Jobless In Strikes Hit State Move For Unity

Pennsylvania Convention Sets Up Bureaus of Action

ENDORSES OHIO MEET

446 Delegates Vote For Mass Protests and Strikes

BULLETIN

OSCEOLA MILLS, PA. - The of victories. convention of jobless organizations in Pennsylvania had reverberations in Center County immediately. Leagues are on strike have hardly offset the rise against working for relief orders. prices in the sections affected.

Endorsing the national jobiess con-vention in Ohio, July 3-5, the 446 labor information bureaus charge. delegates assembled here in the and also for the purpose of fore-Pennsylvania state convention vot- stalling legislative acts in Wash ed that as many delegates as pos- ington favorable to labor. sible be in Columbus when the National Convention opens.

HARRISBURG. Pa.—A State Committee of Action, for the promotion of vigorous united front ac. work then say the first of the first four months of 1933 show a tring. tivities among the state's unem. now than at the first of the year," ployed, was created by the jobless William Green, always conservaconvention held in the State Farm tive in his figures on labor, de-Show Building here on June 5 and clared.

It proved to be the largest and most representative gathering of day in Pennsylvania. Four hundred and leagues from every section of the

Mass Protests and Strikes

had defied the unemployed by cut- Pennsylvania, New Jersey vention responded by decisions for ers remains perilously low. militant action. Mass demonstra-tions against the relief cut and the commissary system were decided

Rewin Small Part
of Cuts
Gains registered upon. Strikes on public works, for it is pointed out, mean in reality state unemployment insurance, in away level of existence budgets" for years. which to undertake vigorous strug-

Promote United

composed of 25 members elected by in wages. the convention from the unemployed leagues and the unemployed local organizations. The State Com- hours. mittee is to cooperate in achieving united action if local groups dis- DOVER N. H.-A two weeks

(Continued on Page 2)

Low Wages

Many in Motion Pound Cuts, Speed-Up and Long Hours

NEW YORK - Strike waves, are rising to pound against low wages, wage-cuts, speed-up and long hours. Past weeks have seen the tide rise, hurled on by rising prices and threats of inflation, with thousands of work- the new Federal Emergency Relief ers in strike motion over the na- Administrator when he took charge

Reports from many sections tell

With wages slashed by industry in the past three years to a vanishing point the gains in actual buying power, observers say, Capitalist press reports are her-HARRISBURG, PA. (Special)- alding the wage increases as in-

Worse

"Trade union reports for the

With Alabama cotton mill hands working for \$1.44 on a 12-hour unemployed organizations ever held getting \$6 for a sixty-hour week. Georgia road workers being paid fifty delegates from councils and as low as 10 cents an hour, Chicago packers receiving \$3 weekly, commonwealth were in attendance. Peoria brass and aluminum workers as low as \$9 a week, bitumisee and West Virginia seldom Four days before the convention seeing any money at all, and opening, the State Relief Board sweatshop women and children in ting the already inadequate relief other states averaging \$2 and \$3 allowances 20 per cent. The con- a week, buying power of the work-

Gains registered in strike areas, payment in cash at decent wages, that the workers have rewon a were also endorsed. Federal and small part of the wages taken accordance with the provisions of through the depression. A gain from them by industry the Workers' Bill, was put into the of 10 per cent is a stab at reprogram of policy. Each county gaining wage cuts of from 50 to operated in harmonious relations.

Shoe Workers Win

LOWELL, MASS .- Fifteen hundred shoe workers on strike in four factories here for seven work under the U. T. W. agree-The State Committee of Action, weeks won a 10 per cent increase ment. They also refuse to have relief bureaus although their fam-

Children Win Strike

PHILADELPHIA — Sweatshop ers charge O'Connell with misapcouncils, is charged with the task of aiding united front action. Un. Long Wear Manufacturing Complete the propriating \$9,200 of union funds; der the "Articles of Agreement" pany, manufacturing underwear for and being unable to account for a entered into at the meeting local the government's labor camps, won large part of over \$190,000 paid automony is assured to leagues and wage increases, a 441/4 hour week in dues during the last 6 years councils alike. Initiative in united and recognition of their shop comfront efforts is left in the hands of mittee. The strike lasted three Police Use Gas

Regain 121/2 Per Cent agree. Louis S. Brier of Allentown, strike of more than 1,000 employes (Continued on Page 2)

Steel Up, But-New Machines Take Jobs of 8,000 Workers

By GEORGE PERKINS

this district were operating at 12 had found jobs in other industries situation. per cent capacity. On April 22, (probably selling razor blades or newspaper headlines heralded the working on roads for relief news that the mills were up to 22 per cent. Then came the cry that the depression was over and the No Wage Increase mills were going to boom.

ounced "Steel Output Rises to

of 8,000 Steel Workers.'

YOUNGSTOWN. OHIO—The depression is over. So the papers say.

To make us all feel good the now." The strikers are ready to newspapers said that many steel give McMahon a dose of militant have churchenged by the church of the control of the control of the church of the On April 15, the steel mills in workers had gone to Europe, many trade unionism if he enters the ders), and many had gone back to the farm.

Local papers reported that steel ting back in the mills. Of the 44, officials were looking forward to a 000 steel workers caught by the speedy \$4 ton increase in the price of steel. On May 3, big headlines 1929 collapse in this district, many of those at work have been getpayroll. Others got two and three starving. Relief for a family of ready been won. The big fight state. But on May 12, chucked away in mall headlines, was this announced mall headlines, was this announced mall headlines, was this announced to give these men more hours withsmall headlines, was this announce-ment: "New Machines Take Jobs out raising the hourly rate of pay. The mood for action is growing. 35 cents an hour.

Does This Story and Picture Jibe?

In U.S. Wave Government Won't **Hold Relief Bag** Says Hopkins

WASHINGTON-(Special)- Too many people are getting relief; ong checked by the depression, direct relief is a bad thing; neither Congress nor the President intends that the government shall hold the

> So declared Harry L. Hopkins, of the \$500,000,000 for direct relief provided in the Wagner Bill.

Unconscionable?

"An unconscionable number of people are obtaining such relief" he said upon assuming his duties.

He pointed to New York state where more than a million and a half people are being fed. If this ratio holds throuhgout the country, he estimated nearly 16 millions are receiving direct relief.

