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"Leniency" of Minn. Rural Credits Means Increased Misery

Demand Aged Farmer Mortgage 1932 Crop and Pay 7% on Delinquencies.

Recently, when the Minnesota Rural Credits Bureau refused to grant the destitute farmers of the state a moratorium on their interest and principal which they could not pay, the Bureau promised that it would show them "leniency". Just what this leniency of the Farmer-Labor Rural Credits Bureau is can be seen from the following letter sent us by a farmer:

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Department of Rural Credit

St. Paul, Jan. 25, 1932.
Mr. George Baumann,
Route 2, Box 54,
Bagley, Minn.

Dear Sir:
Your letter of January 18th received and we note what you state in regard to making payment of your tax item and the November 22, 1931 installment.

If we are to carry you along it will be necessary that you give additional and collateral security in the form of a first crop mortgage on the 1932 crop to secure payment of this tax item as well as the November 22, 1931 installment and the May 22, 1932 installment.

We have taken the liberty to draw notes and crop mortgage in connection with your loan and if you wish to be carried until next fall on these amounts then we kindly ask that you and your wife sign the enclosed notes and crop mortgage in triplicate before a Notary Public. When these papers have been properly signed, witnessed and acknowledged you will retain the triplicate, or yellow copy, and return the notes and all other papers to this office.

This crop mortgage is taken with the distinct understanding that it is a first crop mortgage on the 1932 crop and this Department reserves the right to return the same to the borrower in case it is found not to be such.

We ask that you kindly give this matter immediate attention so that these papers will be returned within a few days.

On the other hand, if you wish to make payment of amounts due at this time, you can do so, and if so we ask that you kindly return the papers to us, unsigned.

Yours very truly,
WILHELM MICHELET,
Manager, Collection Division.
Per H. G.

Their "leniency" is to demand of the farmer who cannot pay their robber demands a crop mortgage for 1932 in order to secure the payment of the installments due November 22, 1931 and May 22, 1932 and to secure the payment of the tax item which amounts to \$74.31. The "LENIENCY" OF THE FARMER-LABOR RURAL CREDITS BUREAU IS TO GET A MORTGAGE ON THE LAST CROP—THAT THE FARMER HAS—THIS YEAR'S CROP, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN PLANTED—AT SEVEN PER CENT.

"This crop mortgage is taken with the distinct understanding that it is a first crop mortgage on the 1932 crop and this Department reserves the right to return the same to the borrower in case it is found not to be such." THIS IS THE "LENIENCY" OF THE FARMER-LABOR PARTY TO THE SMALL FARMERS.

This farmer, George Baumann, homesteaded this land in 1900. He is now 70 years of age and his wife is 72. After thirty years of unremitting toil the capitalist class, thru the Farmer-Labor party, now demands of him a mortgage on his 1932 crop, in return for the right to stay on the land. If he mortgages this crop they will grab everything he gets at harvest time. If he does not they will attempt to evict him.

This is not an individual case. The Rural Credits Bureau is carrying through the same Wall Street policy against thousands of other farmers. The Federal Land Banks are doing the same. The entire capitalist class is demanding of the small and middle farmers the last drop of blood.

It is against this plunder crew, this horrible oppression and exploitation of the small and middle farmers that we must organize. The farmers of Clearwater county

WORKERS' WAGES SLASHED VICIOUSLY

MILLIONS HUNGER DESPITE FALL IN LIVING COSTS

The figures which the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor has recently made public show that the drop in wages of the industrial workers has been so sharp in the past two years as to offset manifold the decrease in the cost of living about which the capitalist press talks so much. During 1931 the cost of living as figured out by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, whose figures are just about what they wish to make them, dropped 9.3%. During the last year, however, the decline in industrial employment amounted to 13.1% and the decline in industrial earnings to 24.5%.

Since December 1929 the cost of living as reported by the Bureau has declined 14.9 per cent. The workers for whom this cost of living is figured suffered a decline in employment of 29 per cent while their earnings fell 44.5 per cent. The attack that has been leveled against the living standards of the working class is even worse than is here admitted by the Bureau. At the time these figures were taken, December 1929, there were already millions of unemployed due to the crisis which first began to show itself in the summer of 1929, several months before the Wall Street crash in October of that year.

Of the twelve million unemployed many millions and their families are totally destitute and have no means to buy the necessities of life that the Department of Labor figures say have declined so many per cent in price. The Hoover government has said that they can starve.

