as to continued affiliation with the Labor party. I place that in the forefront of the survey of the month's happenings, because it not only has a vital bearing upon the development of the British political situation, but it also gives you the essential clues to any real understanding of that situation and of the difficulties which confront us here in our task of rebuilding.

As for the decision itself, you will have been prepared for the refusal of the I. L. P. to sever itself from the general Labor movement. Prediction is always a risky thing to indulge in; but it was a risk I took with complete confidence some months ago when I assured you that the decision would be against disaffiliation. But the present situation involves a great deal more than a simple "yes" or "no" on that issue. It is very much more complex than that; and its complexities arise from the history and the growth of the Labor party. To understand them it is necessary to go a little way back into that.

## The I. L. P. Idea

The Labor party owes its existence as a political organization to the I. L. P. When it took the field for Socialist missionary work, the view of the I. L. P. from the very beginning was that the political force of the movement had to be built up by bringing trades unionism—the massive industrial class-consciousness of the working class already engaged in the class struggle on the industrial side—into political class-consciousness; and the constitution of the Labor party on that footing is the result of its effort to that end. It was not the creation of a new organization, but rather the awakening into a sense of political power of the already existing working class movement; and the I. L. P. set itself to the task of bringing about that awakening in the belief that the general working class movement must be the basis of all Socialist work, the movement in and through which Socialism must seek its effective achievement.

But obviously, while such a confederation of trade unions meant a massive political strength, it did not necessarily mean that the organization so created would have the same clear-cut Socialist purpose as a small, compact, distinctive Socialist party would possess. That was fully recognized; but the faith of the I. L. P. pioneers was that if once the general working class movement could be awakened to political consciousness and organized for common political action, its policy was bound to become increasingly Socialist; that nothing could ultimately hinder it from becoming the expression of the working class claim to full power over its own opportunities to live; and that the real business of the distinctively Socialist organizations was incessant educational work within the Labor party. Hence, the I. L. P. in this country has always been, and still is, the definite Socialist focus of the general Labor movement; and its concern is not merely to win elections or secure political power for the Labor party simply as a matter of party success; but to see to it that the elections are won and the political power used for clear Socialist purposes.

In deciding to remain within the Labor party, the I. L. P. therefore, is naturally bound to insist that its affiliation is conditional upon its freedom to express its Socialist purposes within the party, and to criticize the leadership and conduct of the party from that distinctive Socialist point of view. And that brings us to the very core of

our present difficulties. For our troubles have come upon us for no other reason whatever than the absence of any such clear purpose in the Parliamentary leadership of the party from the movement that MacDonald and his government took office.

## The Problem of Leadership

As Fenner Brockway very truly pointed out in his chairman's address to the annual conference, no such facile and superficial explanation as is frequently put forward for our electoral defeat last year will hold good against a moment's examination; the explanation that the electorate were misled by the panics and scares of the three weeks of the general election. It was the failure of the Labor government during thirty months of office—its failure to give any sense of positive achievement or of faithfulness to a purpose—its failure to challenge Parliament with any resolute policy—that did the mischief. And while the main authors of that failure, MacDonald and the little group he has carried with him, are no longer with us to handicap our recovery, we were none the less led into the general election battle by the array of ex-Ministers who had been identified with the MacDonald failure for two years previously and who only revolted against him at the fifty-ninth second of the fifty-ninth minute of the eleventh hour.

In these circumstances, the temptation to disaffiliation and to



Forward Photo.

**NEW LEADER OF BRITISH LABOR**—Arthur Greenwood, British laborite, returned to Parliament last week, has succeeded George Lansbury, M. P., as leader of the Labor Party in the House of Commons.

the setting up of a new party clear of all association with the late Labor government has been very strong; and the decision of the I. L. P. against it is a vital index fact to the grip which the movement has got upon the vital realities of the position. For if the Labor government let us down, the

## To Trade Unionists of the World

ON May Day, the solemn festival of Labor, the International Federation of Trade Unions raises its voice once more to celebrate the exalted principle of international solidarity.

Let the call resound far and wide, regardless of barriers and frontiers, inspiring with new life all the forces of Labor in the struggle against capitalism and its oppression. Let us all feel that there is still a power which can preserve society from the chaos which threatens it, renew the world, and redeem it from its long agonies! The capitalist system is still with us, but it can hardly be said to be still dominating us, for it has lost control of its own means of production, its technical equipment and its exchange of goods. Capitalism, which once gloried in its business efficiency, has now become the great waster: in its hands technical efficiency has become a curse. The leading industrialists and politicians stand helpless: all that they can think of is to cut down, to restrict, to set up barriers: and thus to destroy what capitalism itself has created.

On this Labor's day of festivity let us again give expression to our inflexible determination to find work for those of our brothers who have been cast out of the processes of labor. All that can promote this end must be done: hence the International Federation of Trade Unions raises its demand for a general reduction of working hours and the introduction of the 40-hour week. All obstacles in the way of this change must be broken down. Instead of a rationalization that completely misses its mark, there must be planned management: instead of shrinkage, the concentration of forces: instead of derelict labor on the scrapheap, an economic system which lays plans for the best use of labor. In the name of its

14 million members, and for the sake of the 25 millions of unemployed in the world, the International Federation of Trade Unions demands that there shall be a clear recognition of what capitalism has done for us.

On the day when we do honor to the creative and productive power of Labor, we also raise the demand for the demolition of unproductive military armaments, which are in themselves a permanent danger of war and its horrors. Let us add to the cry "No More War" yet another cry "Down With the Means of War!" Is the world to be sacrificed to pay high dividends to the armaments industry? Let every people recognize and attack their common enemy—the armaments industry! In the name of the millions of war victims we call upon men's consciences to awake! Let us confront the profit-seeking of the armaments manufacturer, living and thriving on death and destruction, with the determination of the worker and the producer to maintain peace.

Never till this present time of crisis, pregnant with the menace of war and fascism, has it been so clear how closely the nations are linked up together and how necessary is international solidarity.

Workers of all lands, let International Labor be more united and more determined than ever. You can look to none but yourselves to make the first move towards recovery and the improvement of your lot. Let your slogans be:

Against War and munitions and armaments capitalism.  
For Peace, the reconciliation of the peoples and disarmament.

Against capitalist anarchy, unemployment and hunger.

For a planned economic system, providing work and bread for all!  
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vital fact to remember is that the Labor government and the Parliamentary group that condoned its failure over two wasted years are, after all, only a group of politicians. The reality of the Labor party is the working class movement; the millions of men and women who have kept faith and stood firm through all these discouragements. And they remain as the sole possible source of power for Socialist achievement; and it is from their sustained faith in a great cause that the recovery is now already beginning to manifest itself.

## The Turning Tide

Disillusionment with the national government has very definitely set in. There have been two by-elections during the past month; and in each of them the inflated majority against Labor at the general election has been enormously reduced. MacDonald sees the waning of his power clearly enough; and announces that he has decided "to publish a fortnightly letter dealing with political events as seen by the section of Labor supporting the government." The first of these pronouncements has just been issued; and makes it clear that the Prime Minister has decided to give up even the pretence at resistance to the reactionary capitalist claims made against him by the Conservative majority in the House of Commons. It is a pitiable plea for the necessity of wage cuts and economy on social services and all the rest of what capitalism, in its hour of electoral triumph, is insisting upon from his government, whose "guiding thought," he says, "must be economy."

"Industrial and financial machinery has broken down," he declares, "but society has to be kept going." We all know exactly what that means. The breakdown of capitalism, its increasing inability

to serve the needs of human life, the industrial and financial troubles into which it plunges us; these things, instead of being the occasion and the opportunity—the proved need—for Socialist reconstruction, are to be made the excuse for worsening the condition of the workers in the name of economy and "keeping society going." The appeal to the workers to endure hardships and cuts and to make sacrifices as a matter of national and patriotic duty—it is very doubtful whether, had the capitalist parties been returned to Parliament with a majority of their own, they would have dared to press this policy of worsening the conditions of life for the masses to anything like the extent that the MacDonald "national" government is pressing it for them.

## MacDonald's Career Ended

Apparently the new MacDonald gospel is that the worse the conditions under capitalism become, the more imperative it is that plans for substituting Socialism for capitalism should be held in abeyance; and that the real wisdom under such conditions is for everyone to join together to keep the existing order going by bearing its inflictions cheerfully. It is a gospel which admirably suits the capitalist hosts in the House of Commons; but it helps us to some extent to measure the completeness of MacDonald's abandonment of Labor outlooks. And there may at least be this quality of political sagacity about it; that such an utterance, in view of the prevalence amongst the Conservative majority of talk about having no further use for MacDonald now that he has served their purpose of reducing Labor to impotence in Parliament, may help to insure them that they need have no fear of obstruction from that quarter to any reactionary work they may have in contemplation.

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# A Socialist Campaign Trip Through Idaho

## Idaho and Utah Show Depths of Poverty

[This is the fifth article in the series on economic, social and political conditions in the states and the prospects for the Socialist party.]

By W. R. Snow

WITHIN the past seven weeks I have filled lecture dates in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and California, besides paying personal visits to comrades in Nevada on my way from Ogden, Utah, to Chico, California.

Some fine and enthusiastic meetings were held in Oregon and Idaho. The situation in Oregon will be taken care of by the faithful comrades in that state, who are not so many in numbers but make up in loyalty and enthusiasm. At La Grande and Enterprise in the eastern part of the state I held fine meetings where none had been held since before the war.

Idaho has about the best possibilities of any of the Northwest States, if they are given aid in getting a ticket in the field. The election laws in that state have been changed so that this year instead of going on the ballot by petition they will have to hold a mass convention of 200 people at which convention candidates must be nominated. This convention, I was told at the Secretary of State's office in March, will have to be held on May 24th to comply with the law. I secured a copy of the latest election laws and turned it over to H. H. Freidheim, the enthusiastic state secretary at Twin Falls. Two excellent meetings were held here and the Hibner brothers at Buhl arranged for three meetings in that vicinity. George F. Hibner was at one time a feature writer for the "Appeal to Reason".

### Meetings Were Good

As a whole the Idaho meetings, considering the time of year, early in March, were very good, giving every sign of an awakening interest in Socialism. Meetings were held at Caldwell, Boise and Idaho Falls, in addition to those mentioned above. Many other places could have been made but for the snow and bad roads that still prevailed in large sections of the state.

Idaho largely depends on agriculture, sheep and cattle raising. In some parts fruit is extensively and intensively raised. It is noted for the size, flavor and shipping qualities of its potatoes. No other state can quite compete with Idaho potatoes.

Just now and for the past two years all farm products are at a very low ebb. This makes for the growth of Socialism and we should give the Comrades in Idaho every possible help and encouragement.

One potato incident illustrates what is making people think, in spite of any previous notions about Socialism. At Jerome this past Winter a potato farmer shipped

seven carloads of potatoes over the Union Pacific Railroad to Chicago. This road is known in Idaho as the "Oregon Short Line". Said farmer rode with the potatoes to keep the stoves going so they wouldn't freeze. Arriving in the "windy city" where seemingly everybody goes broke, this Idaho "spud" raiser sold his potatoes for enough to pay the freight and commission merchants who handled them. He returned to Idaho on a shipper's pass via the U. P. R.R. a sadder and maybe a little wiser man.