"It will not be my business to perpetuate in the United States a policy which will keep any such number on the relief rolls," he declared "We will begin with the premise that direct relief is a bas

Of Course Not

Remarking that every effort will be made to do away with such relief in distributing the \$500,000. 000, Mr. Hopkins added. "Of course we will not forget, however, that Arkansas lumber workers there are a lot of people to be ag \$6 for a sixty-hour week, taken care of, and that the government is going to keep people from is going to hold the bag."

have got to go to work and do organizer, commenting yesterday there is that \$500,000,000 which the their part or we are licked before we start" he said. "Certainly it we have the words of a well fed will see that they get it."

Militants In

SALEM. -

Mill Strike

employes of the Pequot Mills, long

heralded as a model plant where

the employer and the Union co-

United Textile Workers have

stamped the strike unauthorized.

agent, represent them. The strik-

The strike continues tense, 500

strikers marched to O'Connell's

stoned the house and broke all the

McMahon, national president of

the U.T.W. in the "Texile Worker"

for May writes, "There never was

a time in the history of our in-

dustry when active, militant trade

unions were more essential than

Six Hundred Join

League in W. Va.

have joined the league here in get the regular food order.

disperse them.

three weeks.

The strikers refuse to return to

John O'Connell, U. T. W. business ilies had no food.

Defy U.T.W.



Turned on the street in even greater numbers than ever by the rapidly decreasing relief grants in New York, the million job-les gather hopelessly and hungrily in tenement alleys, curse the system that brings vast wealth to some and poverty to others— and wait for prosperity or revolution, according to their own ideas.

Fact-Finding Group

is demanded.

Private Jobs

"Shocked" by Hunger

NEW YORK - Shocked and

mazed by stories of hunger and

evictions told by New York City's unemployed, a fact-finding com

Over Relief

In one town, the unemployed

church of the preacher who is

employed have laid a cement floor

for the son of another preacher

who is head of that relief com-

mittee. In another place, any

local resident who wants a job

dug a basement for the

He talks about the government holding the bag. The 17 million William Truax, Ohio state league jobless can answer that. Meanwhile

Urge P.M.A. To Organize Coal Fields

mittee of clergymen and social GILLESPIE ILL.-Calling upon Eighteen hundred workers declared a radical change district officials of the Progressive "The committee is shocked and Miners of America to extend the amazed at the perfectly frightful movement "to the outlying fields conditions revealed at these hearings," Dr. Myers said. "They re. of the country," the Progressive was instructed to work out "lowest 100 per cent in the past three are on strike. Officers of the veal things which we never Miner, official publication of the dreamed existed in this city. A new union, states that the miners radical change is demanded some- in the United States are ready for a rank and file union free from told of being turned away from the John L. Lewis crowd.

"Those who believe that they can wear out Lewis and his crowd by watchful waiting are kidding themselves," the paper says. "Lewis and his crowd can watchfully wait longer than anybody else because the basis of their work has been precisely one of In Missouri laissez faire for over 14 years.

Call for Organizers ST. JOE, MO .- In this great lead

"Let us continue on the offensive belt country of Missouri the unhome and despite police protection employed workers are organizing. by recruiting about ten organizers, Leagues in Deslodge, Bonne let them volunteer to work for windows. Police used tear gas to terre and Leadwood are demand- expenses and dispatch them to the ing 35 cents an hour for all work. strategic sections of the national Men get about \$1.50 per week coal industry. relief for large families. They

work two three and four days a "The miners in the United week and more, not only on pub- States are ready for a union like lic jobs but for private individuals. ours.

Special financial appropriations have been made in some of the locals to start a national camhead of relief. In another, the un- paign.

Delegates Move To Organize Illinois

done, calls up the relief head and he sends an unemployed man to VICTOR, W. VA.—Six hundred do it. For all this, the men only sand unemployed and part time tion and has had experience with and members of the Women's Auxworkers were represented by 105 college students. In many sections of the lead delegates from four counties at the Almost half of West Virginia's belt the workers, organized into first Unemployed Conference nere. school in the hills, an academic inting only one day a week, just en- population (43 per cent) is on re- leagues, are putting forward de- Machinery was set going to organ- stitution with its horns drawn in ing full time in the labor moveough to keep their names on the lief, yet many not on the list are mands. Some concessions have allize the unemployed throughout the from the labor movement." Muste ment. Most of the 19 students are

vention.

Farm Folk

Flock to Progressive Farmers' League

By BEULAH CARTER

OLD FORT, N. C. — Hundreds of farmers with their sons and daughters left their homes back in the mountains and came for miles to attend a meeting of the Progressive Farmers League last night. They brought old fashioned lanterns to light their way back

The meeting was held near a large log house. Some of the COLUMBUS, OHIO-One thoufarmers sat on the porch some on sands calls to the July Nationsome stood up-all listening to one Leagues have been sent to unafter another tell what the farm employed organizations all over

League, urged them to stop listen-

"Stand together and before long will attend. North Carolina farmers will be able to accomplish some of the Food in Ton Lots things that the lowa farmers have recently accomplished." he said.

for building a meeting house for house where they held their meet. to convene in America. ings was recently burned. They knew it was done to stop their movement, but it didn't stop them. It made them more determined.

They discussed how to get to the employed of North Carolina. Will Get There

Somehow

"I'll get to that convention if I

Besides fighting for better prices etc., they aim to establish clearing houses where farmers may exchange vegetables and grain action. Action demands organizawith factory workers. This summer they hope to have a coopera-tive canning machine.

League Strikes For a 40c Hour

COLUMBUS. OHIO - Members of practicaly every Frank-lin County league walked out ing 20 cents per hour rate on road relief work and sewer projects. They are demanding 40 cents per hour, payment in cash instead of grocery orders, and transportation to work.

At five o'clock on the morn ing of the strike, over 300 gathered "at the ditch," pulled off the half dozen working there who had not known of the strike. County members are running

the strike entirely by themselves with headquarters in one of the state office rooms. Reports are, "100 per cent holding fast, the trustees hot and bothered."

