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## Fusion Slate Named as Voters Shun Polls

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

"WILL THE NRA succeed?" is a question which millions are anxiously asking. Today I wish to raise a secondary question: Will it succeed in doing what? What is the purpose of the present administration. And what will its success mean to the millions who must work in order to live?

People are too gullible. The mass mind has a tendency to believe everything which it is told, to accept ballyhoo at its surface value. And therefore I fear that many have not probed the NRA sufficiently to understand just what the success of the NRA is going to mean to them.

I WISH TODAY that I could have the ears of all young men and women between the ages of 16 and 21. I would like to tell them that this is not the first ballyhoo campaign that has been waged to a successful conclusion by the political representatives of the owning class of America. Back in the days when those youngsters were too young to understand, the people of America saw another campaign pushed to a successful conclusion by the masters of industry and finance. Then, as now, the Capitalist system had broken down. It seemed as though the old skin game of compelling workers to produce large surpluses for the enrichment of owners would no longer work. The Capitalist system was tottering then, just as it is tottering now. And desperate remedies had to be adopted to keep the game going, just as desperate remedies must be adopted today.

IN THOSE DAYS it never occurred to the owning class and its political servants that unemployment and poverty might be cured by giving the workers the fruits of their toil. That, in the minds of the owning class, would not be success but the most abject failure. For such a solution would mean that the owners would have to stop riding upon the backs of the workers.

So the economic and political rulers resorted to the old remedy: WAR. The idea back of the war was the gangsters' idea of killing competition.

THEN THE PAY-TRIOITS entered into the greatest conspiracy of lies which had ever befuddled and victimized trusting slaves. Instead of telling us that the war was fought to preserve the master and slave system, they told us that we were fighting, sacrificing and dying to preserve Democracy. . . . A lie! Since then Fascism and dictatorship has become the accepted world standard. They talked about the mutilating of Belgian women and babies. Another lie! A lie which is now an admitted lie! They told us that the World War was "the war to end war." Who does not know now that that was a lie!

The real purpose of the World War was not to safeguard any of those high ideals which were dinned into the Public Ear, but to preserve and extend the economic system which makes it possible for a small owning class to exploit and prey upon the workers. And so well did the owners play the game, even while working class boys were dying for Democracy, that the end of the war saw these United States with 23,000 (Continued on Page Four)

### LACK OF INTEREST IN OLD PARTY CANDIDATES KEEP THOUSANDS FROM VOTING

Failure of Fusion In School Ticket May Force Powers Behind the Scenes to Make Open Trade Against Socialists—Anti-Fusionists and Non Voters at Primaries Seen as Reserve Force For Socialist Candidates

Tuesday's primaries produced the expected results in Reading when the coup of the Fusion forces succeeded in placing a single slate in the field against the Socialists. Emil L. Nuebling, Democrat, and Frederick A. Muhlenberg, Republican, running for council on both the Democratic and Republican tickets, captured both nominations in a field which was purposely crowded in order to distribute the votes of non-Socialists who disapproved of Fusion tactics. By this method they have the doubtful hope of defeating Socialist Councilmen Hoyerter and George.

The same scheme in the contests for the three School Board offices to be filled this year, failed of complete success, however, when Luther P. Schmehl, former assistant district attorney, and Rev. A. O. Eshelman, a Reformed preacher, won the nomination of both parties, but left the third seat open to a contest between Mrs. Alice H. Fox, wife of a local surgeon, and Robert M. Harbster, manager of the Chantrel Tool and Hardware Co. Mrs. Fox won the third Republican nomination and Harbster was given the same position by the city's Democratic voters.

The failure of the pre-primaries scheme to nominate a "united front" against the Socialists for school offices will now force the Fusionists to show their hands in the open in an effort to defeat Raymond S. Hofses, George D. Snyder and Birch Wilson in the school contests. Already those who pull the strings on both old parties are working on the problem of how best to force either Mrs. Fox or Harbster from the field.

**Socialists Out To Win**  
That they will have to face a united foe in the present campaign is no surprise to the Socialists of Reading. It is an accepted fact that never again will the old parties be able to (Continued on Page Six)

### SAYS LOCAL RELIEF BOARD SENT HIM OUT TO BEG

If a bright-faced young man knocks at your door and asks you for a pair of rubber heels, don't slam the door in his face. He may be one of the local Relief Board's authorized beggars. Before you send him away ask him if his name is Joseph Grillo of 415 Franklin street. Grillo is an ex-city worker who lost his job when he met with a foot injury last October and has not been able to regain his place on the city payroll. Because of his injury he cannot wear shoes which are crooked at the heels. And because of his need for a pair of heels he was given Voucher No. 30638.

When Grillo went to the clothing warehouse to have his voucher filled, he said, he was sent to the relief headquarters at Fifth and Franklin streets. When he went to headquarters he was given advice—freely.

"Go out and get somebody to give you the heels. Then ask somebody to put them on your shoes for you."

It was just as simple as that. Good relief practice in old Berks now includes instructions in the gentle art of panhandling, chiseling and "putting the buzzer" on the other fellow. Billy Haywood, of I. W. W. fame, raised quite a fuss when he said that jobless workers must either "beg, borrow or steal." The good people of those days couldn't agree with Bill. But they're coming, folks, they're coming. They believe in begging now, and as times get better they may be expected to recommend stealing as a substitute for adequate relief. Turn on the ballyhoo. Line up for the NRA parade. Help bury the depression!

### LOCAL UNIONISTS WON'T MARCH IN NRA BALLYHOO

Conviction That Labor Has Nothing to Celebrate Seen In Decision of Federated Trades

### BOSS RULE BRINGS DOUBTS

Unsatisfactory Wage Minimums Under Code and Opposition to Unions Have Weakened Confidence

When—and if—plans for an NRA parade on October 3 materializes in Reading, organized labor will have no part in the celebration. That the trade unions of Reading will refrain from participating in such a parade has been decided by the Federated Trades Council of this city.

"Organized labor will not participate in the celebration for the very good reason that the workers have nothing to celebrate" is the composite opinion of union leaders. They point to the codes which have been approved by the National Recovery Administration as evidence more of an intention to keep the workers in subjection to the employers of the nation than as a sign that the purchasing power of the producers is going to be increased.