The value of the farmers crops has fallen many times the decline in the prices of the goods they have to buy. For millions of the toiling farm masses this crisis means dire privation. The millions of workers and farmers must force relief out of this hunger system, must force the capitalist class to disgorge millions of its bloody booty for the immediate relief of the poverty-stricken masses of the United States.

EVICTED OF AGED FARMER IS THREAT OF FEDERAL LAND BANK

Farmer Owes Spokane Land Bank More Than Original Debt After Paying Off Practically All.

By HANS RASMUSSEN
That the Federal Land Bank is an institution in which our federal government has no actual shares is something we know, but we can not get around the fact that it is a government institution just the same. We can not get away from the fact that it was created by the government and is under control. At the time of its creation we were told that its purpose was to avoid panics and depressions. It has not served that purpose the direct blame can be put on our Wall Street government which created and controls it and OK's its doings.

In the spring of 1907 Jorgen Jorgensen with wife and children located on Montana's prairies and took up a homestead in what is now known as the Dagmar colony. At that time it was nothing but prairie as far and wide as one could see, with a few range horses and a lone coyote roaming here and there.

As so many of the rest of us, this family had come here to make Montana their home, to get a piece of land they could call their own, where they could live with their children in their old days.

There was never a better and more honest family stepped on the virgin soil of Montana. Always there with a helping hand and taking an active part in what good work there was going on. Their house was open night and day for young and old and their last bite they willingly shared with their guests.

Stock Starved While Agriculture Department "Saved" \$12,000,000

Out of the \$50,000,444 that congress appropriated last year for feed loans the Department of Agriculture held back over \$12,000,000 from the farmers. This amount was held back from the farmers thru rejection of loans and thru sharp cuts in those which were granted. While thousands of head of stock in the drought area are starving and hundreds of head have already died the Department of Agriculture under the direction of Soviet-wheat-dumping Hyde, secretary of the department, kept back \$12,000,000 of funds which had been appropriated by congress for the very purpose of feeding the stock of farmers in the drought stricken areas.

This is the Hunger policy of the Hoover-Hunger government—starving the farmers' stock even after congress had appropriated a miserable sum to keep them alive.

GREAT FALLS, MONT. JOBLESS PROTEST SALVATION SLOPS

SALVATION ARMY HANDS OUT POISONED STEW TO UNEMPLOYED WORKERS

This organization has been in operation since January 18th and has done a great many things for the unemployed in the short time that it has been in existence. The first week we collected all of the used clothing that we could and gave it to the unemployed. One hundred and twelve people were supplied with 370 articles of clothing, in the first six days. This is one part of our program that we will keep in operation all of the time. People are starting to contribute clothing, food and coal to the organization, for they have found that we do not do this for profit. Everything that we get is given away to people that are in need, we keep a record of everything that is given away and the person's name that gets the articles.

The Salvation Army has been getting a lot of clothing given to them that is supposed to be given away, which is not true for the Salvation Army does not do anything that they do not get paid for. They are neither charitable or a religious organization. They are JUNK DEALERS and registered under the laws of Delaware as junk dealers.

The Community Chest is another racket and I think that there is only one better racket in this country and Billy Sunday has that.

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FEB. 4 DEMONSTRATIONS PUSH ON STRUGGLE FOR RELIEF

Mass Pressure of Millions Must Be Organized Against Bankers' Hunger Program

The demonstrations of the work-the city cannot do anything more for the unemployed.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 4.—Two thousand workers crowded the Common bandstand in an enthusiastic meeting, despite the cold.

JAMAICA, L. I., Feb. 4.—Two thousand workers participated in a militant demonstration demanding the enactment of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill and for immediate relief. Hundreds joined the demonstration at Union Square, New York City.

One thousand demonstrated in (Continued on last page)

ANACONDA THUGS BREAK UP FEB. 4 DEMONSTRATION

THOUSANDS OF BUTTE, MONT. WORKERS CHEER MARCHERS FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF

Butte, Mont., Feb. 6.—On National Unemployment Insurance day, February 4th, hundreds of Butte workers poured out of the Workers International Relief hall on East Park St. Marching only one and one-half blocks we were stopped by the entire mobilized police force of Butte. Thirty-seven of the leading marchers were hauled to the city jail. As early as one o'clock, thousands of workers lined the streets to cheer and support the marchers.

The unemployed workers left the W. I. R. hall at 2 P. M. and filed out into the streets. In the demonstration were men, women and children. It was the best turnout of workers fighting to better their condition that Butte has had for years. The workers marched just beyond Park and Arizona Streets when the entire police force swooped down upon them and broke up the parade. All of the workers in the lead were arrested or crowded onto the sidewalk.