Parley of Gather To Talk Union Workless North Carolina Families Is Called

1000 Unemployed Leagues Invited to Ohio Convention

NATIONAL GATHERING

State Fair Grounds Scene of July Congress

(Special to Labor Action)

logs, some on the grass while al Convention of Unemployed the country.

The sessions will be held in the great Coliseum of the Ohio State Politicians
Larry Hogan, president of the Fair Grounds.

Committees are at work on ing to politicians who for cen- housing and feeding problems turies have promised them better Preliminary reports indicate that between 2500 and 5000 delegates

"Three tons of potatoes, two barrels of coffee, twenty crates of He advised them to make plans canned beans," say the commit tees, preparing to feed the largest the organization. The old school gathering of unemployed delegates

Efforts are being made to secure nation-wide broadcasting facilities Members and leaders of the Ohio Unemployed League, numbering more than 100,000, want the July convention of farmers and the un- 4th Declaration of Independence of the nation's jobless to "go on the air.

Will Make History

"The unorganized jobless must have to rive my two steers," said et his message," declared Arnold one old med. "They plow all day Johnson, Ohio state organizer. and they can carry me to that con"Workers at this convention will make history."

The call, prepared by the Ohio for their produce, tax reductions League, asks the unemployed to organize and act.

tion. In organization there is ment, and this mass misery in the

How will delegates get to Co-lumbus? Many will hitch-hike, many will come in cars.

Five From Each Local

Who may come? Five delegates from any organized group of unemployed workers and farmers. The call states that individuals who want to form leagues may write for special credentials.

When do they come? The Ohio state convention opens July 1. The National convention begins the 3rd, lasting through the 4th and 5th. "Delegates are urged to come to Columbus on July 1 to act as fraternal delegates at the state convention," states the

Accomodations? To be taken care of by members of leagues affiliated with the Ohio League, with incoming delegates bringing as much food as they can. But it is necessary, league leaders say, for them to know who is coming,

Pacifist Heads Brookwood Labor College; New Policy

KATONAH, N. Y .- Tucker P. workers. Smith, noted pacifist, has been appointed director of Brookwood La- Tippett, extension director, and 19 bor College. He succeeds A. J. Mus- students quit the school with Muste, te who left the school in March entering the active labor field. when the Board of Direcors veered Tom Tippett went to Illinois and "to the right," adopting what Muste is now Educational Director of the denounced as a reactionary policy Progressive Miners of America. In in workers education.

STAUNTON, H.L.-Fifteen thou- Committee on Militarism in Educa-

"Brookwood will become just a ticipation in the struggle of the Edison Employees in New York,

Six staff members, including Tom

connection with his work there he Smith, well known in the pacifist has produced a five-act labor play, movement, has been director of the "Mill Shadows," of which he is the author, training P. M. A. miners iliary for the cast.

Cara Cook, Cal Bellevar, Doris declared when the policy was ad- working in unemployed leagues.

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Jobless In State Move For Unity

(Continued from Page 1) secretary of the continuation committee which called the convention, was elected secretary of the State Committee.

Two bureaus of action were set up—one for Eastern Pennsylvania and one for the Western part of the state. The members of the committee in charge of the western bureau are: E. R. McKinney and Elmer F. Cope of the Allegheny Unemployed Citizens League, and Philip Frankfelt of the Unemployed Councils of that district. The eastern committee is: Louis S. Brier of the Lehigh County U.C.L., Edmund F. Ryan, Jr., of the Philadelphia U.C.C.L., and L. Bender of the Unemployed Council.

Next to the adoption of a program of action, the outstanding act of the convention was the unanitheir affiliations. Even the irregular credentials of Robert Collum. or ganizer of the Socialist Party, were accepted "in the interests of unity." Collum came as a delegate of a Tamaqua unemployed organization, of which he was not a member.

Socialists Block Progress

vention it was evident that the So. tax evasions of the sacred house and other Morgan dupes at \$20 Senatorial spotlight on the secret cialist Party was intent on a policy of Morgan. Public opinion is to a share when it was worth \$37 a House of Morgan, 23 Wall Street, of obstruction, even though that be soothed by promises of resum. share over the counter. meant injury to the unemployed of ing the investigation in the fall. mittee delayed the report of that all the investigating so far is now committee, although partial reports busy looking through the operaare received in all conventions. They tions of the Van Sweringen broth. been a heavy borrower from Morof Indiana County, whose reaction- leading examples of "Rugged Inary attitude was condemned by dis- dividualism," they started out with interested delegates. Finally, the a suit of clothes and soon had an gen roads was always purchased alliance of the Reading Taxpayers 18,000 mile railroad empire with from the American Locomotive Protective League and Blaney out having spent a dime. sought to break up the convention by a resolution for its dissolution. In this they hopelessly failed.

lowed the policy of the CPLA joined with the Unemployed Councils in opposing this policy of distruction. Edmund F. Ryan, Jr., vigorously attacked the S.P. policy. producing a recent letter from the Reading Taxpayers Protective in which they had announced they would not attend the convention. He charged that this proved that they had for long contemplated sabotage of the effort to build an effective state movement Alaska, demanding 8 cents instead and that their action at the convention itself fully exposed them.

Budenz Pleads

Louis F. Budenz. secretary of the CPLA, pled for unity in the crisis per cent wage cut. Most of the confronting the jobless, alluding in bosses have been whipped into detail to the "wretched conditions" line. which he had found in his organizing activities in the state. Herbert Benjamin, fraternal delegate from strike by employes of the Consolithe councils, outlined the necessity dated Textile Corporation here for united action, declaring that dif. ended in a labor victory when ficulties arising in the convention the management conceded a 10 were the "birth pangs" of unity.

zations throughout the state showed an increasing determination on the part of the relief au. shows 10,000 miners out in Illinois, thorities to cut relief and injure 750 in the Hazard, Ky., coalfields the jobless in other ways. Resent. and 250 in Wilder, Tenn., against Reports showed riots had greeted the introduction of the commissary plan at York, while in that they had not received money including the awarding of diplo-Altoona a move is on foot to force wages for more than a year, due Rockel, head of the county emerg. employes of the Poe Mills here re- tion; with a Greek traveling Felency relief committee, for bringing turned to work when they forced lowship for Samuel Insull; a de- the Edison campaign. in the commissary plan. Fights a 15 per cent wage increase, the gree of M.D. (Master of Depresagainst evictions have been suc. first fruits of a strike in this city sions) to Matthew Sloan for maincessful, delegates said, in Lehigh and Philadelphia counties and in other parts of the state. Everywhere vigorous action were seen to be increasing.