**Point to Low Wages**  
If the parade is held with the assistance of the employers it may be quite appropriate, the unionists declare, since the employers have not been and will not be obliged to return to the wage rates which were in force before the collapse of Capitalist industry furnished an excuse for unprecedented wage cuts. Nor are the minimum wages provided by the code a cause for rejoicing. In most cases the minimums are accepted by the employers as maximums. And in the case of the ex-strikers in (Continued on Page Five)

### HOSE UNION TO AGAIN ASK RULE ON AGREEMENT

Original Committee Asks NLR For Appointment to Discuss Meaning of Settlement Terms of Reading Strike

### NEW OFFICES FOR UNION

All Local Shops Now Hold Meetings Each Saturday Morning—Social Activities Getting Under Way

The original representation of the Reading branch of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, who visited the National Labor Board officials in Washington in the early part of the strike, have again been delegated to go to Washington. The reason for this visit will be to speed up action on the interpretation of the "Reading Agreement" by the National Labor Board, whose decision has been awaited by the members anxiously.

This action was taken at a general meeting of the 46 shop chairmen of the branch held in the general offices on Monday evening, to discuss the hosiery situation in Berks County as it now stands.

The rank and file of the branch have become a bit restive because of the refusal of the manufacturers of Berks County to agree to sign a written agreement with the union. They feel that the rendering of a decision on the interpretation of the agreement can be brought about quicker if a personal visit is made.

A letter has been addressed to the (Continued on Page Five)

### HOOPES, WILLIAMS AND MRS. PINCHOT TO SPEAK AT T.P.L. PICNIC SATURDAY

Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, wife of the Governor of Pennsylvania, will be the principal speaker at the T. P. L. picnic and dance to be held all day and night in Socialist Park, Sinking Spring, Saturday, Sept. 23. Darlington Hoopes and Miles Williams are the two other main speakers.

The T. P. L. minstrels will be the feature entertainment with the ladies' and men's choruses of the Socialist Party.

A dance will be held from 8 to 11. Everybody is invited. There will be a ball game and prizes for the kiddies. The minstrels can be heard Tuesday and Thursday nights, Sept. 26 and 28, over radio station WRAW at (Continued on Page Five)

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### PRES. GILES FORGETS BIBLE AND FLAG FOR SUNDAY FAIR

"Tum-ti-di, tum-ti-di, tum-ti-di tum." "Step right up, ladies and gentlemen, and meet the dancing girls," shouted the barker as he waved his wand invitingly at the crowd which had come to take in the "Great Reading Fair" on its last day at the grounds. Here we have a little girl who dances. And HOW she dances! Not with her head, not with her feet. But with every muscle between her shoulders and her knees. This little girl has been responsible for breaking more happy homes than any other dancer in America.

The crowd moved forward and the skinny blonde home-breaker gave the prospective customers a "flash" of a body which was completely bare save for a scanty brassiere and a pair of brief trunks. Some women giggled and one man said "Huh."

But the spectators were in a holiday mood, for it was Sunday and they did not stop to question whether this spectacle was quite the proper thing for a Sabbath afternoon, in the city which was controlled by gentlemen who had pledged themselves to keep the Bible and the Flag undefiled by sacrilegious Socialist hands.

In a holiday mood, too, was one J. Stanley Giles, Police Commissioner of Reading. For Giles is a man of many interests and consequently of many moods. In addition to being a police official without benefit of civil service, he is a forist and a director of a "loan shark" business. But on last Sunday he dismissed all the cares of his other interests and became, for the time being, only the president of the Reading Fair Association.

It was convenient to forget. For today was Sunday and neither the kooch show (children under 16 positively not admitted) nor the scarcely less-suggestive antics of the colored minstrels across the lot were quite in keeping with the things that Mr. Giles had said and done and deplored as a Fusion police commissioner.

Across the fields could be seen the spires of Old Alsace, beneath which a preacher was imploring a few of the faithful to "Remember the Sabbath Day, To Keep It Holy." But Giles could scarcely be expected to give thought to such advice. For this Sunday was not the Sunday of the Lord of Hosts but the Big Money Day at the Reading Fair. The Flag, which stood for the laws of country and the Bible, God's own word, were well enough to talk about during a political campaign. They were, in fact, excellent things to talk about; they had a vote-influencing effect upon the righteous and the underworld only smiled. Good stuff, the Bible and the Flag, during a campaign, but now—

No time to be sentimental or religious now. It had rained all week. Sunday was made beautiful by God's own sunshine. Why not play the game and fill the tills.

So Stanley forgot. He forgot how he had sent a condon of cops to close the Park Theatre—and to keep it closed on Sunday nights if they had to whack customers' heads with their clubs. Perhaps it was the seductive wiggle of the skinny blonde which (Continued on Page Six)

### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

**JOHN K. SPEAKS OUT**  
Reading cannot afford a big show of the Aimee, Semple McPherson Hutton type, but there are compensations. Thank Heaven, we have our own John K. Stauffer.

A number of people are discussing John K.'s recent visit to the Moravian church at Locust and Perry streets, when he spoke about local politics. Needless to say, John was all for the Fusion slate. Moreover, he appeared to favor Mrs. Fox as the coalition candidate for the School Board since, rumor has it, Stauffer made the broad suggestion that without fraud and whiskey Harbster would never have beaten the lady for the Democratic nomination.

Thoughtful people who heard John K. Stauffer and remembered that Reading has been a Fusion-controlled city for the past two years wondered how the former mayor dared to admit that graft could endure under such splendid officials as Stanley Giles. Can it be that the "Hinky-Dink" influence still survives?

It seems just too bad that Stauffer should be against the Socialists. Surely every one of the permanently unemployed should want the benefits which Socialism holds out.

### ON RESPECTING JOBLESS WORKERS

Spokesmen for the Taxpayers' Protective League, Reading's organization of the unemployed, report indignantly that a Mrs. Bolger, who was recently made an official of the local Unemployment Relief Board, has refused to recognize and cooperate with the league's spokesmen.

There is really nothing about this attitude which should cause surprise. Workers, whether employed or unemployed, never were recognized and respected until they demonstrated their power to demand consideration. Employed workers who have the recognition of their boss won that recognition by organizing and making their power felt. So, too, in the early days of the Taxpayers' League, demonstrations and threats of unlawful action won some measure of recognition for the league.

Of late, however, the league has been keeping well within the law. Instead of demonstrations they have held minstrel shows—an activity which merits and receives the approval of those old party officials who, in months gone by, told the league that "I'm with you as long as you keep within the law."