The leading marchers were put into the city jail and the patrol wagon returned to the scene of the parade. No women or children were arrested. However, a number of the women insisted that they be taken to the jail, as they too were fighting shoulder to shoulder with their jobless brothers for unemployment insurance.

Workers Shake Jail With Songs
Inside the jail the songs of the workers conclusively proved to the bosses that the terror of the jail only fired the spirit of the workers and never quenched it.

Thousands of workers came to the jail and demanded that the prisoners be released. Our two local song birds were among the first to be arrested, and when we struck up Solidarity Forever we literally shook the town.

SIXTH FLOOR ORDERS THE ARREST!
The order that the parade be broken and the marchers be arrested came from the Sixth floor of the Hennessy building, the local stable of the lackeys of the Anaconda Copper Company. From this stable the word came to Mayor McTaggart in the City Hall. (The city hall has recently been branded by the Company papers—Butte's Shabby Shack—for the reason that the Montana Power Co. wants the lot and building.) It was Mayor McTaggart who ordered the Chief of Police to have the entire police force on the job to break the parade.

Sewer Rats Out In Force
All of the lackeys of the company turned out to watch the parade. They were all represented, the gunmen, the stools, the tools, the finks and the rats, each in his particular category and position was represented and on hand, from the lowest to the still lower. These lackeys on the Sixth Floor are now over-zealous to please their masters in New York. In the past these lackeys have enjoyed, so to speak, the security of the proverbial prostitutes' bulldog, so of course, when the workers in Butte show militancy, it shakes these lackeys in their foul nests and challenges their security. The Chamber of Criminals delegates were on hand, and hope-

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 4.—Despite refusal to grant a permit for a factory gate meeting, 150 workers of Winchester today demonstrated their solidarity with the unemployed and for unemployment insurance at a noon gate meeting today.

Three hundred workers demonstrated on the Central Green of New Haven for unemployment insurance and immediate relief, and elected a committee to present their demands to Mayor Murphy. The mayor was out and his representative told the committee that

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Soviet Union Plans Increase in Sowing

The spring sowing plan for Soviet Russia in 1932 calls for 64,700,000 acres of wheat, an increase of 2 per cent over last season; 45,000,000 acres of oats, an increase of 4 per cent and 17,000,000 acres of barley, an increase of 9 per cent, according to a cable just received by the Department of Agriculture and made available Jan. 30. The increases are computed on the basis of revised spring acreage estimates for 1931, it was stated.

ROB KENTUCKY MINERS W.I.R. STOREHOUSE

RELIEF CAMPAIGN MUST BE INTENSIFIED TO BACK STRIKERS

PINEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 7.—In an attempt to discredit the Workers International Relief, the operators hired a woman and gun thugs to appear at the Pineville Central Strike Relief Station and demand clothes.

Four miners on the relief committee who took food and clothing from agents of the operators who had stolen it from the warehouse, have been arrested for robbery because they forced the real thieves to return the stolen goods. The National Miners Union has issued a statement on this slimy frame-up.

Commenting upon this most recent attack upon the relief activities the National Office of the Workers International Relief said today:

"This is a deliberate strike-breaking move of the operators to shut off relief from the central relief distributing headquarters and we bring sharply before the workers of this country that it must be answered with increased support of the campaign to provide food and clothes to the hungry and ragged miners and their families."

"The slowness with which relief forces are being mobilized is endangering the entire campaign. Redouble your support! Expose the treachery of the operators before the broadest masses! Bring new volunteers into the ranks of the Kentucky-Tennessee Striking Miners Relief Volunteers of the W.I.R."

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CHINESE RED ARMY SWEEPS FORWARD IN CENTRAL CHINA

TOILING FARMERS, DEMONSTRATE AGAINST U. S. WAR MOVES

The Japanese seizure of Harbin and their announced intentions to carry out an armed advance toward the Siberian border of the Soviet Union have been hailed with glee in all imperialist and White Guard circles.

A Harbin dispatch reports that the White Guards in that city turned out en masse to cheer the invading Japanese army. The New York American in printing this dispatch gave it the significant head:

"WHITE RUSSIAN" CROWDS CHEER HARBIN TROOPS.
"Japanese entry hailed with joy by exiles as portending revenge upon Moscow."

MILK STRIKE IN N. Y. SPREADING

THREATEN TO ORDER STATE MILITIA OUT.