tional Unemployed Convention in

Win New Trial

DECATUR, ALA.-Roy Wright and Eugene Williams, two of the cent cut to "take effect July 29" not their just rewards would suit nine Scottsboro boys, have won in the Juvenile Court on June 23. 197th Coast Artillery Regiment Muste. Chairman of the Confer-A demand for immediate release on bail was denied by Judge Hor-

A new factor has entered the trial of Wright and Williams. They are charged with the raping of three Seattle daily newspapers ward for employee persecution to the CPLA, the LIPA and the mem-Ruby Bates, and not Victoria struck against an attempt to reher former testimony and is now men. The strikers are members young boys and girls to William Party." a witness for the boys. The state of the International Typographical Deevey, with a special citation for The New Leader was asked to has been left without a prosecutor. Union.

WALL STREET RAILROAD KINGS



mous seating of all delegates with proper credentials, regardless of Sees Curtain Drawn on Morgan As Industrial Control Is Shown

SPECIAL TO LABOR ACTION | Morgan Hook-up

WASHINGTON, D. C .- It is the opinion of persons on the in-

Those league forces which followed the policy of the CPLA Wages in U.S. Wave tions.

(Continued from Page 1) of the Pacific Mills (Corporation resulted in a 12½ per cent wage increase. The textile company, largest in the world, had cut wages mercilessly.

West Coast Wave ASTORIA, OREGON.-Columbia

River fishermen and cannery workers are in a strike wave on

Bakers Fight Cuts

NEW YORK CITY-Two thousand bakers struck against a 25

Georgia Workers Win

LAFAYETTE, GA .-- A 10-day per cent wage increase to the 350 Reports from the various organi. operatives involved.

Miners Still Out

GILLESPIE, ILL.-A survey wage cuts.

South Carolina Strike

GREENSVILLE, S. C.-Claiming the resignation of Rev. Charles to company cuts. hundreds of since 1929.

Dressmakers Win

The gathering endorsed the Na. 10 per cent wage increase, unionization of all shops and time and brigade. one-half for overtime. The agreement provides that the work week the National Committee, awarded available to pay minimum traveling Immediate cash relief by shall be reduced to 40 hours on the degrees to the successful can-

7.000 in Walkout

have been won.

Seattle Printers Strike

SEATTLE, WASH.—Printers on shares at an "inside figure," a remeet it with cheap sarcasm about Ruby Bates has recanted place older workers with younger for beating aged ministers and are also members of the Socialist

Investigation already brought out that this railroad emside that the curtain is about to pire passed into the hands of the be drawn on the searching inquiry Allegheny Corporation, stock of saw. From the beginning of the con- now being made on the income which was sold to Public Officials

Van Sweringen obtained most of the State. Their objection to a par- The Senate Committee on Bank- the money necessary for his rail- the United States. tial report of the credentials com- ing and Currency, which has done roading manipulations from the Vanness Company. The Vanness Company has been proven to have Muste Says Vanness Company. The Vanness allied themselves with Jack Blaney ers. The Van Sweringens are the gan, obtaining as high as \$16 000, 000 at a time.

Equipment for the Van Swerin-Company, the Standard Steel Car Co., the American Car and Foun-Strikers Hit Low Ship and Drydock Co., all of which dry Co., and the Newport News

Surface Scratched

continued, will bring out much Party. This is what a statement statements have not been heard dirtier dirt and will bring out says sent by A. J. Muste to James from since. a lot of new big names as inside Oneal, editor of the New Leader favorites of these stock floating houses.

of their own money for the Nickel because of "his enrollment and ac-Plate Railroad." declared Ferditivities in the Socialist Party," and of 6 for raw stock. Ten thousand nand Pecora, fighting counsel of that he quit the campaign of or the Senate Committee. "Their ex- ganizing the Edison utility workers

Utility Racketeers Beedie on the united front.

Carbed in caps and gowns, the faculty of the University of the Open Air, sponsored by joint action of the National Committee on Utilities and Labor, the Brother. statement says. No action was taked state federation of the unemployhood of Edison Employees, and the CPLA, opened the educational classes by graduating the old idea of utility control and beginning education on the lines of public ownership of utilities in Borough Hall Plaza in Brooklyn.

Shining Examples Get Degrees

The mas to the shining lights of the National Electric Light Associataining high rates and dividends; an M.A. (Morgan's Assistant) to PHILADELPHIA - Four thou President John Parker, president

Francis Henson, Secretary of brought 7.800 workers out of the those gentlemen was left in doubt great Amoskeag Textile Mills. The as none of them responded. A. J. ther than to work under a real was mobilized against the strikers. ence for Progressive Labor Ac. the job be accomplished." Fifteen per cent wage increases tion, awarded the special awards and prizes, which included a "As for the united front issue, the United Corporation prize of 1,900 Socialist Party will not be able to extreme bravery.

is just exactly zero up to date." some of the "fastest and smoothest slight of hand Wall Street ever

Facts made public so far by the revealed Morgan as the virtual fin-

NewLeader **Story False**

NEW YORK. - The Socialist Party can't meet the issue of the united front with cheap sarcasm, nor can its official organ, The New Leader, advance the cause of the working-class by publishing false The Senate airings of under-ground underwriting methods, if who disagree with the Socialist

It all happened when the Socialist paper of June 3 printed a news penditure to become railroad kings in New York "under auspices of the CPLA" because of differences Award Degrees To as to policy. The same issue carried a sarcastic story by Mr.

Quit Campaign

"The officers of the CPLA did not request Beedie's resignation employed associations of Connectifrom the N.E.C. because he joined cut met in Hartford on June 6th the Socialist Party," the Muste and laid the ground work for a en against him "until, without no- ed. This provisional committee izing campaign."