It is interesting to note that the league now promises "drastic" action against Mrs. Bolger. If the action is sufficiently drastic some of the league members may spend time in jail. However, the sacrifice may bring results—if for no other reason than because it is more expensive to keep a criminal in jail than to feed an honest man's family outside of jail. No, we're not advising anything; we're merely telling how things are in this crazy Capitalist world.

### VOTING AGAINST THE UNION

It was discouraging to see the employees of the Penn Pants Co. decide against union representation this week by a secret ballot of approximately 2 to 1. Without an organization of their own, these workers are left without a weapon with which to fight future battles. However, the mere fact that work- (Continued on Page Four)

### HATTERS' UNION NO. 25 TO SELECT OFFICERS TONITE

Officers of Local Union No. 25, United Hatters of North America, will be nominated tonight at a meeting in St. Casimir Hall, Orange and Bingham streets. After nominations are completed, the ticket will stand open for one week, when an election will be held on September 29. Organizer Hugh J. Glover has issued a call for a full attendance at the meeting tonight.

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**DOLE HEAD SAYS HUNGER GRANTS ARE NOT ENOUGH**

Harry L. Hopkins, Emergency Relief Director, Declares Inadequate Relief Is Given to Unemployed

**PLEADS FOR MORE CASH**

Federal Funds Will be Exhausted Before Spring If Present Outlay Is Continued

WASHINGTON (FP).—That the "whole picture of the unemployment situation from top to bottom shows inadequate relief," was the declaration of Harry L. Hopkins, federal emergency relief administrator, Sept. 6, when he announced that 267,667 families had been taken off public relief rolls in July.

His own payments to the States and Territories during August had been nearly \$50,000,000, as compared with a July total of \$48,721,000. State and municipal and private contributions to hunger relief had diminished. In many places a "starvation basis" of relief allotment has been established by local authorities, in spite of Hopkins' demand that adequate help be given. Federal, State and local relief to 3,464,069 families in July amounted to \$53,000,000, although in June 3,464,000 families received \$66,000,000.

If adequate relief is to reach these families, Hopkins said, more money must be provided. At his present rate of matching State and local funds with federal money, the \$500,000,000 voted by Congress will last until May; if the States and cities raise the funds really needed, the federal fund will be exhausted long before spring, and Congress will be called upon to vote more cash.

Hopkins is now arranging for the assignment of unemployed teachers to rural and adult school jobs, where they will receive no pay except their slim weekly allowance of food and rent and clothing. He is also arranging for distribution of \$1,000,000 of hunger relief through cooperative societies in the Northwest.

**WOULD FLY BLUE EAGLE ON POST OFFICES, TOO**

ATLANTIC CITY (FP).—The 63-year Postmaster General Farley gets in step with the rest of the country on the recovery program the better for all Americans," Congressman Clyde Kelly of Pennsylvania told the convention of the National Letter Carriers' Association at Atlantic City.

"While the nation is putting up the Blue Eagle, as the emblem of shorter hours, higher wages and more jobs, the post office department has been sitting aside watching the parade," he added. The post office has been charged with being a sweatshop because of the fact that substitute carriers and clerks are earning as little as \$6 a week after years of service.

The convention renamed former officials and passed a resolution asking that the \$2,500 upper limit on postal savings accounts be increased.

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**HOAN RECALL FIZZLES OUT**

Socialist Mayor's Opponents Withdraw Petition After Many Signatures Are Shown To Be Fraudulent

MILWAUKEE.—The tax-dodging real estate interests of Milwaukee have admitted defeat in their battle to recall Daniel W. Hoan, who has been mayor of the city, elected as a Socialist, for seventeen years.

Socialist workers had already found 4,332 faulty signatures at the time the recall fight was dropped, out of the supposed total of some 46,000. Ghosts, gnomes, sylphs, and water sprites had signed up, according to the Milwaukee Leader. The signature of a man who had been dead eight years, another whose address would place him in the Meromonee river, other addresses which were churches, vacant lots, vacant buildings and ends of blind alleys—these were some of the conditions found by workers checking petitions.

Recall Group Admits Errors When the check-up started, Fortney H. Stark, self-avowed candidate against Mayor Hoan in the event of a recall election and the leading spirit in the recall movement, objected to the complete verification of the petitions. He asserted that the names were being checked up only for the purpose of intimidating signers.

But as evidence of fraud accumulated in the court testimony, the "Recall Council" headed by Stark decided that the jig was up, and asked dismissal of the recall petitions.

Leonard A. Grass, president of the Milwaukee Real Estate Board, demanded that the court hand the petitions over to him, but the judge ruled that they were court property and belonged permanently in the court records.

"Graceful Way Out" Herman O. Kent, county secretary of the Socialist party, issued a statement which said, in part:

"The recall petition against Mayor Daniel W. Hoan is dead—faced with signatures illegally secured through forgery, through irregularities with no regard for compliance with the law.

"After the exposure by Attorneys Morris Stern and Robert A. Hess for Mayor Hoan, and the Socialist party force of workers, the sponsors withdrew the petition. This was the most graceful way out.

"I have never seen such a dishonest attempt or crookedness in all my many years of political experience."

**Wyo. Enters Continental Congress Movement**

CASPER, Wyo.—Release of Secretary Roy Hines of the Wyoming section of the Continental Congress was procured, when Casper trade unions used pressure on the police. Hines was held because of alleged revolutionary literature but when it was found that among the signers of the call were leaders who had exposed the Kookefeller's grafters in previous fights, he was permitted to go on condition that he confine his

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Radical Farmers To Meet In Chicago Nov. 8-11  
 CHICAGO.—The left farmer organizations, comprising close to fifty state and regional leagues affiliated with the Farmers' National Committee for Action, are completing plans for a second national conference. This will be held in Chicago, Nov.

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# Activities of the Reading Socialists

## WASHLINE SOCIAL AT N. E. BRANCH TUESDAY

"What," asked Business Manager George Rhodes, as he looked over the editor's shoulder, "what is a washline social?"

"A washline social?" answered the editor, "a washline social is a—er—um—ah—why, darn it all, it's a washline social. Anybody ought to know that."

But George only sneered. "Huh," was his low-brow remark. "So a washline social is a washline social, is it? Now that's funny. I always thought a washline social was something like a tug-o-war or a christening—or somethin'."

"Well," replied the editor in a surly tone, "it's none of those things. It's a washline social, and if that doesn't satisfy you, you can go—"

"Watch out there," warned the office girl.

"Oh, I wasn't going to tell him to go where you think," answered the editor. "I was going to tell him to go to 1311 North Ninth street next Tuesday night. The women of the Northeast Branch are having a washline social and they have asked me to put it in the Advocate that everybody will be welcome."