### Turns On Hoover

Arriving at Minadoka Junction, instead of proceeding on to Jerome, to where his pass would have been good he got off and attempted to ride the "blind baggage", on the Twin Falls branch line of the same road that had taken his seven cars of potatoes for freight, and a day coach pass back from Chicago. He did this because he wanted to go to one of the branch line towns and get from a friend the price of a hair cut and shave, so he could go home looking respectable. When down the line a few miles he was discovered by the conductor and kicked off the train. I was told this man had been a lifelong Republican, but now he is sore at Hoover and is going to vote the Democratic ticket to get revenge.

This man's predicament is about the same as thousands of farmers in Idaho, except he had it rubbed in a little harder than most of them. Many who are sore at Hoover and the Republican party will likely vote for the Democratic party, "The Spare Tire on the Republican Band Wagon", to be used only in case of a blow-out. Many can and will be reached with the message of Socialism.

Northern Idaho has some large mining interests, made famous in the late 'nineties and early part of this century, by the same methods and tactics toward the workers that prevails in Kentucky, and other coal mining regions now. North Idaho also has some of the largest saw mills to be found in the United States, and the largest and most valuable white pine belt found on the American continent. Idaho has undeveloped hydro-electric possibilities beyond that of any other western state. Its resources in this line have not been developed for the reason the Power Trust cannot find a market for the energy that can be developed. The state or national government in the hands of Socialists would develop this power, or all that would be needed, and furnish it to the people at cost. But what provision does this make for the "poor power trust".

### The "Gem" State

Idaho is called the "Gem State" and rightly so. It has many places of unrivalled scenic grandeur. Its rivers in the north and central part of the state are wild and turbulent. Salmon River and its tributaries, flowing from and through the high mountains of Central Idaho, have millions of unused, unharnessed horse power energy, to say nothing of the swiftly flowing Lower Snake River into which the Salmon empties a short distance above Lewiston, Idaho. The Snake flows for almost 200 miles along the Idaho-Oregon line through a country whose sublime grandeur is hardly to be equaled in the United States. Where the river cuts through the "Seven Devil"

## The New Leader Forum

This issue being a May Day and propaganda number the Forum page is eliminated this week. Quite a number of letters are on hand and we expect to give more space next week to the discussion. Party members are again urged to make their letters as brief as possible so as to make possible publication of as many letters as possible. The discussion will continue to the last issue before the national convention when it will be suspended to give way to a complete report of its actions. The succeeding issues during the campaign will also be devoted in the main to the Socialist Party campaign.

Mountains the Canyon is 5,500 feet deep.

Idaho is rich beyond dreams in power resources, but very poor in coal deposits. It has only a very little in the extreme eastern part of the state near the Teton range of Wyoming. Heat, light and power from its streams could be generated to supply a dozen such states.

If one wants to hide from civilization and get far from the "great white way" and the "maddening crowd", the "Gem State" will furnish the place, provided one can afford the money to get there. The writer has made Socialist speeches 100 miles from the nearest railroad station in the pioneer days of our movement, and could have gone fifty times further if transportation had been possible.

Central and north Idaho have the wildest untamed wilderness yet left in the United States. Its scenery as well as resources have to be seen to be appreciated. Its people? The old western spirit of hospitality still survives in spite of

selling potatoes for freight and a day coach pass, then having one's pants kicked for trying to ride a blind baggage a few miles on the same road.

Idaho is seemingly more free from the factional strife that divides the working class movement than most places I have been in recent years. In a few places I met some of the enthusiastic disciples of Colin Harvey's "New Liberty party", but only in a few places. I tried to convince some of them that as long as natural resources, machinery, transportation and the market place, are privately owned that it doesn't make much difference whether we have gold standard, free silver, greenbacks, gray backs or yellow backs, about all the useful workers could expect, would be the "grey ones". The big thing in Idaho, as everywhere else, is the means of production, distribution, transportation, marketing, raw materials and resources, privately owned, and run for profit for the owners, or to be owned by the people and operated by them in their interest.

If this article gets by the editor and is appreciated by the readers, I have others. I am of the opinion our comrades who have to stay at home most of the time, tied to one place by a job, a profession, or a mortgage on the farm, that they like humor mixed with dry eco-

nomics. The writer has in past years made speeches in all the counties of Idaho, save a few. My information is first hand.

I can write, of all the western and Rocky Mountain states, Utah will be the next in line as I have just come from there, having traversed its mountains and deserts several times. On my last trip I was 107 miles from the nearest railroad station near the Arizona line.

I want to tell the story of copper and the big, raw, ugly fact that the American copper kings are deliberately throttling the whole American copper industry because they can make more profits from investments in Chili, S. A., Rhodesia, and the Belgian Congo in Africa, Mexico and other foreign countries.

I was in Bingham Canyon, Utah, the other day and it is beginning to take on the aspect of a ghost town. Many or most of the smelters are closed. Great copper towns like Butte and Anaconda, Montana, Bingham Canyon, and other mines in Utah, Ray, Winkelman, Jerome, Clarksdale, Globe and Bisbee, Arizona, will, if we continue the private ownership of copper mines and smelters, become ghost towns like Tombstone, Arizona, Virginia Cities of Nevada and Montana, and many other ghost towns of the West.

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## The First Rebel Arts Exhibit

By Arnold Hoffman

THE first Rebel Arts exhibition of paintings, woodcuts, etchings and lithographs made its bow Wednesday evening. Under the direction of Irwin Hoffman more than fifty pictures were collected and hung in the studio of the Rand School.

One-half of the south wall is devoted to a special memorial exhibit of woodcuts and lithographs by the late Gan Kolski, one of the founders of Rebel Arts. In the dozen works shown, Kolski's genius for woodcuts is beautifully demonstrated. Surely, few in this country can match the exquisite Kolski prints which are notable for their poetry of expression as much as for expertness of technique. The passing of such a gifted artist leaves a void which can hardly be filled.

Outstanding is a lithograph by the Mexican, Diego Rivera, which was presented by the artist as a gift to Rebel Arts. "The Fruits of Labor" represents a group of proletarians receiving apples from one of their number, the fruit personifying the complete product of their own work. From this single lithograph, it is not difficult to understand why Rivera stands out, despite the parlor incantations of critics and others, as a gigantic figure. The subtleties of brush on line work do not alone suffice; for him any picture must possess a strong social consciousness. It is this quality of subject which distinguishes him above the mere craftsman or seeker of beauty, though abstractionists will find in "Fruits of Labor" a harmony of form and design rarely equalled.

Rebel Arts is fortunate, also, in securing for the exhibition canvases by Reginald Marsh, Eugene Higgins and John Sloan, who eloquently answer the recent sneering New York Times editorial which described the "rebel" movement as a seasonal effusion of raw youth. These men have been painting for years and have expressed, in powerful terms, their protests against the existing organization of society.

Most interesting, perhaps, to those who have followed the rapid growth of Rebel Arts, are the works of its active members, Irwin Hoffman, Aaron Berkman, Josef Presser, Bernard Ziskind, Molly Wilson, Miss H. Smedley and Lyman Young. Hoffman's lithographs, paintings and etchings stamp him as a rising artist of the proletarian. He is deeply concerned with people, and, like Higgins, envisages their misery, at the same time suggesting their latent power and strength. Berkman, another of the original Rebel artists, also has a decided leaning towards human beings, and even in his landscapes or city scenes, one or two figures immediately arrest the eye. His "Ten Cent Dance Hall," one of the outstanding paintings in the exhibition, reveals a power of satire and humor which bodes well for the future. Presser, one of the few living Americans to have a drawing in the Uffizi Gallery at Florence, shows three sketches, one of them a noble study of a Belgian horse.

An Art Young Poor Fish represents an earlier tradition which Rebel Arts is reawakening.

Rebel Arts is certainly to be congratulated in assembling an exhibition of such excellence and quality. More important, the group has demonstrated the widespread eagerness of gifted creative workers to find a desired outlet for their revolt against a capitalistic society. Much has been accomplished since the cultural adjunct to the Socialist Party was organized; the future is even brighter.



From a Lithograph by Diego Rivera  
"The Fruits of Labor"

## Wolfing Along

THIS past week I lost another tooth, a great new crop of gray hairs appeared above my noble brow and I read a piece saying that nowadays men were howling at the doors of wolves. Our wolf to whom I have frequently referred of late has got hoarse howling around our place. How is yours?

Here and there, however, we come across rays of light which cheer us on our downward course. For instance, the idea of calling Franklin Roosevelt a "radical" and "demagogue" because he had the bad taste to refer to the fact that the Reconstruction Finance outfit hadn't done such an awful lot for the "forgotten man," the small farmer and home-owner, gives us a chuckle. The stuffed shirts have the idea that the best thing to do about "the forgotten man," which by the way, is not an original phrase with Franklin, is to keep right on forgetting him. And when Franklin does remember him, or at any rate, remembers that he has a vote, he can't seem to think up anything to do about him. What a hot campaign this is going to be, with Hoover versus the "demagoguery" of such red, red radicals as the pitiful straddler at Albany who slaps Tammany crooks on the wrists and makes big bow-wows at John Haynes Holmes and Rabbi Wise.

There has come to us a book called simply, "Miner," written by F. C. Boden, who went into the pits in England at the age of thirteen and has made articulate that dark, torturous life underground which is the daily lot of the men of the picks here and abroad. E. P. Dutton and Co. publish the book in America and we urge that you read it. It is a tenderly written, sensitive story, with simply magnificent descriptions of the mine fields of the Derbyshire valleys and the men and women of those fields. At the beginning is

a poem, one verse of which reads:

"Then thou shalt remember, O heart, long days and hot nights in such mines,  
The daily descent into peril, the darkness,  
the pain,  
And remembrance shall urge thee on softly  
with whispers and signs  
And bid thee leave learning a moment and  
live in the old days again."

This is the poet's way of saying, "Once a miner, always a miner." Those who are lucky enough to come out away from the pits, have always with them a memory of the days underground, which gives to all their life a peculiar mystic tinge, a sense of fatalism, mingled strangely with a forthright independence and defiance of fate itself. So that your real miner is always a bit of a rebel and will stand up and fight despite all the odds that come against him. Time and again it has seemed as though the miners were done for. Time and again, as in Harlan today and on the mountains of West Virginia, despite corrupt leadership, despite a chaotic economics in their industry, despite all the hazards and uncertainties of their bleak existence, they have risen to the summons to that fighting spirit of theirs and gone on, in surging marches, implacable, invincible to the end. If anyone thinks that he has the miners finally licked, he has another think coming. If any group of American workers ever deserved the wholehearted support of Socialists, it is the coaidiggers. And their need today is even more pressing than in the days when Eugene Victor Debs and Mother Jones first went organizing in the South.

Once more we urge the comrades in and around New York to get their coupon books from the Emergency Conference on Unemployment, (Leonard Bright, Secretary, at the Party Office) and do their part in helping organize the unemployed. With the cutting off of relief in these parts next month, the plight of the jobless will be more desperate than ever and there is no more pressing task that confronts us than to see to it that the workless workers have some medium through which to voice their demands.

McAlister Coleman.

## The Chatterbox

Along the business streets of the land, the best hated man is Morgan, and the most vilified, Hoover. Bankers of all stripes are akin to burglars and bandits. Banks are despised and feared. The blame for the whole depression and its strangulation of trade is placed squarely upon the big bankers and their affiliates in Wall Street. And a desire for vengeance grows apace.

All over the country, banks have commenced a suicidal policy of cashing on their stocks and industrial bond holdings, in order to remain "liquid," for what they must feel will be the last assault upon their usefulness. The stock market values recede to the zero mark.