Edison campaign because of differ- number about five throughout the ences as to policy? And is he state but before the meeting a against the united front? No, says letter was sent out by Martin the statement, the story is all Plunkett of the Wallingford Work-wrong. Proof is a letter from ers' Committee urging these five Beedle himself, dated May 28, "and organizations not to cooperate mmencement exercises therefore written at about the with the effort to unify forces same time as his article in the working with the uremployed. New Leader."

who with the CPLA is active in leagues except the one in Man-

Would Return

Wire," the letter is quoted. "It a membership of 2,500. certainly is a splendid job. . . . I expenses, then I would be willing state; (2) No evictions; (3) Unents to come forward and receive Would be glad to speak any time the state and the employers. MANCHESTER, N. H.—A 15 per their just rewards. Whether or on Edison campaign. Simply notify me so I will be there.

united front. Only in that way can

The Muste statement concludes,

print a correction of the story.

FROM THE FIRING LINE



Four leagues have now been organized within the city of Columbus. Relief scales are generally higher in the cities, and accordingly the work of organization more difficult, but the idea is spreading, and every day new recruits come along and are referred to their local units.

Between four and a dozen new eagues are organized throughout the state every week, with membership varying from 25 to 200 per unit. State organizers William Truax and Arnold Johnson make two and three meetings each day. James White, Chairman of the Crooksville League, is getting his County solidly lined up. Ben and Rose Williams are working in and near Cleveland. Constantly He characterized the deal as locals are organized by league members themselves, branching out into neighboring districts. Athens County now has nearly 30 local leagues, and is running a race with Franklin for first place.

"Yellow dog contracts" are not ancial and industrial dictator of unknown in unemployed league activities, apparently. Last week the Westerville unit, near Columbus, was requested to sign statements that they would work on relief road projects at 20 cents an hour, the League demand being for 40 cents, which is the legal rate for state contract road work. The nembers refused to sign. Their food orders were stopped. They not-footed it into the City and went to see the Commissioner

"If we don't get the food," they said. "we shall have to go and take it. We cannot starve, and we will not work for a 20-cent rate. That is starvation.

Food orders were issued within 24 hours, and the "yellow dog"

Educational work for the un-"I can't for the life of me find item that William Beedie was County (surrounding Columbus) out that they ever paid a dollar "ousted from the CPLA Executive" has been started by four classes for members, taught by professors

S. P. Checks Unity Meet at Hartford

HARTFORD, Conn.-Representatives of six Unemployed Councils and two of the most important including one of the largest untice, he deserted the Edison organ- meeting in its first stages was supported by the Socialist controlled But did William Beedle quit the unemployed organizations which Consequently, the meeting was not The letter is to Francis Henson attended by any of the unemployed chester. The largest organization represented was the Unemployed 'Just received the printed Live Association of Hartford which has

The decision of this provisional sand striking dressmakers of the of the Edison Co. and a P.S. in fighting the Edison companies, more representative conference in am, of course, intensely interested meeting was to call a larger and I. L. G. W. won a 44-hour week. (Stool Pigeon) to William Deevey, but with the best wishes in the the near future and a committee chief snooper for the Edison spy world I am financialy broke and of nine was elected to make all unable to pay carfare. . . . If such plans. It was agreed that three were possible and a little cash immediate demands must be (1) didates and called for the recipi- to slave to put up a good fight. . . . employment Insurance paid for by

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cational work to other counties as thing out of it if they don't show fast as possible, making use of more spirit than the Hosiery the numerous college and univer- Workers are showing right now. sity staffs throughout the state.

LETTER

Jersey, the silk town-

manufacturers scurrying about in union and eliminate the Federation an effort to do something before altogether. the government steps in. The Silk Association of America received a telegram from Washing- last few years in an attempt to ton stating that if they do not stabilize the industry for the mansubmit their program by June 7 ufacturers. And as a result the the government will act. Therefore a special meeting was called than it ever was. And now the and the bosses fixed up their officials are going to administer program. Apparently the workers, another dose of the same mediwhose fate is at stake, were not cine. consulted at all either by the employers or the government."

Further Cut For Knitters

By J. T. GODBER PHILADELPHIA. PA.-What is new deal?

On May 7 the Continental Congress for Economic Reconstruction adjourned at Washington and the delegates returned to their cities pledged to the new Declaration of Independence, to give a new deal to the starving workers and farm ers of America.

The chairman of the Congress was Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers. Upon employed leagues in Franklin his return from Washington Rieve proceeded to put his conception of the new deal into effect.

Same Old

of the U. T. W. set-up, is faced at present with the danger that some of its weaker mills may be forced into liquidation. A committee, appointed by the National Executive Poems for Workers, 10c. Board, was set up to solve the The Paris Commune, by Lenin, 20c. problem. The solution, at least in the minds of this committee. seems to be: We will grant the Cartoon book, 5c. boss, with the consent of the work- Communist Manifesto, 10c. ers in any shop faced with liquida- How Should Labor Vote? 15c. tion, a wage reduction of from 20 Important Union Methods, 15c. to 70 per cent.

The idea behind this solution is that when Roosevelt's National Industrial Recovery Act is placed

Even if we can place some re Recovery Act, it is certain that It is planned to extend the edu- the workers won't receive any

On the contrary if the union is as weak as this policy would seem to indicate the manufacturers A letter from Paterson, New would prove themselves imbecilic if they didn't take advantage of "It is amusing to watch the silk this condition to form a company

> The Hosiery workers have taken reduction after reduction for the industry is in a worse mess now

In view of this, this action is stupid and criminal and leads one to wonder whether Rieve thought the Continental Congress was called to devise ways and means of protecting labor officials and employers instead of the workers.

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The Austrian government has issued a ban against membership in the Communist Party and its auxiliary organizations, the "Rote Hilfe" and the "Arbeiterwehr. last meeting of the Executive (3) the farmers. Committee of the Austrian Manucialist Labor Party of Austria.