And then, seeing that Rhodes had left the room, the editor stooped down close to the office girl's ear and whispered: "Say kid, what in thunder is a washline social?"

## SOCIALIST WOMEN'S CHORUS

Members are urged to be at the Socialist Park Saturday afternoon, Sept. 23rd, not any later than 3:00 o'clock, also to attend regular rehearsal Monday evening at Southern headquarters.

Thursday evening, Sept. 28th, at 8:15, the chorus will broadcast over WRAW. Radio listeners, don't forget to tune in.

## WOMEN'S CHORUS EXTENDS THANKS

The choruses wish to extend their thanks to all those who helped to make the cake sale a success, and also to the management of Read's Department Store. Don't forget, comrades, if you wish to book us up we are open for engagements. Get in touch with our secretary, Esther Auman.

## SECRETARIES, ATTENTION!

With the end of September will come the time for the third quarter

ly report. All branch secretaries are asked to get their reports in shape so that the organizer can make a complete statement of the membership records at the October meeting of Local Berks. Don't neglect this, secretaries.

## AUTOS NEEDED FOR CAMPAIGN DUTY

Organizer Bigony has asked the Advocate to issue a call for comrades who can donate the use of automobiles during the campaign. Send your name and address to Bigony at Labor Lyceum.

## TREES WANTED AT SOCIALIST PARK

Any person who can donate one or more trees to the Socialist Park is asked to notify Al. Eckenrode at Labor Lyceum.

## READING SOCIALISTS SPEAK IN OTHER CITIES

Next Tuesday night Assemblyman Darlington Hoopes will deliver an address in Wilkes-Barre, in the Workmen's Circle hall under the auspices of the Socialist Party of Luzerne County.

Next Thursday night former Councilman George W. Snyder will speak in Pottstown under the auspices of the Socialist Party of that borough. His subject will be "Municipal Water Works."

## OUTDOOR MEETING AT KENHORST

The Kenhorst Socialists announce their first outdoor meeting of the campaign for next Friday night, Sept. 29. The speakers will be Stewart Tomlinson and Alderman V. J. Roslin.

## YPSL ACTIVITIES

Circle 2, educational program; circle 3, educational program; circle 4, speaker; circle 6, aims, discipline and methods of Socialist Party; circle 7, social; circle 8, speaker; circle 9, book report; circle 12, speaker.

All Senior High School students who are members of the Ypsels or are Socialist sympathizers are asked to attend the meeting to be held for the mat the Labor Lyceum, Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 8 p. m. We want a full attendance. Don't fail to come!

All students of Douglas and Weiser Jr. High School are asked to attend a meeting to be held at the Labor Lyceum, Friday, Sept. 29. Members of the YPSL and Socialist sympathizers are especially asked to attend.

The Southern Jr. High School Socialist committee, consisting of all members of the YPSL and other Socialist students who are interested, meets every Wednesday directly after school in one of the rooms of the building. See Winton Tomlinson, chairman, or any member of the committee for the room number.

Yipsels! We will soon occupy a headquarters of our own. We can keep it and enlarge it only so long as we have your full cooperation. Chairs will be needed and all who can donate chairs or know of people who can, get in touch with one of the following: Franz Cramer, circle 1; Austin Adams, circle 4; Bill Herzog, circle 6; Ruth Glass, circle 3; and Robert Seiders, circle 3. Tables also will be needed and anyone who can donate a gas plate or small coal stove is asked to report it to the above committee. Contributions of money for the initial expenses can be used. With 100% cooperation on the part of Yipsels and party members we should be able to add another permanent meeting hall to the present list. Watch this column for the announcement of the House Warming Party when we move into our new headquarters probably early in October.

All members who are interested in learning about Socialism—every one should be—are asked to attend the YPSL study classes weekly at the Labor Lyceum. Senior study classes meet every Friday evening; Junior classes every Monday evening. After October, Kenneth Smith will take charge of the classes, taking the place of Austin Adams, retiring educational director of the local league.

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**Birmingham Red Cross Disagrees With Businessman**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Taking issue with a Birmingham business man

who had told Federated Press that the Red Cross offered to supply workers at \$1 a day if executives would fire higher-priced employees and give the Red Cross the difference. Mrs. T. F. Adams, executive secretary of the Birmingham chapter of the Red Cross says that no Red Cross solicitor, so far as the chapter or the Community Chest are aware, ever made such an offer and that no person seeking relief has ever displaced an employed person through the Red Cross. When the Red Cross finds a man a job it leaves him to make his own wage terms, she adds.

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## FEDERATION COUNCIL O.K.S APPLICATION BY A. C. W. A.

WASHINGTON (FP)—Approval of an application for affiliation filed with the American Federation of Labor by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America has been voted by the members of the executive council of the Federation, and the application will be formally accepted by the convention of the A. F. of L. when it meets October 2 in Washington. The Federated Press was informed September 18.

Terms of jurisdictional settlement between the Amalgamated, which for many years has dominated the field of production of ready-to-wear suits for men and boys, and the United Garment Workers of America, which is represented almost wholly in the shops producing overalls and work shirts, have not been announced. The Amalgamated has organized, this

summer, some 20,000 workers in factories making ordinary shirts. On the other hand, the United still has contracts with a number of factories making men's suits.

It is assumed that the Amalgamated will have a full delegation present at the coming convention. Sidney Hillman, president of the union since its birth more than 20 years ago, will be its spokesman. He is credited with having been invited to file the application for Federation membership after his success in leading the code negotiations of the apparel group of unions, in the formulation of NRA codes, and after serving with Federation leaders on the Labor Advisory Board in recent months.

## We Nominate The Bankers

Funeral directors are taking over abandoned bank buildings for their chapels. We nominate the bankers to be their first clients.

## N. D. Labor Federation Knocks Sales Tax

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—Because the proposed state sales tax "designed to shift the burden of taxation upon the people that are least able to pay" the North Dakota Federation of Labor condemned the measure in convention at Grand Forks.