So determined has the resistance of the small dairy farmers to the attacks of the milk trust become in New York state that the Milk Trust is demanding that the militia be called out to prevent milk dumping. The statements that have been made to the governor are that the poverty stricken dairy farmers are prepared to attack milk wagons, tank cars and other milk distributing vessels and dump them.

The city of Buffalo is facing a milk famine unless an agreement is reached by February 12th. The milk trust is using this fact to demand of the governor that an arbitration board be organized for the city of Buffalo. In this way they hope to force the small dairy farmers to accept prices for milk below the cost of production. If this is not done the milk trust demands that a special emergency be declared by the governor. In this case the department of health of the state would assume control by executive mandate.

The milk trust is determined to use the state power, if necessary, the state militia, to force the farmers to accept the miserable prices they offer. Against this attack by the milk trust and by the state power the small and middle farmers must organize—in the United Farmers League so that a united front of all the small producers can be set up against the milk trust.

U. F. L. WINS IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR FAMILIES OF TWO FARMERS

U. F. L. Will Organize Farmers For Demands Refused By County Commissioners

(By Clearwater County, Minnesota U. F. L. Correspondent.)

Bagley, Minn., Feb. 3.—Yesterday the United Farmers League called a meeting of small farmers of Clearwater county to demand relief from the boss class. Although the day was very cold and the roads bad from recent snow and high winds, many farmers gathered and filled the court room.

Comrade Ed. C. Bauman, county organizer for the U. F. L., was elected chairman for the meeting. He gave a general outline of what the United Farmers League had done to help poor farmers in Clearwater county. He showed how the farmers thru mass action in the U. F. L. had forced the Red Cross and township boards to get relief for the small farmers. He told how the U. F. L. of Clearwater county works in co-operation with farmers and workers over the entire world.

He then read the demands that were drawn up by the county committee at the conference held at Bagley on January 9 to be presented to the county commissioners of Clearwater county.

These demands read as follows:

Whereas, many poor farmers in Clearwater county are in need of food and clothing, while many more are losing their farms on account of the present depression, and

Whereas, the capitalist crisis in

That the imperialist war mongers consider the stage now set for armed intervention against workers, Russia is further shown by the lies printed on Saturday in the imperialist press that the Soviet troops were concentrating at Vladivostok. These lies were immediately denied by the Soviet Union. A Tokyo dispatch reports:

"Russia and Japanese authorities alike ridiculed reports published abroad today that Russian troops have been concentrated at Vladivostok."

This is not the first time that the Japanese have been forced along with the other imperialist bandits, to admit the first peace policy of the Soviet Union. But the imperialists are determined to press their long-prepared plans for armed intervention against the Soviet Union where workers rule and where unemployment and national oppression have been abolished.

The Harbin dispatch published by the New York American further expresses the anti-Soviet nature of the moves around Harbin. It says:

"The 'independent government' promises 'White' Russians citizenship and a chance to avenge the overthrow of Russia by Communism."

Stripped of its hypocritical verbiage this sentence means that the Japanese are mobilizing the White Guards against the Soviet Union on the basis of the attempt to overthrow the rule of the workers and peasants in the Soviet Union and to re-establish the murderous rule of Tsarist-capitalism. That the Japanese now intend to force war on the Soviet Union is plainly stated by the dispatch:

"White" Russians, cheering the entry of the Japanese brigades, interpret the coming of Japan as sounding the death knell of Soviet influence and the forerunner of a forced Sino-Soviet clash.

"Meanwhile, consular officials here foresee a prompt drive to the Siberian frontier at Manchuria, bringing the Japanese face to face with the Russians."

The imperialist correspondents at Moscow admit the firm peace policy of the Soviet Union in face of these monstrous provocations. A dispatch to the New York Times says:

"Whatever may happen in the Far East, with the exception of an invasion of Soviet territory or unprovoked attack on Soviet property or nationals, which at the moment seems unlikely, the Soviet will not allow itself to be dragged into the war or be involved in the Sino-Japanese imbroglio in any way."

The southern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway has been occupied by the Japanese.

The guns of the advancing Chinese Red Army are flashing five miles from Hankow, important Central China industrial and strategic city. Foreign imperialists and Kuomintang landlord and banker elements in the city are in a panic. Martial law is being savagely applied against the workers in the effort to prevent a threatened mass uprising to welcome the Chinese Red Army. The Japanese forces are frantically fortifying the Japanese concession in the city. The Hankow forces are so furious over the Japanese butchery of Chinese workers at Shanghai that the Japanese for

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