The social democratic Stauning government tried to force the anti-Fascist Labor Congress which was scheduled to meet in Copenhagen on June 4-5 to confer behind closed doors by forbidding all workers of the cities—relations held in halls as well. The meeting was therefore transferred to Paris. a bill through the Danish parliaforbidding all strikes for a But there is a gap in the pro-

government and against Hitler's ganized and brought into line with of employed workers into indus- and reactionary craft union leaderhypocritical Reichstag peace the other two groups. speeches and declared that the as-Reichstag does not represent the true sentiment of the German working class. It declared further that this vote is contrary to the notion that somehow the archaic principles of the Socialist Labor craft union organizations such as

Nazi justice is daily issuing new sentences against Communist agi- Persists tators. In Chemnitz two, in Hamdemned to death for their alleged participation in riots provoked by heavily armed Storm Troops in which several National Socialists were killed. In the last two weeks fourteen Communists were con-The political secret police in Ber lin alone confiscated 500 tons of books and pamphlets of "treason-. By a Cabinet law all property of the Communist Party was declared confiscated and May 20 the printing plants of the Social Democratic Party of Baden were confiscated by the government and placed at the disposal of the National Socialist press. Gustav Noske, the "bloodhound of the German Revolution" will be retained at the disposal of the government until further notice by a decision of the Prussian Minister cialist Democratic Party, was the of L. unions of one craft of build- sie was standing over the slop cialist Democratic Party, was the last of the prominent Social Democrats to be removed from office. crats to be removed from office. and petitioned the Hitler government to permit him to remain oftil entitled to full pension. Hitler of the Austrian Premier Dolfuss. the bucket—then at the bread. She ed to be an artist. When Anna lift- plosion!" and his followers, with this decision, acknowledged the services

The But of the counter-revolution. . . . The Madzar and his comrades in the the pig. And all the time she was woman said. Trylan restrictions promulgated Communist trial. No proof-so nibbling, nibbling, and in a minute by the German government have stated the judgment—for Com- the bread was gone. She was so structors. No private instructor LITHUANIA who has not by July 1st given satpacifists were arrested, among

bor Minister of Transport, a meeting of 2000 representatives of the British textile industries decided many shall be stopped. . . .

tical and industrial reactionaries. tractor production in Soviet Rus- of a huge revolver rose before me. they do?" It is expected that he will inaug- sia. . . .

Goodbye To the Craft fare, or to turn them over to the leadership of the craft unions to be dispersed in A. F. of L. fashion, Unions; They're Done

By B. H. WILLIAMS

The "Rote Fahne" was suppressed ing the American labor movement throw out the larger group (emand the printing plant confiscated. appears in clearer perspective bracing more unemployed mem-As excuse for this high-handed than ever before. Summed up in bers) in order to retain for their measure the government gives the a sentence it consists, on the eco- henchmen the few jobs available. dynamiting of a cable line in nomic field, in the organization They figure that later on, with a Bruck, although no attempt has of three basic groups of producers possible pickup in building activbeen made to connect the CPA in coordinate form; (1) the unlity, they may gradually rebuild . At the employed, (2) the employed, and the union membership to the re-

facturer's Association it was de unity has been made the past eteering, an indispensible adjunct cided to pay a regular subsidy to two years among the arst and to craft unionism under present the treasury of the National So- third groups. A tendency toward economic conditions. To fight co-operation between the unem- racketeering by itself with the ployed and the farmer crganizato time. Suggestions have been exterminating mosquitoes wille made by leading representatives leaving their breeding swamps unof the farmers' unions that they touched are anxious to establish direct market relations with organized which would not be interrupted in to reshape the craft union into a ducers

RANCE

The Bureau of the Socialist producers—a gap that must be producers—a gap that must be racketeering and bureaucracy—the collaboration between workers, employees and government in dealing. Labor International at its last bridged quickly, otherwise the unmeeting which was held in Paris, employed and farmer movements urgent task of militants consists with industrial conditions. To adopted a biting resolution against may be checked in their development. The employed must be or-

What form must that organizasent without reservations of the tion of the employed take? In sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the light of past history and the sent without reservations of the sent with the sent with the sent with the sent without reservations of the sent without reservations of the Social Democratic Party of Ger- the light of past history and the many to the resolution of the National Socialist government in the
unnecessary to ask. But there
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such as starvation wages, speedforward to a controlling position principles of the Socialist Labor craft union organizations such as those of the American Federation of Labor can do the job.

It is hard for some of us to persist. Plainly, it is based upon a misapprehension of the nature and of the entire history of craft unionism in America. inception to the present, the craft union has clung tenaciously to its returning to Jim Ball's home. Jim basic purpose of conserving the Ball had taken part in the miners Interests of privileged workers struggle for a union and freedom only. To that end it has erected in 1931-32. Now, with the strike barriers to membership in numbers beyond the limit of jobs available (prohibitive initiation families have sought refuge in refees, excessive dues, closed books, ligion. Go on with the story, etc.). Not only that but from time to time it has been compelled to enter into close alliances with employers who, wisely, were deworkers from organizing, or from acting effectively through their unions. (For example, the United Mine Workers and the R. R. pig? It's the funniest thing. We Brotherhoods.)

The identical principle is in eat so's to leave a few scraps for vogue today. Here in Cleveland, the slop, you know, and you should who is still a member of the So- for instance, there are two A. F. have seen us! Well, one day Flosconsolidate these two into one.

freed ex-Minister Professor Josef know, or put it in the bucket for munist activity was presented. . . . surprised-when she discovered the

Municipal elections in Memel reshould have had the bread. And the slightly withered ear. isfactory proof that his forbears for sulted in a victory for the fascist she looked all around. And then three generations were of Aryan party which is known here as the she tiptoed to the door and eased birth, will be permitted to renew "Christian-Socialist Community." it open and flew behind the house. morning at Yancey. They can't get his teaching license. . . . Since This party polled 9,360 out of a where she hid." May 15, 18 additional professors of total of 19,140 votes and elected non-Aryan extraction were dis- 18 candidates. The Social Demo- Jim Ball said. missed. . . . In the last week five crats received 397 votes (2,235 prominent Jewish musicians were four years ago), the Communist tinued. "I couldn't of eaten it anydismissed without notice from Party 1.289 (formerly 3,405). The way." state theatres and operas. . . . On Greater Lithuanian parties in-May 26 a number of prominent creased from 2,180 to 4,510 votes. heard the children shouting and "I don't see how we stand it. Why

SOVIET RUSSIA them the wife of the author and playwright Gerhart Hauptmann.

The automobile and track.

The automobile and track.