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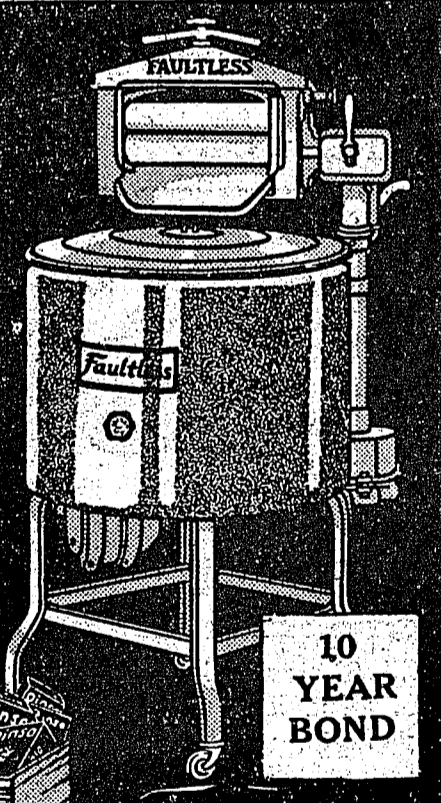
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**NOTES FROM THE  
LOCAL LABOR FRONT**

By EARL WHITE.

Most outstanding of Organized Labor's activity this past week was the action of the Federated Trades Council's Organization Committee, calling a conference of union officials and five delegates from each shop throughout the city and county on Thursday, September 23, 8 p. m., at St. Casimir Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to formulate a plan of action for all labor to deal effectively with employers who intimidate and discriminate against union workers who returned to work under the National Labor Board's scheme of voting to determine whether or not workers want a union.

After this issue was decided, a nerve-shattering, deadly silent period of waiting on the part of the workers took place in the hope that the big boys in Washington would hand Labor something without any militant effort to achieve it. Is disillusionment again going to shatter our hopes? The organized labor movement is not to be kidded this time, for this reason, the meeting was called there to plan a course for united action by and for all labor groups.

This entire issue was brought to a head by the militancy of the Paint, Lacquer and Varnish Workers Union at their meeting last Saturday, when they passed a motion requesting the Federated Trades Council to take action.

Organization by the glass Workers resulted in a ten cents per hour increase in wages.

Organize at Orr-Sembower Workers at Orr and Sembower have taken the initiative in organizing the Steel Pressure Boiler and Allied Trades Workers' Union. Wage scales were drawn up and presented this past week. Action is certain if nothing definite is secured from the company.

Dairy drivers continue to make progress with their union. Drivers from St. Lawrence and Farmers Fairfield deserve organized labor's support and patronage. New wage scales and union recognition agreements are about to be presented. Give them your united encouragement.

The situation in the Linen and Towel division of the laundry industry is about on the verge of serious rupture unless Bee-Hive agrees to have its work done in a strictly unionized laundry and to a general stabilization of prices so that laundry workers may secure and enjoy a substantial increase in wages over and above what the code provides for them.

Laundry Picket Railroaded Giles' gas bomb brass-buttoned bluecoats resorted to a new method of railroading strikers this week when Mrs. Marjorie Collins was arrested for a few moments before time for magistrate's court, Tuesday morning, and fined \$16.25 without an opportunity of securing counsel.

Labor recognizes Wilkinson's influence in this affront and the ready response of organized industry's Fusion defenders to carry out their acts of persecution against striking workers.

Confectionery workers are seeking an increase in wages and at their meeting last Friday night decided to submit the issue to arbitration. Councilman Jesse George was selected as the workers' choice. Luden's management is to select a man and the third to be mutually agreed upon by the two selected. The decision to be binding on both parties.

The window cleaners are celebrating their closed union shop victory on Sunday at an outing. Reports have it there will be plenty of amber-colored fluid and lunch.

Monumental stone cutters from eastern Pennsylvania are hoping to complete their plans for a union and wage increases, Saturday at 3 p. m. at the Labor Lyceum, when a mass meeting will take place with an international representative present from New York city.

So that the newly organized labor groups might have access to the best kind of adult workers' education, the organization committee of the Trades Council appointed James H. Maurer.

Stewart Tomlinson, Albert Hartman, George Rhodes and the writer to reorganize the Reading Labor College. Elaborate plans are anticipated, with a qualified full-time instructor. Workers are urged to take the fullest advantage of this opportunity. Detailed plans will be announced later.

The Federated Trades Council's Blue Eagle violation committee organized Wednesday evening and now have their bureau in operation at 705 Walnut street ready to handle all complaints. All chiseling complaints should be accompanied with an affidavit, otherwise they will mean nothing.

Striking Bachman pretzel workers are now back on the job with a union agreement and wage increases.

Reddy is operating an unfair plant in violation of his agreement with the Pretzel Workers' Union, the only unfair plant in Reading. The purchasing public's support in shunning his product is expected to correct this violation of his word of honor and signed agreement.

**WHAT READING FOLKS  
ARE TALKING ABOUT**

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ers belong to a union is not, in itself, a guarantee of better things. Once a union is organized, it becomes the business of workers to DO SOMETHING WITH IT. The union that permits itself to be made the instrument of the employers or that lacks the guts to say "No" even to government agencies which propose settlements and inaction in the face of discrimination and industrial tyranny is of little more account than no union.

The Penn Pants workers are satisfied to leave matters up to the bosses. In this they are not one whit more foolish than are the millions of other workers who, on election day, leave the important matter of law-making in the hands of political representatives of the master class.

**ALDERMAN SPRINGER  
SERVES THE OWNERS**

In every controversy much depends upon the point of view. This week Alderman Marvin Springer, acting as magistrate in police court, showed that he has the point of view of the owning class when he fined a Wilkinson girl picket \$16.25 after a brief hearing. Springer rushed the case through in record-breaking time, without permitting the picket to secure legal aid. That's how strikers are treated—when the officials in charge are AGAINST the strikers and FOR the owners. Seldom, if ever, are members of the owning class treated with such abrupt hostility.

This episode is worth remembering because Springer is a Democratic-Republican candidate for reelection this year. His action this week shows that he deserves the help of the big fellows back of the Fusion movement. It also shows with equal clarity that he deserves to be defeated by the workers who are the big majority of citizens in the 17th ward.

**REFLECTIONS**

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WE CAN JUDGE the future by the past. Will NIRA succeed? Succeed in what? What is its purpose? Why was the "New Deal" launched?

Just as a bare generation ago, so today, the Capitalist system is crumbling. If NIRA is successful—as the owning class and its political sponsors measure success—it will succeed in preserving a master and slave system. That is all. Whatever good things come to the masses as a result of any "New Deal" which the Capitalists may make, the same old game will continue. Wealth will continue to be produced BY the workers FOR the profit and pleasure of an owning class. Surpluses will again accumulate in the hands of a few, surpluses which will clog the channels of normal trade and confront humanity with yet another crisis a few years hence. That is what success—Capitalist success—of NRA will mean.