Rumors are rife everywhere now that unless trade and general economic conditions improve rapidly vast numbers of inland small banks will be shut down or gobbled up at bargain prices by the big boys down East. And rumor also has it that the big fellows are refusing to give any kind of credit to tradesmen on whatsoever collateral, because they want to be well heeled with ready cash when the bargain day for distressed bank merchandise arrives. The day for the rugged little banker of the village and town is definitely done. The chain national bank behemoth is thumping into his atavistic own.

As Marxian academicians we might view this fulfillment of prophecy with inner gloating. And so it will come to pass and all that. As warm, emotional and red blooded humans, with the full possession of Socialist ideals for background, we have much grief ahead for all of us.

This country is rotten ripe for a revolution of some kind. But not of my kind, I fear greatly. Nor the special brand so vociferously blurted forth from the barricades of Union Square.

If my hearing is at all normal, and my understanding of words and feelings at all average, little, middle sized and many great big tradesmen and bourgeois folks are gathering slowly and lumberingly into an army of discontent that will start a march on the temples of the plutes. How it will all end up is a matter of conjecture. But there is hell brewing everywhere, and it won't be long before the pot boils over.

The only thing that is tragic about this situation is the spineless dejection of the working masses of the land. They take crumbs of charity while being without even hope for jobs, and those that are still at work accept wage cut after wage cut and a lower standard of living without a whimper. Not a peep comes from the headquarters of organized labor in sincere protest. Not a growl comes out of the ranks.

Like the French of the late years in the eighteenth century, the middle class is becoming militant and leftish. I hate to think of what will happen to the financial oligarchs, once the Lions, the Kiwanis, and the Rotaries start singing "Allons Enfants de la Patrie," adequately Americanized and jazzified to the hectic tempo of our time.

When the bankrupted commercial classes make revolutionary whoopee, reaction of the lowest kind must set in through one Fascist form or another. The Masonic orders, the fraternal organizations, and the Babbitt bands have an established community of interest and class consciousness that is utterly lacking with the workers of the land.

War will be declared against the big bankers. The government belongs to them. The ballot will probably be ignored in the struggle. Armed force will be attempted and may grow into general civil warfare.

Police forces, state militias, National Guardsmen and the like may fall into divided allegiances. The forces of the national government will probably remain true to Wall Street. Politicians will scurry about like poisoned rats in a sewer, seeking the winning sides as the winning sides appear. The workers will probably find themselves aligned against one another, having no loyalties of their own. Bloody riots will be the order of the day.

In the meantime, those of us who will have courage enough to be foolhardy and frank, who will attempt to instruct the workers of their opportunity to seize power, will be flung into jail or lynched under martial law. Our party will be outlawed, and our movement driven underground. Proscription for all radicals will be the order of the day. All our work for half a century will again be destroyed.

This we Socialists might as well understand as an eventuality. Unless we multiply our efforts to put our educational program across. It is a race between Socialist propaganda and impending civil war. And if the middle class hatred flames into direct action and a dictatorship hell breaks loose here in this land, then all the fine spun arguments of the Socialist militant program and the hefty, sonorous orthodoxies of the purists will be so much of the Fascist juggernaut.

Let us get to work then, pulling together, and saving our voices and our strength against the day when destruction rages madly through the land.

S. A. de Witt.



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## Parade and Demonstration On Saturday

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THE labor unions, the Socialist Party, Workmen's Circle, Poale Zion, and Jewish National Workers' Alliance, and the Socialist Consumers' League will celebrate May First in N. Y. City with a huge parade and meeting. Because the First of May falls on Sunday, the parade will be held on Saturday, April 30. It will wind up at Union Square at 1 p. m. where powerful amplifiers will carry addresses to a record throng.

The parade will consist of two sections, one assembling downtown and the other uptown. Both sections will meet at 22nd street and 4th avenue and march to Union Square. The downtown section will assemble at Allen and Grand streets. The Bakers' Union, Locals 79, 505, 507, 509, will assemble there. The march will start from this point at 11:30 a. m. and proceed through the following streets: Grand street to Ludlow street, to Canal into East Broadway, past the Forward Building, where the following unions will join the parade: The Mineral Water Workers, Local 311, and miscellaneous unions of the United Hebrew Trades, and then proceed from East Broadway to Cannon street, to Rivington street, to Pitt street, into Avenue C, to 7th street, to Avenue B, to 2nd street, to second avenue.

### Children To Be In Line

The Poale Zion and Jewish National Workers' Alliance, the Pioneer Women's Organization, the Young Poale Zion, The Jewish Folk Schools, will fall in the march here, and the parade will proceed up Second avenue. At 6th street, the Butchers' Union, Local 174, will join in the march, and the Cap Makers will join in at 8th street.

The Workmen's Circle members, the children of the Workmen's Circle Schools, the Young Circle Leagues, and Jewish Socialist Verband, will lead the parade from 12th street and Second avenue, and the march will proceed up Second avenue to 22nd street, to 4th avenue, to Union Square.

The Workmen's Circle, its school children, the Young Circle Leagues, and the Jewish Socialist Verband members will assemble in Webster Hall, 11th street between 3rd and 4th avenues. They will leave Webster Hall at 12 noon and march from 11th street to 4th avenue, to 12th street, to Second avenue, where they will head the downtown section.

### The Uptown Section

The uptown section will assemble in 15th and 16th streets from Union Square to 6th avenue.

The Locals of the International Ladies' Garment Workers will assemble in 16th street in front of the I. L. G. W. U. Building, from 5th to 6th avenues.

The members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers will assemble in 15th street in front of the Amalgamated Center from 5th to 6th avenues.

The following organizations will assemble in 15th street from 5th avenue to Union Square, in front of the People's House: Socialist Party, all branches; Y. P. S. L. Women's Section of the Socialist Party, Socialist Consumers' League, Joint Council and Locals of the Fur Workers' Union, Neck-

## Mooney Conference Urges All Join May 1st Rally

EFFORTS of labor and liberal organizations for the release of Mooney and Billings will begin anew and on a larger scale than ever with May 1st according to an announcement made by Dr. Abraham Lefkowitz on behalf of the Tom Mooney Pardon Conference of New York. The Conference will take part in the demonstration and parade of trade unions and the Socialist Party at Union Square on Saturday, April 30th, in order to protest against Governor Rolph's decision and demand swift and vigorous action in the Mooney case.

This announcement was made after an executive committee meeting of the Tom Mooney Pardon Conference held at the headquarters of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

The Tom Mooney Pardon Conference inaugurated the movement for Mooney's release last summer. Numerous local unions of Carpenters, Painters, Electrical Workers, Printers, Ladies' Garment Workers, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, together with the United He-

wear Makers' Union, Hebrew Butchers' Union, Local 234; Painters' Locals 261, 490, 499, 874, 1011; Grocery and Dairy Clerks' Union, Local 338; Workers' Sports and Gymnastic Alliance, Progressive Women of the Bronx. This section will march in the following order:

From 16th street and 5th avenue to 5th avenue, to 15th street, to 8th avenue, to 40th street, to 7th avenue, to 26th street, to 4th avenue, to Union Square.

### Unemployed To Be Represented

The Unemployed will assemble at 7th avenue below 15th street and will fall in line back of the division coming through 15th street.

The International Pocketbook Makers, and the Suit Case and Bag Makers will assemble at their headquarters, 21st street between 5th and 6th avenue, and will march to 8th avenue and will fall in line back of the Unemployed.

The Millinery Workers will assemble at their headquarters in 37th street between 5th and 6th avenues and will march to 7th avenue, where they will join the march at 37th street and 7th avenue.

The Button and Novelty Workers' Union will assemble at their headquarters, 552-7th avenue, and join at 40th street and 7th avenue.

### The Array of Speakers

The meeting will be held on Union Square. Algernon Lee, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, will be Chairman, and the following speakers will address the meeting: David Dubinsky, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Ladies' Garment Workers; Abraham Miller, Secretary of the Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Morris Feinstein, Secretary of the United Hebrew Trades; S. Lipshitz, Editor of the German Volkszeitung; Vincenzo Vacirca of the Italian Workers; I. Hamlin of the Poale Zion and Jewish National Workers' Alliance; Goldie Meyerson, of the Labor Federation of Palestine; Esther Friedman of the Women's Section of the Socialist Party; Aaron Levenstein of the Y. P. S. L.; Frank Crosswaith of the Negro Workers; N. Chanin of the Workmen's Circle, and the Jewish Socialist Verband, Frank Keeney, President, West Virginia Miners; Morris Hillquit, Jacob Panken and Louis Waldman of the Socialist Party.

brew Trades, Conference for Progressive Labor Action, the branches of the Workmen's Circle, Socialist Party, the League for Industrial Democracy, and others participated in the conference. Dr. Lefkowitz, vice-president of the American Federation of Teachers, is chairman; Fannia M. Cohn of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, is vice-chairman; A. J. Muste of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action, secretary, and the Executive Committee includes Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Norman Thomas, Luigi Antonini, Roger Baldwin, A. J. Kennedy, president of the Amalgamated Lithographers, and others.

The Executive Committee of the conference calls upon individuals and upon all labor and liberal organizations not to buy California products, to boycott the Olympic games, to send resolutions of protest to Governor Rolph on his decision, to organize demonstrations and to wire Tom Mooney pledges of continued support of the movement for his unconditional release.

The committee calls upon all who are for Tom Mooney's and Warren Billings' unconditional pardon to join the First of May Demonstration this Saturday, April 30, 11 a. m. at 15th street and Fifth avenue.

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**Afternoon, 3 p. m.**

Thomas Jefferson High School, Pennsylvania and Dumont avenues, Brooklyn. Concert and celebration. Speakers, Norman Thomas, Jacob Panken, Auspices, Workmen's Circle School No. 1, East New York.

People's Educational Forum, 2005 Seventh avenue, Manhattan. Speaker, Louis Waldman.

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street and Fifth avenue. Finnish concert and speakers.

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**Evening, 8:30 p. m.**

Brownsville Labor Lyceum, 219 Sackman street, Brooklyn. Speakers, Jacob Panken, Charles Solomon, August Claessens, A. I. Shiplacoff, J. Altman.

East Flatbush, 3820 Church avenue, Brooklyn. Speakers, Jacob Panken, Ben Parker, Charles Solomon, August Claessens. Auspices, Socialist party, 18th A. D. Branch 2, Workmen's Circle School and Y. P. S. L.

Bronx County, Socialist party, banquet, 6:30 p. m., Paradise Manor, Mt. Eden and Jerome avenues. Speakers, Jacob Panken, B. C. Vladeck. Also concert and dance.

Chelsea branch, Socialist party, banquet at Cherrylane Restaurant, 42 Commerce street, Manhattan, 7 p. m.

Morningside Heights branch, Socialist party, 3109 Broadway, Manhattan. Speaker, McAlister Coleman.

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# "Fight the System," Mooney's Call to Labor

## Labor Martyr Says Business Rules Rolph

### Calls for World's Workers to Rally Against Capitalist Reaction

[Immediately following the announcement of the refusal of Gov. Rolph to give Tom Mooney a pardon and the release of Rolph's statement, filled with half-truths and word-trickery that amazed the most cynical, Tom Mooney gave Federated Press the following interview through the Tom Mooney Molders Defense Committee.]

By Tom Mooney

THE denial of my pardon in the face of indisputable proofs of my innocence is a perfect vindication of the whole rotten frame-up system. The capitalist conspirators tried by the foulest perjuries to do me to death on the gallows. They failed to hang me because the demonstration of the revolutionary workers in Russia in 1917 called the attention of the entire world to this monstrous frameup. Having failed to lynch me legally, they decreed that I must die in prison. Why? Because I was an incorruptible and militant trade unionist, always alert and ever active in the interests of the working class.