There was a loud noise of stompress during the last months. In ing and scraping on the porch and the door flew open and a tow-headress during the last months. and Herbert Morrison, former Lacent more automobiles than in the into the room. When she saw the first quarter of 1932. Automobile stranger in the house she became production has more than doubled very shy and went on through insince last year. In the course of to the kitchen. Later, when Mary to boycott German goods until the the 2½ years of its existence the Ball and Marie went into the kitpersecution of the Jews in Ger-Stalingrad tractor works have chen to put supper on the table, turned out 60,000 tractors. 144 we leaned our chairs back before Colijn, the leader of the Conserv- In the tractor works at Tscheljab one spoke for a while. The win-plosion! My God!" ative Anti Revolutionary Party of insk the first Soviet caterpillar dows let in some light but the

The problem of organization fac. central body is determined to quired (safe) quota. Here we Considerable progress toward have the breeding ground of rackhope of ending it in the craft un-

Industrial

Unions progressive or revolutionary organization, without first summoning the unorganized workers into Fascism coherent action. With all due re-

generate into mere querilla war- working class solidarity.

second part the writer told about

coal operators, many of the mine

THE PARENTS

Part II.

(Continued)

"That pig!" Mrs. Ball said, laugh-

ing. "You didn't know we had a

had a pig. And we used to try to

"And we got rid of the pig,"

"Yes, Jim sold the pig," she con-

Soon school turned out and we

yelling and saw some of them run-

and the pig." Marie said.

In the

would reveal a criminal want of the American labor movement.

Another fact, apparently overlooked by many progressives, is that the dominant craft organizations are not only basically inept, reactionary and honeycombed with a wreck and is being rapidly suc- imagination of the workers in the us, the next steps, is to win a unitceeded by the Progressive Miners United States. And there are rea-Union. In the automotive industry sons, Many reasons, But the world the A. F. of L. has been unable to is moving swiftly, this is a vola. are all proletarians. Maybe they government, may undertake large get a foothold. The old Amalga. tile nation, things are happening mated Steel Workers organization and out of the crisis may comehas only a handful of members The speakers are Heywood left and no chance of regaining Broun, columnist. Alfred M. Binglost prestige, and the unoccupied ham, editor of Common Sense, buildings throughout the country Leon Sampson, writer, and A. J. do not suggest an immediate res- Muste. The four speakers are anatoration of the lost footing of that lyzing the past, looking for likely tions has shown itself from time lons, is as futile as to aim at group of craft unions. The rail- roads into the future. road workers, a million of them They are speaking about "Next unemployed, a large part with no Steps in Political Action." Conhope of returning jobs, are not vinced that capialism must be relikely to regain their former loy- placed by a new economic order alty for these company-controlled they are weighing the chances for The same applies to the attempt unions. The textile and clothing the birth of a revolutionary force workers unions are hopelessly dis- to end the old and build the new. integrated.

Forward or

But there is a gap in the pro-cess toward unity and co-ordinated the craft unions, seeking progressively's "national industry recovery urgent task of militants consists with industrial conditions. To now in bending their energies to- "collaborate" the workers must be ship, or through company unions, Even with little or no pickup of they will collaborate in the directask of industrial organization is tantly-led industrial unions the or. lutionary call. They don't like the

... KENTUCKY MINERS ...

A Four-Part Story About the Harlan Coalfields

Workers Are Revolutionary, But TheyDont Know It, Speakers Say

NEW YORK - The Socialist

that he could climb to the top himself. And appeals to the workers trodden masses failed to rouse is always liable to fail.

"We have to face the fact that if out," millions of American workers who word "labor," they reesnt being called wage-slaves.

cans who are oppressed by capital- Stupid ism have got to be united. That

can be used to arouse them.

"The old parties are hopeless, Party has failed. All of them have ties. Neither is capable of elimined front between all workers of-

gent," he declared.

Broun Hits Sucess

ist Party and the Communist Party important political event that could

"Americans are afflicted by this | Agreeing with previous speakers "American workers wanted self. ingrown success philosophy. They that Americans have a revolutionemancipation. Each one imagined read these stories in the magazines ary background, Muste thought about somebody starting with a there is a possibility of sweeping shoestring and acquiring a shoe sections of the middle-class and on the basis of their being down. shop. The Socialists and Commu- white-collar workers into a revonists have failed to discourage lutionary movement in the United them. Yet there is an unconscious States. And this too without putcipation. That method of appeal socialism in the minds of Ameriting the message on a middle-class cans. It's there, but try and get basis of respectability.

> The radical movement, Broun said, can't crawl along gradually radical ballyhoo must be used to fight capitalist ballyhoo. Fight knowing it, was shown by Muste. capitalism with its own methods. Out in the mid-west the workers,

Capitalism Is

will be the real united front. And able because it is stupid. Look at there is plenty material in the Morgan! It would have been wiser striking farmers dragged a judge ment about two million dollars in the flag. To prove they were good come tax and kept his picture out Americans! And not reds! of the papers. But capitalism is

> "We have got to work directly destroy their beliefs. Use Amerithey know and feel and think. unity." When you say to the worker 'Defend the Chinese Soviet,' he is apt o wonder where you came from."

But the middle classes are liable revolt before the proletarians, Broun thought. "They are liable to say, 'We want a new world,' and create one in their own image." It would be a very bad world, he

He pointed out that at present the American Federation of Labor action than the radicals them is one of the most conservative forces blocking the progress of labor in to a new society, that it ple in the world! Not that they swings back and forth between the have democracy—they haven't. But old parties, completely unaware of the spirit is there, and the exanything beyond capitalism.

"To triumph in this set-up," he of democracy. declared, "the political front and "Don't try to make the workers the economic front must be hitched revolutionary. They are away up together. We must vote to ahead of you. The point is to gether. This sort of movement can turn this revolutionary spirit in build the new world."