**Brewery Workers**

Prepare For Convention CHICAGO.—The executive board of the brewery workers' union is in session in Chicago preliminary to the annual convention which promises to be the best in the organization's history since the Volstead act first went into effect. The union, officially styled International Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal and Soft Drink Workers of America, is an industrial union, comprising all the workers in the brewing industry, including the truck drivers. It has successfully defended its jurisdiction against the

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### LOCAL UNIONISTS

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the ranks of the knitters the failure of the NRA to bring the employers into satisfactory relationships with the union representatives selected by the strikers has not increased the confidence of the workers of Reading. "You must show us first," is the attitude of local unionists. "Ballyhoo will not take the place of increased purchasing power, and even such wage raises as have been gained have been largely wiped out by increased commodity prices. If the business men of Reading wish to 'kid' themselves it is their affair. But their prosperity, now as always, depends upon the prosperity of the people who do the buying."

**Local Unions Take Action**

Among the local unions who have taken action in line with the decision of the Trades Council are the Building Trades Council and Local No. 1781 of the United Silk Workers. The reason given by Edward Arnold, president of the Silk Workers is that "Labor has no reason to unite with the Chamber of Commerce and other promoters of the celebration." Mr. Arnold declares that lack of co-operation with the struggles of local workers during recent labor strikes stamped the Chamber of Commerce as definitely boss-owned and raised serious doubts as to the sincerity of that organization's desire to advance the professed purpose of NRA by increasing purchasing power.

"The members of our organization know that the depression can not be 'hurried' by words and music," Arnold stated in a press interview. "Demonstrations of the kind now under consideration in Reading may make those who are employed believe that good times are on the way, but there is bound to be a reaction when the good times fail to materialize. If the Chamber of Commerce wants to end the depression, let that organization use all its influence to increase wages. The Chamber did not do that during the big strikes in Reading, and it is not doing it now. To march with the same people who opposed and still oppose organization of the workers would simply add to the mockery of a demonstration which celebrates prosperity's return at a time when many millions are jobless."

**May Coerce Unorganized**

While the organized workers affiliated with the Trades Council will remain on the side lines, there is likely to be a large number of unorganized workers in line. In order to make a showing the employers in "open-shop" industries may drop pointed hints to their divided workers similar to the "suggestions" which are really orders when workers are compelled to fill the Community Chest each year. Unprotected by a strong union, thousands of wage earners may appear in the lineup. However, their enthusiasm is certain to be weakened by the knowledge that, despite the rasate promises of industrial recovery, their yearly earnings are all too small to provide for the deencies of modern life, while many millions of unemployed workers still accept food vouchers and crowd the breadlines.

### HOSE UNION

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National Labor Board for an appointment and a reply is expected very shortly.

**Move to New Quarters**

The Reading branch of the hosiery workers' union has established itself in new headquarters at the northwest corner of Tenth and Penn streets, this city, second floor.

The members of the Reading branch have at their disposal a lounge or clubroom where reading matter will be provided them and where the members can get together and discuss the topics of the day or the problems confronting them in the hosiery industry.

The new headquarters consist of a general office where the office staff will be located and where the general records for the branch will be kept, several private offices for the officers of the branch, and one large meeting room for small meetings of the various committees, in addition to the clubroom.

**Meet Each Saturday**

Saturday morning meeting continue to be held of all shops at their respective meeting places regularly. This Saturday afternoon, a general council meeting will be held at the new headquarters of the branch at Tenth and Penn streets. The meeting will start at 2 o'clock.

**Plan Social Activities**

The members of the Reading branch and the individual shop committees are continuing with their social activities even after the settlement of the strike.

The following affairs are scheduled for the near future:

Howard shop—Dance at the Goodwill Fire Company, Friday evening, September 22nd.

Berkshire—Dance at the Crystal Ballroom, Carsonsia Park.

The Fedden Brothers Shop Association held a picnic last Saturday which was well attended. This was held in conjunction with the Industrial Shop.

**Control Board of Ten**

A committee of ten, which will call itself the Control Board of the Reading Branch of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, has been elected from the general council of 220 members to act in an advisory capacity in the absence of the general council.

They are delegated to act as an Executive Board and will be at the beck and call of the general chairman of the branch, Luther (Pat) Adams. They have been authorized to make decisions in the council's absence if they are so instructed by them.

The following members constitute the control board: Elwood Coldren, Monroe Gaston, Eugene Geisinger, George Leiminger, Gertrude Wickel, Irwin Rabold, John Salt, James O'Reilly, Charles Rohrbacher, and Harry Schaefer.

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**Beer Helps R. R. Employment**

CLEVELAND—While no statistics are immediately available it is believed that the small August increase in railroad employment can be traced in some degree to the transportation of beer which under prohibition had to go in trucks to avoid enforcement agents. The August total of 1,014,

897 on railroad payrolls still is below the 1,016,951 workers of last October since when every month has shown less than a million employees. The August toll is about 34,000 higher than a year ago.

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T. L. Tension, cashier of the Texas prison system, said that this was the largest lump sum that he had ever sent in. More than \$140,000 already has been remitted from the crop, which had its value set at \$350,000 for 1933.

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### HOOPES, WILLIAMS

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7:15 o'clock. On Friday night, Sept. 29, the show will be presented in the Laureldale Reformed Church.

The minstrel show was presented for the unemployed of Berks County in new city hall auditorium on Wednesday and Thursday nights, Sept. 20 and 21, and played to packed houses. It was estimated that 3,000 were turned away on the two nights. Arrangements are being made to hold a show Friday in the auditorium to accommodate those who had to be turned away.

**Snubbed by Relief Official**

Miss Bolger, the new executive director of the U. R. B., who was put here by the State, has refused to cooperate with the T. P. L. She refuses to recognize the T. P. L. or help them with any information whatever, that would benefit the unemployed of Berks County.

At the executive committee meeting on Wednesday afternoon it was decided to take drastic action in regards to this out-of-town woman who has no regards at all for the welfare of the people of this community.

**Cigarmakers Strike For NRA 1929 Wages**

SAN FRANCISCO.—Cigarmakers in San Francisco, mostly Italians, are on strike to enforce the 1929 scale of wages, in agreement with NRA conditions.

Although it has been established in a superior court of San Mateo county that peaceful picketing is legal in California, 43 pickets are under arrest, three of them women. Eight of them have been granted a jury trial. Two women sympathizers are also in jail charged with disturbing the peace, after they were accused of beating up a woman scab at the Ferry building.