Gov. Rolph and his advisers did not base their findings on the facts of my frameup but merely carried out the bidding of their masters, men represented individually by persons like Herbert Fleishacker, Harry Chandler, Robert Dollar, Frederick Koster, William Crocker and collectively by the Chamber of Commerce.

What chance did I have of receiving a fair and impartial hearing from representatives of as unprincipled a bunch of pirates as ever scuttled a ship? None whatsoever. The cards were stacked and the dice loaded against me. It is not a matter of evidence that is holding Mooney and Billings in prison. Capitalist dictatorship holds us there because they fear the effect of our release on the workingclass.

This decision proves the utter impossibility of any militant worker ever securing justice at the hands of capitalist-controlled courts, governors and other politicians.

Does this decision settle the Mooney case? Not by a long shot. The fight for my freedom must and will go on. I have grown old in prison before my time but my head is erect, my back unbent, my spirit untamed. They have forced me to the wall.

Fight I must and fight I will. I am ready and willing today as always to give my life to the cause of the toilers of the world, regardless of race, creed, color or nationality.

"We Will Smash This System!" This decision in the face of worldwide protest against my brutal frameup is an insolent and sinister challenge hurled by a doomed capitalist system into the teeth of the entire workingclass. I call upon the united militant and revolutionary working class of the entire world to accept this challenge. They must close ranks and raise louder than ever the demand that the plunderbund of California let go their victim.

They must fight not only for my freedom but for the abolition of the capitalist system. It is the only thing that will prevent in the future the framing of workers for loyalty to their class. They must also demand that the framed Scottsboro boys shall not die and defend the Harlan miners and all

## Socialist Attack on Rolph Greets Him On Arrival in Va.

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

RICHMOND, Va.—When Gov. Rolph of California arrived here Sunday for the Conference of Governors he was greeted with page one reports in the daily papers of a resolution passed by the Virginia Socialist state executive committee assailing his refusal to free Tom Mooney as "a brazen disregard of facts and justice."

## 1,000 Attend Jobless Rally In New York

### Columbus Circle Rally Leading Item of Activities Among Jobless

AN effective and stirring rally of 1,000 at Columbus Circle, a letter from Norman Thomas to President Hoover that received wide publicity, the ousting of Henry Rosner by Mayor Walker from a Board of Estimate meeting and the continued growth of Unemployed Leagues were some of the outstanding events in unemployment activity during the past week.

Hundreds of signatures to unemployment insurance petitions were obtained. Speakers in addition to Norman Thomas were McAlister Coleman, August Claessens, Leonard Bright, Henry J. Rosner and Aaron evenstein. Edward Levinson was chairman.

The second Unemployed League to be organized in the Bronx will hold its meeting at P. S. 43, 136th street and Brown place, Wednesday, May 18. Next Friday James Oneal and Leonard Bright will speak at P. S. 54, Intervale avenue and Freeman street.

Through the work of Fred Myers, vice-president of the Morning-side Heights League, a colored family about to be evicted last week was permitted to remain while efforts are being made through the Urban League to assist the family.

A good representation from all the leagues is expected on Saturday for the parade and demonstration at the assembly point for the jobless, 240 West 14th street.

Contributions for the work of the Emergency Conference on Unemployment have been received as follows: Morris Hillquit, \$5; A. Baum, \$5; George Steinhart, \$5; Sherwood Eddy, \$5; Amicus Most, \$2.75; Ethel Florito, \$2; Charles Blackman, \$1.25; Rose Brody, \$1; Vito Tancredi, 50 cents. The first Yipsel Circle to send in the proceeds from the sale of coupons is Circle 7, Bronx, which forwarded \$1.20. The 8th A. D. Branch, Manhattan, voted to take three booklets of \$5 each.

A number of young Finnish Socialists are planning to organize the Unemployed League of East Harlem with headquarters at Finnish Hall, 2056 Fifth avenue.

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## Young Socialists Are Organizing Students To Aid Mooney Fight

Renewed efforts to free Tom Mooney are being carried forward through a student-faculty petition to the Governor of California drawn up by the Interscholastic Tom Mooney Committee. Thousands of students and many members of school faculties have already pledged their support of this drive. Norman Thomas is the chairman of the petition committee and Professor John Dewey of Columbia, Morris R. Cohen of the College of the City of New York, Dr. Gabriel Mason, principal of Abraham Lincoln High School, and Dr. Jessie Wallace Hughan of the Textile High School are the faculty sponsors.

William Gomer of C. C. N. Y., Phil Heller of Brooklyn College, Sylvia Weingart of Hunter College, David Gollub of N. Y. U., Aaron Levenstein of N. Y. Law School and Charlotte Tuttle of Columbia are the student leaders in this drive to express resentment against the denial of a pardon and determine to continue their efforts toward freeing him. Arrangements are being made to hold meetings in the high schools and colleges to present the facts on the fifteen years imprisonment of the California Labor Leader. The movement was initiated by the Young Peoples Socialist League and the League for Industrial Democracy.

### THE FREETHINKERS

Mr. Joseph Lewis, who has just returned from an extended trip through Spain, will give an address illustrated with moving pictures at the luncheon to be given by the Freethinkers of America May 1, at 1 p. m., in the Hofbrau, Broadway, between 52nd and 53rd streets.

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## Thomas Speaks Tuesday In Union City, New Jersey

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

UNION CITY, N. J.—A meeting that is arousing considerable interest is the lecture to be given by Norman Thomas at the North Hudson Jewish Community Center, 34th street and New York avenue, here Tuesday, May 3, at 8 p. m. Socialists from the northern part of the state should turn out in large numbers and give Thomas a welcome. An attempt will be made to form a new local in this part of the county, so comrades be on hand and assist. Public Service busses and trolley cars let you off at the door.

## Hillquit to Speak at Boro Park Lyceum

On Friday, April 29, Socialists of the Boro Park Branch, Brooklyn, will hold the second of their series of monthly mass meetings at the Boro Park Labor Lyceum, 42d street and 14th avenue.

Speakers of the evening will include Morris Hillquit, William M. Feigenbaum and Robert L. Bobrick.

The occasion will be utilized among other topics, as a protest against the Mooney decision. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome. To obtain a seat be sure to come early. Doors open promptly at 8 p. m.

## Cleveland Conference For Job Insurance To Meet on May 8th

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

CLEVELAND.—The Cleveland branch of the Ohio Association for Unemployment Insurance will hold a conference on May 6th at 8 p. m. at the Ladies' Garment Workers Hall, 1766 E. 12th street, to further plans for carrying on the fight for the Socialist unemployment insurance bill in the state. Branches are being organized in several cities, and by fall it is expected that every county will have a local organization. All organizations willing to co-operate in this work are asked to send delegates to the conference.

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# Fascist Victory Brings Crisis Nearer in Reich

## Fascists Make First Gains in Austrian Poll

### Socialists Better Position in Vienna—Elections in Three States

ALTHOUGH news of the elections to three Diets in Austria last Sunday report gains for the Fascists this is doubtful. What appears to have happened is that reactionaries who have been divided are gathering under the banner of Fascism in opposition to the Socialists. The Heimwehr, for example, the organization that attempted an armed march against Socialist Vienna a number of times, has divided between the Fascists and the Christian Social (Catholic) party.

The Hitlerites had previously been a mere handful in Austria and were represented by only one member in the Salzburg Diet but as a result of the Sunday elections are said to have a "big representation" throughout the country. The Pan-Germans, the main supporters of former Chancellor Shober, lost heavily and much of their vote went to the Fascists.

The new Vienna Diet will consist of 66 Socialists, 19 Catholics and 15 Hitlerites. Allowing for a reduction in the size of the Diet, this means a gain of one for the Socialists, a loss of 19 for the Catholics and the appearance of 15 Hitlerites, previously not represented. This will have far-reaching consequences.

#### General Election Asked

The tactics of the Catholics have resulted in a great increase in the power of their Socialist opponents in Vienna, who henceforth will be entitled to nominate both deputy mayors instead of only one. Socialists will be at the head of all districts in Vienna. The Catholic party will also lose its majority in the Austrian Senate, which is elected by the provincial Diets.

The Catholics remain dominant in Salzburg and Lower Austria and in the city elections in two provinces the Socialists and Catholics retained their relative strength. In Lower Austria the Fascists, formerly unrepresented, won 8 seats; the Catholics 28, a loss of 5; the Socialists 20, a loss of one.

In the Salzburg Diet the Catholics have 12 seats; the Socialists 8, and the Fascists 6.

Alfred Frauenfeld, a former bank clerk, has become the leader of the Fascists and he has demanded a national election because of the increased Fascist vote in the provinces. He has declared that if the demand is refused "we will take steps to give emphatic expression of our demand." This is a hint of a Fascist march.

Here, as in Germany, the workers remain armed for any emergency that Fascism may threaten. The Socialists control Vienna and maintain a remarkable discipline in alliance with the trade union organizations but the Austrian State faces bankruptcy.

## Hitler Victory Is Made At Expense of Socialists

### Social-Democrats Are Armed, Ready for Showdown — Communist Tactics Problematical

HITLER'S Fascists made the gains expected in Prussia and a few other states in the German elections last Sunday. Most of the middle parties were crushed and the results show that a clear lineup is emerging between Fascism on the one hand and the workers on the other. The workers, however, are divided between the Socialist and Communist parties while reaction drifts towards Fascism.

The Fascists lead in four states and in Prussia, the most important and the largest state in Germany, they have won 162 seats against the six they held in the old chamber. The previous election was in 1928. The Socialists have 93 seats and the Communists 57. The Socialists lost nearly a million votes compared with 1928 when they also won 137 seats. The Communists gained one.

Of the 34,500,000 votes cast in the elections to five Diets the Fascists received 30 per cent. In Hamburg the present minority government of Socialists and Democrats will likely continue but main interest centers in the government to be formed in Prussia.

#### The Communist Position

In that state the Diet will not meet until June and what the Communists will do remains to be seen. They cooperated with the Fascists in a Prussian referendum a few months ago to recall the old government but this allied action failed. The Communists and Fascists repeated this alliance in a referendum a week ago last Sunday in Saxony but the proposal to dissolve the Diet was defeated by some 500,000 votes.

The Prussian Diet has 422 members of which the Fascists have 162, only two more than the Communists and Socialists combined. The next largest party is the Centrists with 67 members. Thus the strength of the leading parties is in the following order: Fascists, 162; Socialists, 93; Centrists, 67; Communists, 57; Nationalists, 31. The remaining 12 seats are held by four insignificant groups.

#### The Official Count

The official final count in the Prussian election showing a total of 22,402,000 votes, was:

Fascists, 8,008,000; Social Democrats, 4,675,000; Centrists, 3,374,000; Communists, 2,820,000; Nationalists, 1,525,000; State's party, 332,000; People's party, 331,000; Christian Social, 255,000; Economic party, 191,000; Farmer's party, 177,000; smaller parties, 714,000.

The final returns distributed the votes in other States as follows:

BAVARIA—Bavarian People's party, 1,272,000; Fascists, 1,271,000; Social Democrats, 604,000; Communists, 259,000; Bavarian Farmers' party, 253,000; Nationalists, 128,000, and smaller parties, 122,000. Total—3,909,000.

WUERTTEMBERG—Fascists, 328,000; Social Democrats, 206,000; Cen-

trists 254,000; Communists, 116,000; Nationalists, 254,000.

HAMBURG—Fascists, 234,000; Social Democrats, 226,000; Communists, 119,000; State's party, 84,000; Nationalists, 32,000; People's party, 24,000; Centrists, 10,000; Economic party, 5,000, and Christian Social party, 8,000.