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OPEN EVENINGS

### FIRE

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Weitzel with the explanation that "business is not so good." A few hours later the mailman brought Pear's ex-wage slave a letter from Alderman Calman in which he and his family were notified to get out of Pear's house. "The heating plant is not in good condition," the alderman's missive read, "so I would advise you to move."

Calman put the proposition as a health measure. But to Wentzel it is something else. It is a question of how he is going to find shelter from the cold of a few months hence for his wife and child. Meanwhile he has asked the Relief Board to again place his name on the list of those thousands who are receiving insufficient food allowances from state funds.

"No," we were forced to reply to his question, "there is nothing to be done about it. The law permits private individuals to control business for their own profit. The law permits Pear to hire you, fire you and throw you out on the street. It

is the law of the owners which has victimized workers for many generations, the law which will be abolished only when the workers organize their power and make human laws instead of private property laws."

**Says Tatting On Blue Eagle Chiselers Useless**

SUPERIOR, Wis.—"Is it anything strange or new that the big corporations and profit-exploiting

gentry refuse to reform, that they continue profiteering and chiseling even in a national calamity, and doublecross everybody?" asks the Cooperative Builder, organ of the flourishing consumers' co-op movement of the northwest. "Cooperators know that complaining won't help. They set about building a better system."

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1933

NO EXCUSE FOR POVERTY

There is no good reason why plenty should not be enjoyed by all. Nature is still kind; the mills and mines are here in super abundance; machinery has multiplied production. Why don't the millions of idle men and women enter the world's workshops and produce and enjoy? Because the laws of yesterday, of today and of tomorrow under the "New Deal" decree that workers may produce and live only when and if the owners can reap a profit by permitting them to do so. It is that decree that must be erased before success will come to the great mass of people.

Franklin D. Roosevelt has not yet even suggested that industries shall be operated for use instead of for profit. He has given no hint of an intention to end the profiteering system. On the contrary, he has given approval to wage minimums which are a disgrace in this age of gigantic production, and he himself parrots the Hoover plea for private charity while he approves the destruction of foodstuffs which the hungry might use and while the nation's idle industries await the convenience of their private owners.

However, there are unmistakable signs that more drastic measures must be taken to preserve the private profit system. Already the farmers are learning that higher prices for their products mean nothing if they have to pay more for everything they buy, just as niggardly wage raises fail to increase the purchasing power of industrial workers in a rising commodity market. Mr. Roosevelt is complaining that cities, counties and states are refraining from public works at the expense of sorely pressed home owners and local taxpayers. And the New York Times business index shows a steady eight-week collapse in business activity, while the ballyhoo artists continue to chant their paeans of fake optimism.

At best, the Capitalist "New Deal" aims to regulate profits and stabilize the slavery of the masses. Socialism proposes that profits shall cease to be reaped by idlers and that all the nation's resources shall be owned and enjoyed by all who perform useful work.

As between the two, the workers must choose. Acting together, they can usher in the co-operative commonwealth in which all will work as free men and women. If they trust their fate once more to the owning class they will continue to be fooled, ruled and robbed as in the past. It is to the task of emancipating themselves from all forms of economic bondage and injustice that the Socialist Party summons the workers of all lands.

THE RIGHT REMEDY OR SLAVERY

Neither Mr. Roosevelt, General Johnson nor any of the ladies and gentlemen who ask workers and small business men to blindly trust their unexplained program appear willing to do the RIGHT thing: They will not take over the means of wealth and operate them in the interest of workers.

To do that would mean that all the surpluses, all the culture, all the leisure which is now possible would be enjoyed by the people. To most of us that would mean success. But to the few who own the means of life and wealth, to the Morgans and Mellons and Rockefellers and Fords, who have amassed their billions by exploiting labor, such action would be interpreted as the failure of NRA. For that would mean that Nature, Science and all human activity would be dedicated to the welfare of all instead of to the profits of a few; and the owning class has always been unable to reconcile economic justice with their own selfish successes.

For many years Socialists have warned Capitalism's victims of the dangers which lurked ahead and urged them to unite their political power to establish a system which would not breed poverty at one end of the social scale and millionaires at the other end. But too many failed to heed our warning. They permitted the old Capitalist game to continue, and they paid and are still paying!

Now a new warning is in order, a warning against the danger of Fascism which accompanies the success of the "New Deal." To offset this danger Socialists urge a new game, a game in which the wealth of the world will be produced for the benefit of the producers. Workers can start the game and play it through to a successful finish by uniting their power in a political party of their own class. That their trust do if they are to escape new chains of economic slavery.

CUBA

The new situation in Cuba again arouses the fear that the United States may intervene.

The president and the department of state handled the previous difficulty rather well. But, in that case, there was no radicalism to speak of; no threat of confiscation of property or repudiation of debts or of any particularly large economic change. It is not yet known what the new government of

Cuba will attempt, but if it menaces the capitalist order of society, there will be great pressure upon Uncle Sam to intervene, under the terms of the Platt amendment.

The Platt amendment is a sort of a codicil of the Cuban constitution. The gist of it is "that the government of Cuba consents that the United States may exercise the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty, and for discharging the obligations with respect to Cuba imposed by the treaty of Paris on the United States, now to be assumed and undertaken by the government of Cuba."

It is a misfortune that any such thing as the Platt amendment exists. Without it, there would still be the danger of intervention. With it, there is greater danger. The amendment should be wiped off the map.

Cubans would resent any interference by the United States. Should our marines and troops land and take possession, it would mean a long occupation, vast expense, and bad blood, together with much loss of life.

Let the Cubans run their own country.

If, in that process, American capitalists or European capitalists lose some money or property, remind them that they themselves have run their own countries so inefficiently that they have lost money at home too. In view of the colossal losses in the United States and the European countries in the past few years, what a farce it would be to ask Uncle Sam to spend his funds and the lives of his youth to save a few millions of dollars for domestic and foreign capitalists in Cuba.—Milwaukee Leader.

PRES. GILES FORGETS BIBLE AND FLAG FOR SUNDAY FAIR

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caused him to forget. Perhaps it was the tinkle of silver in the tills.

Gone, too, were all memories of the promise to end racketeering and abolish gambling. Reading's police commissioner was now the president of the Reading Fair. What if he had destroyed slot machines only the other day. Today was Sunday. The weather was fine. The crowd was big. And it was a chance to clean up. So—

"Step up and try your luck," shouted the gambling wheel proprietors—and President Giles chuckled. "Get a doggie free if I fail to guess your weight," promised the weighmaster—and President Giles gazed with approval. "Real French postcards, not to be opened in mixed company," invited a seductive red head—and President Giles smiled knowingly and passed on.

In the Flower House President Giles looked at the beautiful display of Giles the Florist, and reflected, "What a pity," he thought, "that Police Commissioner Giles could not appreciate the vast difference between the sweet aroma of carefully cultivated blossoms and the acrid and nauseating stench of the tear gas which the Commissioner had caused to be hurled at strikers on the picket line."

And then a loud speaker in a corner under the eaves announced: "Ladies and gentlemen, the grandstand show is about to start. Do not miss . . ."

And President Giles hastened to the scene of the big show in a holiday mood. He had a job to do. It was a pleasant job, this business of watching the crowd surge through the big gates and estimating the gross receipts. The President of the Reading Fair Association waved friendly greetings to a judge. In his mind there was no thought of Commissioner Giles and that gentleman's firm declaration that Reading's Sabbath should not be desecrated, no thought of Reading's anti-gambling crusade, no thought of the Bible and the Flag.

Dimly to his ears came that old jungle sound: "Tum-ti-di, tum-ti-di, tum-ti-di-tum." And President Giles smiled. Today was Sunday. The sun was shining. The crowds were spending. Business was good.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

POWER RATES

The immense saving to consumers that public ownership of the power industry would bring has again been convincingly demonstrated by the rates established in the Muscle Shoals region by the Tennessee Valley authority. After ample allowance had been made for all costs, including interest, depreciation, and taxes, an average rate of two cents a kilowatt hour has been established.

In private plants throughout the country rendering comparable service, the average rate is about four cents per kilowatt hour, or just double the rate of the socialized plant. The only cities in the country enjoying equally low rates are those, such as Tacoma, Wash., where the plants are owned by the municipalities.

The long congressional opposition to the completion and operation of Muscle Shoals, and the vigorous propaganda conducted against government ownership by the private power interests, are thus completely explained. Inspiring the opposition was not the fear that government ownership would fail, but the certainty that it would succeed, plus the knowledge that it would remove the inefficiency, the high costs, and the excessive profits of private operation.

RUSSIAN CREDIT

It is good news that the R. F. C. is planning to extend a credit to the Soviet government of \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000, to be used in the purchase of American commodities. This is a far cry from the wild talk

of an embargo on Russian trade of which so much was heard during the Hoover regime.

There appears to be little doubt that we will shortly recognize Russia, and already rumors are whispering that our former minister to China, Mr. McMurray, will be selected for the post. All friends of Russia will rejoice to see our country at last following an intelligent policy with respect to the Soviet.

At the same time we must make up our minds to lower the barriers against acceptance of Russian goods. Russia cannot as a permanent policy pay for her purchases here in anything except commodities, and if we want to sell goods to Russia, whether or not the R. F. C. finances the transaction, we must buy in roughly equal amounts. We must be prepared to resist the nonsense that is sure to be heard again that the forced labor of Russia is putting American workmen out of jobs. The truth is, of course, that foreign trade is beneficial to both parties to the transaction, and that the present acute world-wide depression is due in no small measure to the artificial barriers against trade between countries.

INFLATION

Since it became evident that the N. R. A. would not restore the economic health of the country, the cry for inflation, which had died down for a time, is again heard on all sides. In an effort to stem off this demand for more currency, the president is making more credit available, in the hope that the same result will be achieved.

The R. F. C., in pursuance of this liberalized credit policy, is prepared to lend banks between \$700,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 at low rates, to finance increased payroll and other expenditures of business men under the N. R. A. This overlooks the fact that banks today have abundant

funds available for such purposes, but are reluctant to advance those funds to industry. The open market operations of the Federal Reserve Banks have greatly increased reserves throughout the banking system, but the reserves are lying unused in the vaults.

The effect of inflation, however, will not be what many of its advocates desire. Its result is to raise the general level of prices, with the result that all persons on fixed incomes suffer. The wage-earners will experience hardships because wages always rise more slowly than prices. Business men will prosper, because the goods in their stocks will increase in value. Debtors everywhere will gain and creditors lose, because debts will be repaid in dollars of smaller purchasing power. Farmers will gain only through their mortgages becoming less burdensome; for the rest, the prices of the things they buy will increase just as rapidly as those of the things they sell.

What we need is not inflation, but the distribution to the working masses of a larger share in the national income. This can be accomplished under the codes by greatly increasing the minimum wages, and drastically reducing hours of labor. In this manner unemployment can be reduced and the standard of living of the great mass of people raised.

LACK OF INTEREST

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defeat Socialist candidates in a city election in a three-way fight. Accordingly, every precaution was taken by those who give the orders to see to it that both parties would pick the same candidates. However, the Socialists are not caught napping. They welcome fusion and have convinced thousands of people that there is no essential difference between the two old parties, both of whom stand for the system which has placed millions of people at the mercy of a few great exploiters.

Many Candidates, Few Votes

That the rank and file of voters were not interested in the candidates is clearly shown by the fact that only approximately 16,000 people took the trouble to vote at all, out of a registration of 29,301. That the Fusion candidates are far from the popular choice is demonstrated by the fact that at least half of those who voted cast their ballots for candidates other than those selected to defeat the Socialists.

How will those who failed to vote, and the thousands who voted against the candidates of the Fusionists act at the general election? That is the question which is the big fly in the Fusion ointment. Despite their two-party coalition, the anti-Socialists are greatly concerned. They know that Socialist sentiment is taking a definite upward swing in Reading. They also know that factional fights have disrupted and disgusted the old party rank and file. And they know that the Socialists are ready to wage the most vigorous campaign in the history of local politics.

Represent the Bosses

As the Socialists of Reading have been predicting for years, the old party politicians are now driven together. No longer will they be able to deceive the public by a pretense of rivalry. Both parties now stand revealed as the representatives of the more reactionary business interests of the city and of the wage-cutting employing class.

In a number of county districts, as in Reading, Socialist strength has compelled the old gangs to fuse. Both Capitalist parties settled upon the same man for burgess in Laureldale, where Charles R. Yergler, the Socialist burgess, is running for a second term. In West Lawn they have admitted their weakness in the same manner. Before long the old gangs will have to take similar steps in rural Berks. The punch and Judy show of Republican versus Democrat no longer is interesting. As more and more people see behind the scenes the election day "comerons" will become constantly fewer.

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