ANHALT—Fascists, 90,000; Social Democrats, 75,000; Communists, 20,000; Nationalists, 13,000; People's party, 8,000; Real Estate Owner's party, 6,000; Centrists, 3,000; State's party, 3,000; Socialist Labor, 1,000. Total—219,000.

#### How Diets Will Line Up

Seats in the various Diets were allotted as follows:

PRUSSIA—Fascists, 162; Social Democrats, 93; Centrists, 67; Communists, 57; Nationalists, 31; State's party, 2; People's party, 7; Christian Social party, 2; German Hanover party, 1.

BAVARIA—Bavarian People's party, 45; Fascists, 43; Social Democrats, 23; Farmers party, 9; Communists, 8; Nationalists, 3.

WUERTTEMBERG—Fascists, 43; Centrists, 17; Social Democrats, 14; Farmers, 9; Communists, 7; State's party, 4; Nationalists, 3; Christian People's party, 3.

HAMBURG—Fascists, 51; Social Democrats, 49; Communists, 26; State's party, 18; Nationalists, 7; People's party, 5; Centrists, 2; Economic party, 1; Christian Social, 1.

ANHALT—Fascists, 15; Social Democrats, 12; Communists, 3; Nationalists, 2; People's party, 2; Centrists, 1.

This uprising of Fascism in Germany is the direct outcome of the intolerable suffering of millions of workers and the hopeless outlook facing the youth of the professional and middle classes. Hitler's bombastic promises to wipe out reparations and war debts which have been sapping the economic life of Germany appeal to millions of workers just as the Ku Klux appealed to millions in this country some years ago.

If the Fascists eventually control Germany its repercussions are likely to spread to other European countries. The German workers are armed for the struggle.

Then Russia will face a new situation. Will the Fascists begin a "holy war" against Russia? What of Poland? Will Pilsudski contract with Hitler for a slice of Russian territory?

Whatever may be the answers, Europe may be on the edge of an abyss within the next few years.

#### DEBATE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

"Resolved that Socialism is the Only Solution for Unemployment," is the subject of a debate to be held under the auspices of the East Bronx Relief Society in Pel-Park Palace, 708 Lydig avenue, Monday evening, May 2, at 9 p. m. August Claessens will take the affirmative side of the subject and Rt. Rev. Charles Nelson, D. D., the negative. Rabbi Julius J. Price, will preside. The admission is 25 cents. The proceeds will be given to the poor of the district.

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Friends and comrades who have not yet sent in their reservations are urged to do so at once so that complete arrangements can be made.

There is a brilliant array of speakers and the dinner, which is the last dinner to be held by any of the organizations within the Socialist movement, promises to be the distinctive feature of the year. All party members are urged to send in the reservations at once.

## Debs Branch of W. C. To Celebrate Friday

The Debs Branch of the Workmen's Circle is giving a great concert Friday, April 29, at Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second avenue, at 8:30 p. m., celebrating May Day and its eleventh anniversary.

The program consists of the Manhattan Mandolin Orchestra with Carlo De Fillipis conducting. Two other numbers are Pina Napolina, soprano, and the Carmen Quartet, both through the courtesy of Station WEVD.

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## Job Insurance Group Hit by Central Trades

Relief Scheme Proposed by Big Six to Be Subject of Conference

By Louis Stanley

THE chief business of the last regular meeting of the New York City Central Trades and Labor Council was the condemnation of the New York A. F. of L. Committee for Unemployment Insurance and Relief as a Communist organization. The denunciation was contained in the minutes of the Executive Council but it was objected to by Delegate Arthur Peer of Postal Clerks Union No. 10 who said that his organization had endorsed this committee. He asked that Louis Weinstein, a member of Local 499 of the Painters and Secretary of the Committee under attack, be permitted to explain what the purpose of the committee was.

President Ryan directed Secretary Quinn to read a circular letter signed by President Green of the A. F. of L., in which President Green stated that an investigation by the A. F. of L. representative in New York, Hugh Frayne, had disclosed that the committee was a Communist movement and all A. F. of L. unions were warned against the organization. Delegate Woskow of Printing Pressmen's Union No. 51 stated that he was no Communist, that he objected to calling any movement Communist or radical just because it was in disagreement with the dominant policies of the A. F. of L., and that he would like to see a representative of the committee given a chance to state his case. Delegate Henry L. Meyer of Postal Clerks' Union No. 10 declared his union was not part of the committee and when pressed by his co-delegate he explained that his president had told him that they were not and that his union had become connected under a misapprehension. Delegate Peer explained that only a few days ago his union had reaffirmed its support of the committee. Holland of the Stationary Firemen urged that the decision of the A. F. of L. be strictly applied. Delegates from the Barbers and Painters explained their organizations had at first affiliated with the committee under a misunderstanding.

The representative of the committee was not admitted to the meeting. Later on Frayne declared that legal action might be taken against the committee for using the name of the A. F. of L. in its title. He also said that in his opinion the Postal Clerks' Local should be asked to withdraw Delegate Peer for defending the committee. A city central did not have to accept an undesirable

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## Phila. Socialists Nominate Complete Legislature Slate

Fundamental Issue Is Stressed in Answer to Women Voters' Questionnaire

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

PHILADELPHIA.—The Socialist Party here has declared that the only real issue in the coming political campaign is Socialism vs. Capitalism. In an official answer to a questionnaire sent all candidates by the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters, the Socialists said:

"The Socialist Party wishes to point out that this questionnaire fails to touch on any fundamental political issues before the voters. It is our belief that political action must be based on an economic philosophy for the government is the chief instrument for maintaining the economic and social status quo. At the present time the government is in the hands of industrial and financial interests desirous of maintaining the present iniquitous economic order based on private ownership of the means of production and the exploitation of labor with its attendant inequitable distribution of income and economic insecurity. That issue is the important one before the public, not the measures referred to in your questionnaire.

"The question of consolidation of city and county government is a case in point. Such a measure would increase the efficiency of local government, but would in no

way touch the vital economic problem of ownership and income distribution.

### The Important Issues

"You will note that we are in favor of practically all the measures referred to in your questionnaire, but we consider them superficial issues. We believe it would be far more important for you to question candidates regarding their views on an economic system which allows wide-spread unemployment, misery and economic insecurity to prevail in the midst of potential plenty. Certainly you should be interested in prospective legislative officials' views on unemployment, wages, cuts, redistribution of income, and the social ownership of the means of production and distribution. These are the vital issues of the day."

The official Socialist slate is as follows:

Congress—G. Kutikoff, 1st district; Andrew J. Biemiller, 2du; Joseph Kazmark, 3d; Joseph Schwartz, 4th; Franz E. Daniel, 5th; M. H. Goldstein, 6th; David H. H. Felix, 7th.

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Three of the West Side Branches of the Socialist Party will give a dance and May Day Party in the Community Center, 210 West 91st street, Saturday evening April 30th. The following branches are sponsoring the affair: Upper West Side, Morningside and Washington Heights. The committee in charge promises that there will be the best of music, plenty of refreshments and everything prepared to make the evening a memorable one. Reservations for tickets may be made by addressing Leon Gibson, 160 Claremont avenue.

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## Convention To Nominate On Sunday

### Standard Bearers Will Talk Over National Radio Hook-up in the Evening

**CHICAGO.**—While Socialist locals and branches throughout the country are considering the convention agenda sent out last week, the committee in charge of national convention arrangements is rapidly shaping final plans for the sessions, to be held in the Milwaukee municipal auditorium May 21-24. The national executive committee will meet for two days previous to the convention at the New Randolph Hotel, 4th and Wisconsin, according to plans made public this week by Clarence Senior, executive secretary.

Friday, May 20, two conferences on organization tactics will be held. In the morning, a committee of Julius Gerber, chairman, New York City; William W. Busick, Los Angeles, and Leo Krzycki, Milwaukee, will lead a conference on organization problems in large cities. In the afternoon, another committee, composed of Jasper McLevy, chairman, Bridgeport, Conn.; David George, Hopewell, Va., and Amicus Most, Charleston, W. Va., will lead a discussion on organization problems in small cities and rural communities.

#### Hoan to Be Host

Friday evening, Mayor Daniel W. Hoan of Milwaukee, will be host to visiting delegates in a reception at the City Hall. An automobile tour is planned for Saturday afternoon, and a convention banquet for Monday evening.

The convention proper will start Saturday morning and run through to Tuesday evening. The nominating session will be Sunday afternoon. Nominees for President and Vice President will speak at a mass meeting Sunday evening, which will be broadcast over a nation-wide hook-up.

A post-convention banquet will be held in Chicago Wednesday evening, May 25, at the Steuben Club, 188 West Randolph street, at which the candidates will speak. Other speakers will be Norman Thomas, 1928 standard-bearer; Daniel W. Hoan, Mayor of Milwaukee; Morris Hillquit, chairman of the Socialist national executive committee; Heywood Brown, newspaper columnist; B. C. Vladeck, manager of the Jewish Daily Forward; William A. Cunneen, candidate for state's attorney on the Farmer-Labor ticket, with which Chicago Socialists are cooperating, will be chairman at this banquet.

#### Organization Notes

##### "Socialist Songs" Available

Local Reading, Pa., has prepared a booklet entitled "Socialist Songs," which contains the words to 21 favorite working class songs. Popular American tunes have been selected to encourage singing in party meetings (and in other gatherings of workers organizations), even without accompaniment. The five songs, "Internationale," "The Red Flag," "Solidarity Forever," "The Workers' Marseillaise" and "When the Revolution Comes" are here together in one book for the first time. The book sells for 10 cents a copy, \$1.50 for 25, \$5 for 100. It may be obtained from the Reading Labor Advocate, Reading, Pa., or national headquarters, Socialist party, 549 Randolph street, Chicago.

##### New Locals Reported

**COLORADO.** Eckert: W. H. Roberts, secretary, Austin.

**IOWA.** Burlington: A. W. Thielbert, secretary, 1033 South Leebick street.

**MICHIGAN.** Alba Camp: Rex Hughes, secretary; Bay Shores (Indian): Joseph Shomin, secretary; Boyne Falls: John Harmon, secretary; Detroit (21st Ward branch): Bernice Morris, secretary, 14078 Faircrest avenue; East Jordan: Charles Beebe, secretary; Harbor Springs (Indian): Jonas Shawanese, secretary; Hart: N. W. Kuhne, secretary, Route 1; Petoskey: Don W. Crandall, secretary; Petoskey (Indian): Paul Obinaw, secretary.

**MISSOURI.** St. Joseph: C. L. MacNeil, secretary, 2711 Seneca street.

**WEST VIRGINIA.** South Charleston: Joe Rousseau, secretary, 527 Second avenue.

##### Minnesota

Norman Thomas will speak to the Central Labor Union of Minneapolis, Thursday, May 19.

##### Wisconsin

Milwaukee Socialists are selling tickets for a circus to be held in the city the week beginning May 7. The

party's commissions will go to its educational fund.

#### California

**SAN FRANCISCO.**—April 21 the local had its regular monthly business meeting. A quota of \$100 was voted as its share in the \$50,000 campaign fund. \$15 of this was raised on the spot. Thursday evening, April 28, Edwyn Hunt spoke on "Housing the Masses." May 5, Cameron King speaks on "The World Crisis—The Socialist Way Out," and on Wednesday, May 11, Rabbi Jacob Weinstein on "The Autobiographies of Emma Goldman and Lincoln Steffens." The local is continuing with its house to house distribution of leaflets, one leaflet each week in a chosen district of 1,000 homes.

#### New England District

All the New England States except Vermont will be on the ballot and will wage intensive state and national campaigns. Three new locals were organized last week. Barnstable, Mass., with 18 charter members; Providence, R. I., and Bangor, Me.

Powers Hapgood will speak at the local on Friday, April 29. On Friday, May 6, a debate is scheduled between Alfred Baker Lewis and Abe Kalish on the subject, "Resolved that the Militants Can Contribute to the Growth of the Socialist Party."

#### Michigan

The state executive committee has ordered formation of a speakers' bureau which will furnish speakers to all party and other organizations which request them, arrange open air meetings, form a lecture circuit in Michigan, and to maintain a research department for the purpose of giving Socialist speakers necessary data. Locals and branches which desire to have speakers sent to their meetings are requested to communicate with the committee.

**McBRIDES.**—The branch here has begun a new drive for membership and every member has pledged himself to bring in at least one other every month. So far, the members have all met their quotas.

**BOYNE CITY.**—Comrades Burt and Kent, sent by the state office to assist Organizer Le Roy in the 11th district, report the average factory wage only 12½ cents per hour; lots the size of an average city block begging for buyers at \$10 each, and over 80 per cent of the land reverted to the state for non-payment of taxes in some localities. New branches were organized in Petoskey, Boyne Falls, Bay Shores and many other nearby towns. Indian language branches were organized in connection with many of the locals. Boyne City branch is now strong enough to control any future local elections and the organization of the entire district is merely a matter of going through the formalities, as the people here fully realize the

necessity of a change and the hopelessness of help from the two major parties.

**BROWN CITY.**—The first local in the Thumb district of Michigan has been organized and will elect its permanent officers soon. They plan, together with the Montcalm County local, to bring a real Socialist farmers' plank to the next state convention.

**DETROIT.**—Branch 1 plans a militant drive for members with the hope that every district in Detroit will have a neighborhood branch before next election. A series of outdoor mass meetings are scheduled. The newly formed 22nd Ward branch has been granted its charter by the state office.

#### New Jersey

**PASSAIC COUNTY.** has a full Socialist ticket in the field. A meeting of the county nominating committee April 11, nominated the following: For Congressman, Garrett De Young of Preakness; for State Senator, James Cristiano, Paterson; for Assemblymen, Paul Steinberg, Passaic; Louis Markovitz, Passaic; Victor Obermaster, Paterson; S. Zuckerman, Paterson; for Freeholders, Anna Cohn, Passaic; Harry Simon, Paterson.

#### New York State

**NEW ROCHELLE.**—Reorganization of Local New Rochelle May 11. The meeting will be held at Irish Benevolent Hall, 21 Lawton street. Speakers, Leonard Bright, Henry Fruchter, Carl Parsons, chairman.

**NASSAU COUNTY.**—Norman Thomas is to speak on "The Road Ahead" at the headquarters of the Cedarhurst and Vicinity branch of Local Nassau County, Lord and Bayview avenues, Inwood, L. I., on Thursday evening, May 5, at 8:30 p. m. The Hempstead branch is cooperating with the Inwood members of the party toward making this meeting a success.

**MT. VERNON.**—Norman Thomas will speak in Mt. Vernon under party auspices on Friday evening, May 6. Samuel Orr, former Bronx County Assemblyman, will also address this meeting at 201 South Third avenue.

**SCHENECTADY.**—The local post-

poned its business meeting of last Monday evening on account of the appearance of Norman Thomas in Schenectady under Union College auspices. The largest auditorium of the college was crowded to hear Thomas discuss municipal problems. Only a few years ago the presence of a Socialist speaker at Union College was undreamed of.

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY COMMITTEE** met last Thursday in Mt. Vernon and mobilized for activity throughout the county. The official county committee named an action committee to carry on the work. The latter soon resolved itself into subcommittees to work out plans for submission to the entire committee at its next meeting on Thursday, April 28, at 8 p. m., at 201 South Third avenue, Mt. Vernon. The committee includes a number of active comrades, such as White, Riegelman and Jones from Yonkers; D. Drucker, McFarlane and Jay from Mt. Vernon; Hagerty and Parsons from New Rochelle, Sloane from Mamaroneck and Valenstein from Peekskill. The latter was named secretary and Jay of Mt. Vernon, chairman.

**ROCKLAND COUNTY.**—The local will open the campaign at a dinner and dance at Villa Lafayette, South Main street, Spring Valley, on Tuesday, May 10. Guests of honor will be Carl P. Svensson of Nanuet, delegate to the Milwaukee convention, and Samuel A. DeWitt, Carl Parsons, New Rochelle organizer and former head of the World War Veterans, and State Secretary Herbert Merrill have been invited to speak. This will mark the first anniversary of the local, which started with seven, now numbers 55 members. Delegations from Orange, Westchester and Putnam Counties are expected to attend.

May this May Day mark the  
turning point in the race  
of the nations to  
Socialism

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Are Working for a New Social Order

### Y. P. S. L. Circle 6 Srs., Kings

167 TOMPKINS AVENUE  
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

### MAY DAY GREETINGS from DEUTSCHE SPRACHGRUPPE der SOZIALISTISCHEN PARTEI

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**YORKVILLE:** Jeden 1. u. 3. Donnerstag im Labor Temple, 243 Ost 84. Str.  
**BRONX:** Jeden 3. Dienstag im Monat in 398 Ost 152. Str., Apt. A-44.  
**BROOKLYN:** Jeden 4. Freitag im Queens County Labor Lyceum, 785 Forest Ave., Ridgewood.  
**HUDSON COUNTY:** Jeden dritten Mittwoch in der Fraternity Hall, 256 Central Ave., Jersey City, N. J.  
**NEWARK:** Jeden 1. Freitag im Monat in Newark Labor Lyceum.

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HOPING FOR A SUCCESSFUL MAY DAY CELEBRATION

### From the German Austro-Hungarian Branch, SOCIALIST PARTY

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

BEST WISHES from

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May the Coming Years Increase the Power of THE NEW LEADER  
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O. G. BAGGE, Secretary

### FRATERNAL GREETINGS from the FINNISH BRANCH OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

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A. KOSKI, Secretary

May Day Greetings to All Fellow Workers  
Who Are Striving for Industrial Freedom

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BOSTON, MASS.

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MORE POWER TO THE NEW LEADER

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TO OUR SPLENDID LABOR WEEKLY

May She Ever Be the New Leader of the New York Press for a Better World

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MAY DAY GREETINGS

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KINGS COUNTY  
BROOKLYN, N. Y.



May the coming year increase the power of The New Leader in its struggle for the emancipation of the working class

**BRANCH 2**

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Our May Day Motions

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GREETINGS  
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## N. Y. Socialists Begin Outdoor Campaigning

**Branches Throughout  
City Are Busy—Alt-  
man for Assembly in  
Brownsville**

THE outdoor educational work of the many New York City Socialist branches begins the first week in May. A number of branches held meetings in April. Arrangements are being made for an increasing number of large rallies in various sections of the city. Neighborhood branches have been urged to get their platforms, banners and literature squads ready.

Branches should inform Organizer Claessens on what evenings they intend to hold meetings, and to specify corners. All such information must be sent to him by Tuesday of each week. Assignments of speakers are made one week in advance. Letters have been sent to some 200 party speakers urging them to volunteer for work immediately. May and June are the best months in the year for outdoor educational work. The weather is pleasant and the hectic campaign conditions of September and October are not present.

### MANHATTAN

**UPPER WEST SIDE.**—First of May celebration at the Community Center, 210 West 91st street, on Saturday evening, April 30.

**22nd A. D.**—The branch meets every Monday evening the home of Comrades Glsnet, 609 West 149th street, Apt. 5C. It is growing in membership because of these meetings and canvassing. On May 2, Henry Rosner will speak on "The Dilemma of Capitalism"; May 9, August Claessens, "The Essentials of Socialism."

**WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.**—An unemployment demonstration was held Wednesday night. Our regular Monday night canvassing is bringing excellent results. The branch will march as a unit in the May Day parade. Members are to meet at headquarters at 10:30 a. m. Don't forget about the May Day Eve dance, Saturday night, at 210 West 91st street.

**MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS.**—The Unemployed Union, which meets each Thursday night, was addressed this week by August Claessens. On Saturday at 10 a. m. an unemployed party will precede the May Day rally at Union Square. A special informal meeting of the branch members for simultaneous discussion and work will be held on Tuesday at 7 p. m. Henceforth, two of these meetings will be held each month. Come to the gay West Side May Day Eve dance on April 30.

### BRONX

**UNEMPLOYED LEAGUE ACTIVITIES.**—A meeting of the Unemployed League will be held on Friday, May 6, 8 p. m., at P. S. 54, Intervale avenue and Freeman street, with James Oneal and Leonard Bright as speakers; John Davidson, chairman. A second meeting will be held at P. S. 43, 136th street and Brown place, on Wednesday, May 18, at 8 p. m.

**TENANTS EMERGENCY LEAGUE.**—A meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11, at 8:30 p. m., at the Ambassador Hall, 3875 Third avenue, near Claremont parkway. Judge Jacob Panken, Samuel Orr, Louis Hendin, Aaron Levenstein and Henry Fruchter will address the meeting. Matthew Levy, chairman.

**1st A. D.**—A meeting will be held on Thursday evening, May 5, at 8:30 p. m., at the Workmen's Circle Center, 615 East 140th street.

**5th A. D.**—On Friday evening, May 6, August Claessens will deliver the first of a series of five lectures under the auspices of the 5th A. D. branch. In the Bellamy Club, 904 Prospect avenue.

**7th A. D.**—Herbert M. Merrill gave an interesting talk Tuesday on "Socialism and Invention." Tuesday, May 3, Esther Friedman will speak on "Woman and Socialism." The branch will hold a social and entertainment at 739 Elsmere place on Saturday, May 14. Admission 25 cents.

**AMALGAMATED COOPERATIVE.**—The next meeting will be held Monday evening, May 2, in the assembly hall of building No. 7, Dr. Louis Hendin will speak on "Socialism and Trade Unions."

### BROOKLYN

**DOWNTOWN.**—Two largely attended street meetings were held Friday, April 22, dealing with the Mooney decision. Speakers were E. M. White, Joseph Glass, S. Knebel, David Cory, S. Safranoff, H. Perlmutter. Beginning May 6 street meetings will be held regularly. On Friday evening, April 29, there will be a May Day social and rally at 122 Pierpoint street, at 8 p. m. There will be dancing, games, refreshments, etc.

**WILLIAMSBURG.**—Branch meets every Monday evening, at 167 Tompkins avenue, at 8:30 p. m.

**BORO PARK.**—On Friday, April 22, the branch, led by Lee Zipperstein, held an interesting discussion on various forms of propaganda in the drama.

**11th A. D.**—The branch is having its first social gathering and card party at the headquarters of the Midwood branch at 1637 West 17th street, near Kingshighway, this Saturday, April 30, at 8:30 p. m. Admission 50 cents. Celebration of May Day with good old radical songs. Next branch meeting on Monday, May 2, at 8:30 p. m. in the home of Max Frankie, 934 Carroll street.

**MIDWOOD.**—The Flatbush news section of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle stated an interesting report of Herbert M. Merrill's talk to the branch. In the edition it announced Dr. Bohn's lecture and the following day gave a good report on the subject of his talk, namely, "How America Got This Way." Joseph Tuvim will be in charge of the Junior Y. P. S. L. which meets Friday nights. Dr. J. L. Manus organizer of the branch, will help in the reorganization of the senior Y. P. S. L. which meets on Sunday nights. The literature distribution committee and the executive committee will meet at 11 a. m. every Sunday morning beginning May 1. The next monthly card party and get-together takes place Saturday evening, May 7. On Tuesday evening, May 3, at 9 p. m., Professor Elias L. Tartak will lecture on "Humor and

Satire in Soviet Russian Literature," at 1637 East 17th street.

**21st A. D.**—A social will be held on Friday, April 29, at 55 Snyder avenue. At the next meeting, May 6, Dr. Sadoff will speak on "Russia—20 Years Ago and Today."

**23rd A. D.**—The activity of the 23rd A. D. is assuming the task of making sufficient propaganda in the entire section of Brownsville. Each member has pledged to not only contribute individually towards New York's \$5,000 share of the national \$50,000 drive, but to fill the subscription lists given to them by Organizer Weisberg. The unemployed committee is doing its very best to organize the unemployed here, and a meeting is scheduled for April 27, at the Labor Lyceum. The branch has already nominated its standard bearer for the Assembly. Comrade Jack Altman, who together with the Senatorial and Congressional nominees, will begin the next campaign. This Friday night, April 29, our first open air meeting of the season will take place, and subsequently every Friday night.

### QUEENS

**COUNTY COMMITTEE.**—Queens County committee met in Flushing Sunday, April 24, at the home of Samuel DeWitt. Organizer Rost reported having completed his canvass of 159 enrolled Socialist voters in Ridgewood. He interviewed 126. A number of applications were obtained. Astoria reported four members transformed. Donated \$3 for space in the convention journal and \$8.50 for the Unemployed League. Planned a radio party for May 25 or May 22 for the national convention hook-up at which time they hope to help raise funds for the national campaign. Both Flushing and Sunnyside raised funds for the Mooney defense, \$25 from the former and \$5 from the latter. Flushing reported a total of 20 applications from College Point. Voted \$5 to the May Day conference. The committee vigorously opposed holding the state convention in Utica on the ground of economy and democracy, favoring New York as the convention city.

**JAMAICA.**—A business meeting will be held Thursday evening, May 5, at the Workmen's Circle Center, 9218 New York boulevard (163rd street).

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# "Take My Tip" Furnishes Photograph and Foolery

## The Week on the Stage

By Joseph T. Shipley

### ANYBODY CAN WIN

"TAKE MY TIP." By Nat N. Dorfman. At the 48th Street.

The millions who saw their long accumulated savings soar into paper wealth beyond their dreams—creating new dreams of luxury through the years—only to have it all crash, crash into broken pots and crumple into paper to start fires with—these moaning millions should be sent to see "Take My Tip." There, slightly magnified for the stage, they will see themselves. All their delight at the rising market. All their self-satisfaction, their pride in their knowledge of what to buy, their generous advice to their friends: "Take my tip!" And the friends, not by nature gamblers, hesitating to invest in "Wall Street," lured by the steady rise of the vaunted stock. And the various shades of human nature, at the crash!

This part of Nat Dorfman's play is clear photography, with the common situation neatly drawn. Here and there a line of dialogue breaks through the portraiture for a strike of laughter on its own account, and the curtain-lines are without exception arresting. But there is another element of the play, a thread of satire running through the photography—which itself is not without its caustic moments. The daughter, a somewhat simpering sillikin, and the beau who carries her off, woo and quarrel in a vein of overdrawn foolery. Mr. Dorfman hadn't quite courage enough to make thorough nonsense. Even so, her "My hero" and his "My big strong woman" ring a note of burlesque from such lips. The final grace, the trick that saves the family from ruin, is more clearly satire. In "The Kibitzer," remember, a half-wit says "no" instead of "yes"—or vice versa—over the phone, and in all seriousness saves the situation. In "Take My Tip," our Wall Street hero has, buried in his cellar, an invention for stamping your own initials on your individual sanitary cake of soap. After the promoter who had made him penniless pays him \$100,000 cash for the invention, his mother says, "Is it really that good?" He answers, "I don't know; I've never tried it!"

Donald Meek has tried a somewhat new role, and handles it as deftly as we expect of him. Helen Lowell, as the mother who frowns on all the soaring stocks, also stands out in a cast that helps make "Take My Tip" a play where most will recognize it, if not themselves, their friends.

### READ "THE STAGE"

Backed by the play-viewing public of the Theatre Guild, Hiram Motherwell has been slowly building the Guild magazine into a wider and informative survey of the theatrical arts. Brief comments on current plays and books of the theatre is followed by gossip of players and playwrights; by articles on controversial points; a detailed discussion of the month's

hit, be it a deft high comedy like "There's Always Juliet," a philosophic study such as "The Devil Passes," or a musical satire like "Face the Music." Effective illustrations strengthen the appeal and information of the articles; and quite wisely, in conformity with the general outlook to which the magazine has grown, its name is being changed to "The Stage." Now on sale, "The Stage" should prove stimulating to all to whom the theatre is a source of entertainment and inspiration.

### Cameo Theatre, Long Identified Home of 1st Run Russian Films Has Fine Record

On May Day it is especially interesting to point out to readers of this paper that there exists in New York City a motion picture theatre which offers the presentation of a number of very important workers films.

The theatre is, of course, the Cameo Theatre, which has just climaxed its significant record by closing a contract with the Amkino Corporation whereby all the noteworthy Soviet films will have their American premiere in this theatre.

Already the theatre has offered the really outstanding "Road to Life" and starting on Friday, May 6th, another important Soviet film will be presented for the first time in this country "Soil Is Thirsty," the new talkie, is especially interesting now as it shows the human side of the "Five-Year-Plan."

With the world-wide interest now in Russia's second Five-Year-Plan, workers especially are interested to see how humans react to this giant undertaking. "Soil Is Thirsty" does not treat of the monster, projects of the plan, but presents a single human interest item. Five young Soviet engineers travel for the Far East to bring modern science to a backward people. The picture was directed by J. Reisman, well known here for his "Katorga" released under the title of "In Old Siberia."

In passing it is worth noting that in this Soviet film there is a lightness and a touch of happiness which has been absent from the "big Soviet film. "Soil Is Thirsty" is something new from the Moscow studios. Perhaps it is even a turning point in their motion picture methods. It is by all means a picture worth seeing.

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### A Trio of Important Stars in the Rivoli's New Film



Chester Morris, Sylvia Sydney and Boris Karloff in a scene from the new Paramount drama, "The Miracle Man," which is having an indefinite run at the Rivoli Theatre.

### "Counsellor-at-Law" Receives Gold Medal As Best American Play

The Gold Medal for the best American play of the year, awarded to Elmer Rice for his successful comedy, "Counsellor-at-Law," now at the Plymouth Theatre, was presented by the Theatre Club, Inc., at their annual tea at the Hotel Astor Tuesday, April 26. Owing to Mr. Rice's absence in Russia, Mrs. Rice, the author's wife, received the medal for him, and Joseph P. Bickerton, Jr., Mr. Rice's lawyer and business associate, made an address of acceptance. Paul Muni, featured player in "Counsellor-at-Law," and the entire cast were present at the ceremony. Mrs. Daniel C. Toal, president of the Theatre Club, made the presentation.

This is the second time Mr. Rice has received the Theatre Club Gold Medal, having won it in 1929 for "Street Scene," thereby gaining the distinction of being the only playwright to have received the award twice.

### Joan Crawford at Capitol

"Letty Lynton," sensational drama of modern social intrigue, starring Joan Crawford and Robert Montgomery, will occupy the Capitol Theatre's screen for the week beginning today.

### "Liebeskommando" at The Europa Theatre

"Liebeskommando" ("Love's Command"), the latest creation of the successful director and composer-team, Geza von Bolvary and Robert Stolz who previously have produced such popular German screen operettas as "Two Hearts," "Merry Wives of Vienna," "Das Lied Ist Aus" and "Theft of Mona Lisa" is now at the Europa Theatre where it will be seen for an indefinite period.

Seats for the return engagement of "Mourning Becomes Electra," the Eugene O'Neill trilogy, which will open at the Alvin Theatre May 9, will go on sale today at the box office.

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### Ernest Truex

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### "Counsellor at Law"

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with PAUL MUNI  
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Mats. Thurs. Sat. 2:20  
"There is fine material all through it and writing of great sympathy and humanity."  
JOHN ANDERSON, *Journal.*

### "Mercedes" Mystifies At the Hipp-Cagney Seen on Screen in "The Crowd Roars"

"Mercedes," the amazing mystic, is back at the Hippodrome and just as baffling and intriguing as ever. Without the aid of radio, wireless or trickery, he projects music from the winds of the audience to his assistant, Mlle. Stanstone who plays the selections on the piano.

"Glad Rags," a Cinderella revue with the Corbitt Twins, Loretta Gray, and the Diamond-Silver Tap Ballet; Hal Sherman and Ada Brown, co-star of "Brown Buddies," offer ideal vaudeville entertainment. Others on this eight-act program are Gene Doyle and Donn Donnelly with Mardie Ramon, the Juggling Nelsons, and Chas. Frazer.

James Cagney, the Hip favorite, returns in "The Crowd Roars," the feature picture with Joan Blondell, Ann Dvorak and Eric Linden. "The Monster Walks" will have its first New York showing at the early bird matinees beginning at 10:30 week-day mornings.

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# "Trapeze" Du Pont's New German Film at Little Carnegie

## Vivid Story of Circus Life Enacted by Anna Sten and a Fine Cast

Following a four-week run of "Ronny," the Viennese operetta by Emmerich Kalman, E. A. DuPont's "Trapeze," featuring Anna Sten, the screen's newest star, opens Monday at noon at the Little Carnegie Playhouse. Already "Trapeze" has been acclaimed throughout Europe as a fine achievement in the realm of photography and sound and brings to mind Dupont's sensational screen triumph of the silent days, "Variety."

In "Trapeze," Dupont's intensely vivid artistry of the stirring drama enacted in the milieu of the circus, reaches new and dynamic heights. His interpretation and characterization of situations, human weaknesses, and mental stresses have been recognized as the art of a genius.

The almost magical charm of Anna Sten's delightful personality is diffused into every scene in which she appears. Having gained a reputation for being an actress of extraordinary talents through her work with Emil Jannings in "Tempest," Miss Sten portrays her role in "Trapeze" with amazing dramatic power.

Reinhold Berni, featured opposite Anna Sten, has won through his fine performance in "Trapeze" the name of "a second Lon Chaney."

A feature of "Trapeze" of special interest to American audiences who may have only a slight or possibly no knowledge of German, will be an accompanying English screen translation of the important dialogue.

have come and gone this season in great number, "Whistling in the Dark," with Ernest Truex in the title role, has been prospering at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre for fifteen weeks. Some one has called it a "mystery play to end all mystery plays," while a leading critic has described it as one of the three best written plays of the season.

"Whistling in the Dark," the work of Laurence Gross and Edward Childs Carpenter, seems to owe its popularity to a highly ingenious and original story. The central figure, played by the tiny Truex, is Wallace Porter, writer of detective fiction, who accidentally gets into the clutches of an underworld gang. His tongue loosened by too much Scotch, the novelist brags he is the world's greatest expert on crime, and the criminals take him at his word. They assign him the task of planning a safe method for "bumping off" their arch enemy. The novelist responds with a scheme for poisoning the man's toothpaste, which provides the principal entertainment of the second act. But having devised this plan, he finds the gang will not release him and so he uses his wits further to devise a plan of escape—a plan which has been described as furnishing one of the most exciting situations of the season.

Although it all sounds pretty grim, the play is actually a comedy and filled with funny lines and situations. William Lyon Phelps of Yale University, said of it: "The best combination of mirth and murder, humor and horror I have ever seen."

## In New German Film at Europa



Mary Loseff, a new sensational screen discovery, has a featured role in the latest Viennese screen operetta hit, "Liebeskommando" ("Love's Command") now at the Europa.

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of "Daddy Long Legs," is the star of "Amateur Daddy," and in it he gives a performance that surpasses in charm and delight his role in that well remembered film in which he played opposite Janet Gaynor.

A screamingly funny Krazy Kat cartoon, "What a Knight," is an added screen attraction.

Another glamorous and snappy revue called "Tintypes," is the leading stage attraction. Produced by Fanchon and Marco it cleverly contrasts the modern type of stage shows with those that were in vogue in 1880.

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# Timely Topics

## By Norman Thomas

What Next for Mooney?—Hopeful Efforts  
—The Honesty of Private Business—  
Economy—The Rise of Hitlerism

### ROLPH'S BRAZEN DECISION

**A** BRAZEN, conscienceless California plutocracy hasn't even bothered to make its latest tool, Governor Rolph, a clever liar. He and Sullivan, the reactionary lawyer and ex-judge whom he (or his bosses) picked to do the dirty work for them, simply fall back on the old stuff: "Mooney was a radical labor fighter, he might have planted the bomb, therefore, he did plant it." They don't, so far as press summaries show, bother with the proof that all evidence against Mooney was tainted with perjury, or that the judge who sentenced him, and the jurors who convicted him, are now convinced that he should be released. They say that his case has been before the state and federal Supreme Court which it has not except on procedure. What's the use? Neither reason nor justice mean a thing to the California utility plutocrats and their political tools. Only a working class, organized powerfully, both economically and politically can move them. One of the weapons of the workers and their allies in this struggle for justice, should be an intensified boycott against California products and against the Olympic games in Los Angeles.

### TWO HOPEFUL LABOR MOVES

**I**F it is the weakness of working class organization that enables Mooney's enemies to keep him and Billings still in prison, two recent acts of organized labor or its leaders may help to cure that weakness. Much good may come from President William Green's announced intention to have his personal representative inquire into the situation which has brought five unions lately into court on charges by their own members. To clear up this situation will recommend unions to the unorganized as few other things can.

The second cause for rejoicing is the action of the Central Trades and Labor Council of New York in voting to set up in earnest a labor conference on unemployment. If representatives of progressive unions will work as hard on making this conference mean something as Abraham Lefkowitz and Fannia Cohn worked to get it authorized, it will get somewhere. There's no time to be lost in city, state or nation!

### PRIVATE OWNERSHIP'S RECORD

**A** SWEDE named Ivar Krueger built himself up into a Napoleon of international finance. He completely dominated his native Sweden through his companies of which the match trust was only one. Recently he committed suicide. It was discovered that for some four years or so, he had been trying by all manner of chicanery, fraudulent credit, and even actual forging of bonds to save himself. His economic empire is broken; his native Sweden reduced from relative prosperity to the depression of the rest of Europe. Is this economic individualism or is it a system of weak insanity which permits such things? What conceivable collectivism could be as bad as this collectivism of absolute individual power?

Lee, Higginson & Company were Krueger's American bankers. Not only did they not protect their customers from Krueger's schemes; they apparently lent themselves to a trick for substituting for the original collateral behind certain Krueger and Toll debentures any kind of collateral. A respectable banking house—but could Tammany politicians have done worse?

The Insull brothers are American citizens who built a great empire of electric power. They dominated by holding companies which defied effective state legislatures. Now their holding companies are in the hands of receivers but their empire will not be given over to the workers, or to the users of electricity who have been paying in America to the Insulls and other power monopolists an extra million a day for the joys of "rugged individualism" and private ownership. The broken parts will probably be gathered up by some banking interests, or maybe by the Insulls themselves. And their blind propagandists will go on telling us how public ownership of power will fail!



NORMAN THOMAS

### BULLS AND BEARS

**I**N Washington a badly managed investigation of the New York Stock Market again has brought to light the use of dummy names, pools manipulating stocks with the aid of the "specialists" who handle them, and all the tricks which make betting on horses so much safer for the "outsider" than playing the market.

The funny thing is that so far popular wrath has not been against the stock market game because it has been as Matthew Brush said: "A racket that makes Al Capone look like a piker," but against the operations of bears who are alleged to force down the stocks. Apparently it's all right to gamble as a bull on the chance of a rising market! Sometimes even the little fellows can get in on that. It's against the wicked bears that the New York World-Telegram tearfully begs the Stock Exchange to reform or else Congress must act. Nonsense! Gambling is gambling. You can't rationally encourage bulls and throw out bears—not and keep a gamblers' world. What we want is social ownership that will make the stock market unnecessary and impossible.

### MAKING JUDGES BEHAVE

**T**HE New York World-Telegram may be a bit amusing when it asks the Stock Exchange to reform or the Bar Association to make judges behave; it's 100 per cent right when it points out that the place for Hoover and Congress to do some economizing is on the army and navy. The current preparedness cost is \$721,000,000. The navy supply bill alone is \$327,000,000 and represents only a 9 per cent cut as against a 35 per cent cut for the peaceful activities of the Interior Department. By such actions do our rulers show themselves double hypocrites in professing their love and faith in either peace or economy!

### THE BANKRUPT CAPITALISM

**W**HEN I was before the Senate Finance Committee in Washington Senator Couzens interrupted me when I said that a government which could finance a war against Germany, raising twenty-one and a half billion dollars in liberty loans, could finance a five billion dollar public works program.

"But," said the Senator, "that was when we were prosperous. How could we do it now?"

I replied that the question might be appropriate if it came from one who believed that the doom of capitalism was at hand, but that it sounded curious to hear a believer in capitalism speak as if only a war could restore it to strength. Senator Couzens asked by what yardstick I measured the end of capitalism, but the chairman, Senator Smoot, broke up our colloquy rather gruffly.

I recall it because it is an amazing thing that capitalists ask questions implying an inability to help the unemployed without wrecking their system. If they are honest they have a lower opinion of the present vitality of capitalism than most radicals. The thing we must insist on is provision for the unemployed. If that provision finally shows the bankruptcy of capitalism, and drives us more quickly to Socialism so much the better. The one catastrophe to be avoided is that capitalism and the middle class generally will try to save itself by war. The attempt would resemble the insistence of the drug addict on saving himself by a new dose of the opium that ruined him.

### THE GERMAN ELECTION

**T**HE expected triumph of Hitler in Prussia is a calamity. It ought, however, to warn even the French that Germany will pay no more reparations. It may be that relative responsibility will sober the Nazis. And Socialists out of office may be able to build their ranks and their program up again. Certainly Hitler has nothing real to offer. His economic hash, brutal anti-Semitism, unscientific "racial parity" nonsense and jingoistic nationalism are all reactionary. What he has a chance to do depends upon the Communists. That their own vote was no greater may mean bad tactics and too much Russian rather than German outlook and emphasis.

## Recent Anti-Union Decisions

"Neither Song  
Nor Sermon"

**W**HATEVER anyone may think of Saint Paul's theology, it must be conceded that he was a successful organizer and a wise tactician. There is a passage in one of his epistles which might well be taken to heart by organized workmen today.

It seems that sharp dissensions had arisen within the Christian Community at Corinth. Some of the members accused others of grave misconduct and, not content with the action (or it may have been the inaction) of this organized body, appealed to the courts. Paul blames them for this. "I speak to your shame," he writes. "Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? No, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? but brother goeth to law with brother, and that before unbelievers? There is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law with one another." It were better, he says, to suffer wrong from their fellows than to drag them before heathen magistrates.

I don't suppose the Roman judges were less learned or less upright than our Schmucks and Berrys. But as these cannot be expected to take Labor's view on any labor question, they could not be expected to understand the Christian attitude on any controversy among Christians. And Paul

knew that to ask them to adjudicate such disputes was in effect inviting them to disrupt or dominate the infant church.

Paul didn't exactly say "Naughty, naughty!" He used graver words than those, as some of us do nowadays when we condemn what we believe to be serious violations of working-class ethics. And I do not see how the propriety of asserting our class viewpoint, and blaming acts which are from that viewpoint unethical, is to be brushed aside by translating what we say into the language of the nursery.

It is really no playroom affair. Anyone who looks into the decisions that have recently been rendered in just three or four suits brought by members against their unions, will have to admit that if these decisions stand and serve as precedents, labor unionism will have lost fully as much as it can hope to gain by amendment of the federal law concerning injunctions.

The unions are in these cases forbidden to interfere in any way whatever with the relations between the complainants and their employers. As a reward for having run to a capitalist politician on the bench, these dissident members are privileged to make their private bargains, regardless of union rules as to wages, hours, overtime, and distribution of work.

That strikes at the very essence of trade unionism.

It is a generally accepted principle that members of a voluntary organization, who feel aggrieved in matters concerning its rules and their application, must exhaust the remedies which its constitution or by-laws provide, before they come into court. In these recent decisions that rule is explicitly set aside, and in negating it the judges have uttered most unjustified sounding tirades, not merely against union officials directly involved, but against unionism in general.

In one of the cases the judge has made a statement which is not only amazingly brutal, but eloquently expressive of the class feeling which animates most of the dispensers of official justice. Yet worse than the acts of personal violence which were charged against agents of the union, was the injury to property for which it was responsible.

In the trade concerned there exists a regular union, recognized by the labor movement, to which the employers are bitterly hostile. Seceders from this body some time ago formed a dual organization, and had not much trouble in getting the bosses to recognize and employ them. Fights have occurred, and it is alleged that members of the seceding body have been cruelly maltreated. That is

bad, says the judge, but there is something worse.

And what is that? Why, pickets of the regular union have carried signs in front of houses manned by the employers' favorites, announcing that there is a strike and asking the public to give preference to union houses. This lessens the profits of the anti-union bosses—and that is the "destruction of property" which the judge deems so much more atrocious than the beating-up of strikebreakers.

That is sound capitalist ethics. Life and limb may be sacred, to a moderate degree and under some circumstances, but that which is above all sacrosanct is the acquisition of profits.

Once upon a time this was thoroughly good law. Through more than a century of working-class struggle, the law has been to some extent modified, partly by statute and partly by interpretation, so as to bring human welfare a little nearer to parity with business interests. Now, at a time when mass unemployment handicaps the unions, the gains of a century may easily be taken away.

If there ever was a moment when it was important for workmen to feel together and think together as workmen, it is so today. Now, as perhaps never before, the paramount duty of Socialists is to promote, by exam-

ple and by precept, the sentiment of solidarity and self-reliance within the working class. Whatever else we do, if we fail of this, we shall be as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

"The words of a rich man, though foolish, are taken for wisdom." Since it is a rich man who tells us that there are no rich men now, there are many who believe it. Poor little rich man Schwab!

And poor Insull. His two and a half billion dollar holding company, and the two investment trusts connected with it, have gone into bankruptcy. The capitalist economy is surely on the toboggan slide, isn't it?

Or is it? Here's another bit of news. Forty-five operating companies of the Insull system, thirty-five of which are controlled by that bankrupt holding company of his, show aggregate gross income for 1931 five and a half millions smaller than that of 1930, and aggregate net income four and a half millions larger. The apparent contradiction is accounted for by lower expenses, due largely to reduced wages.

Why, then, should the holding company and investment trusts go into bankruptcy? To liquidate the little fellows who bought Insull stocks and Insull bonds, of course. Ask us something harder.

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