What happens next will depend racketeering, but they are also Party has failed. The Communist they are magnificent ineffectuali- partly upon labor's reaction to the National Industrial Control Act, formerly great U. M. W. of A. is falled to reach and capture the ating capitalism. The work before with three possibilities, A. J. Muste

> "First, the American Federation fice, factory, school, farm. They of Labor, given this impetus by the don't know it. Most of them don't. scale organizational activities. But And I doubt whether you can ever this is doubtful. The A. F. of L. succeed in telling them that they has shown no such will. Then, too, it would meet with resistance Such unity should be sought now. Steel, utilities, the trusts. And it the speaker said, in a new political would probably withdraw from the party, the party to be astute under- job. Second, the great industries stand the psychology of the people, themselves may build company and based upon Marxism. "The unions, in which event you would only scientific revolutionary me- have a complete Fascist set-up. And thod of change has got to be Marx- third, the fighting forces in the ian, because it's got to be intelli- labor movement may get together and proceed to pool their strength to organize industry on a large Philosophy
> Heywood Broun said the Social unions. That would be the most important political event that could

Workers Prove

Just how revolutionary American workers and farmers are, without offended by being called radicals, have on occasions proposed burn-"The capitalist system is vulner- barn, just to "prove to that guy for him to have paid the govern- from the bench and made him kiss

"Americans want action, swift action. When the time comes when "We have kept to work directly unemployed leagues, unions, out of the psychology of Americans, the logic of their experience, decan language, in terms of what will be a tremendous force for mand a mass political expression, it

And the speaker urged united front activities between the radical and left-wing groups, here and now, however small the groups, in building a movement to end capitalism, because "it is the small groups of militants, the real fighters for labor, who give leadership and inspiration to the movement."

Leon Sampson, the writer, declared that American workers are more radical and and ready for selves.

"And the most democratic peo ploitation goes on under the spirit

the right direction.'

deed, it appeared that as regards "I keep it hidden," she said. bables, the camp was remarkable. "I have to be careful," she went They got to counting the twins born on. "The company would throw a in the camp and they counted 28 fit if they knew I had this. They sets, and there were only a thous- watch dad like a hawk. Did you

a roof falls or a mine explodes, go to prayer meetings, sometimes, there's room for a few more." Then to keep down suspicion. to Flossie, "Say your prayers, hon-

ed her eyes very tight. daddy. God bless Jim. God bless tinued, "with a bundle of radical Mary. God bless Marie. God bless papers, it hasn't been a month

She laughed and ran to bed.

went to bed I slept on a pallet ner in which Jim Ball had silenced spread on the floor and I kept Anna when she had cried out at thinking of Jim Ball. I wondered the news of the entombed miners would plunge through his mind be- just waiting and he can't afford

humorous, unrecognizable shapes, and I walked through the came to him, and we talk, but he's afraid field behind the commissary. Min- fire dad, and I don't know what we

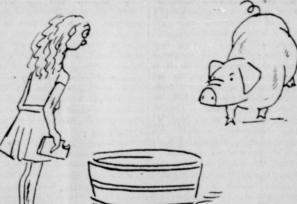
"Do you know Howard Conner. in Harlan?"

The girl knelt by Anna and clos- I had gone to school with How

Ed. God bless Santa Claus and God ago. They put him in jail. I don't know what's happened.'

We sat late talking and when we asked. I recalled the quick man-

Next morning the sun came out of course. Who wouldn't be? I read



HUNGARY

Couldn't make up her little mind— ed the catalog from the table she rimmed in coal dust, gazed whether to eat the bread, you uncovered a buge family bible.

Jim Ball's face was a mask of

"A dust explosion," he whis-

handed it to the woman.

guess. Well, she would look in the look at the catalog. She wanted to explosion," Anna cried. 'They could bucket and then she would look order a box of water-colors for her have sprinkled the mines with ficially in government service un. urate a dictatorship similar to that at the bread. She would look in son who could draw well and want- rock-powder and prevented the ex-

bread was gone. You know. Piggie on the left side of his face, and bed.

pained silence.

"It makes me so damned mad to think that the miners will stand

A woman ran in, she said, to "They could have prevented the for instance, who went every week tracks and in front of the commis-

bread, you know, or put it in the bucket for the pig."

"Haven't you heard? Thirty-five miners in a dust explosion this to them. They don't have any hopes

we fight?"

Tears came into her eyes.

Her father took her hand. "Oh don't!" she said.

The same silent, threatening, I saw the speckled powder-burn where you could hear her fall on a

> The woman with the catalog left. Jim Ball said she was the wife of Edgar Hollis, the company bookkeeper. I began to understand the meaning of what I had seen.

At the supper table the women were embarrassed. I told them about eating in the Penny Restaurants in New York. Marie and Ed lev. and go to bed." "God!" Anna broke out in a cry, had to wait until we were through because there were not enough don't we do something? Why don't chairs. After supper it was dark and we sat about the fire and now The catalog slipped from her fin. one, now the other, threw in words gers to the floor and she stood and bits of news about the camp. there staring at the woman, her They painted a picture. The picworks (Moscow) produced 80 per ed girl of six or seven years skipped face blanched and her lips parted. ture was a mental picture of how the miners in the soft-coalfields of America live. They didn't know that they were doing this, or they She picked up the catalog and might have done worse. The picture they painted was not about how long the leashed thoughts "Dad's all right," she said. "He's subjection and slavery and hopelessness and hunger. It was, too, fore they broke loose again. but lightened, twisted into funny, "But honey." the woman said, to make you laugh. It was what and saw the women washing and I'll burst out sometime in anger Holland, has formed a new govern- tractor was recently manufactured, room was almost dark. A vision "they're doing all in their power people who have been lost a long the boys playing football in the and say too much. They would ment composed exclusively of poli- marking the beginning of large of Jim Ball patting the black butt to rescue the men. What else can time in overwhelming hardships think about. There was a woman, ers were idling along the railroad would do then."

to fetch home a sack of Red Cross sary. The tipple extending over the flour, yet everyone knew that she siding looked like the skeleton of rimmed in coal dust, gazed with un. and her husband had eighty dollars a pre-historic m "Bad about the expioision," the yielding steadiness into Anna's, saved up, and hidden somewhere, was sunny and quiet and silent. probably in the mattress. And there In the evening before I left the "What explosion?" Jim Ball frightened look. She clinched her was the unlucky woman who had camp to go to Harlan town, Anna lips and ran into the next room. quadruplets which everybody went drew me aside and uncovered a to see That was funny And in- handful of pamphlets and leaflets.

bless everybody and amen."

and people in the camp.

"Really." Anna said, "everytime table, next to the cataleg. And we

ard Conner. "God bless mother. God bless "The Law caught him." Anna con-

The Devil You Say

By TESS HUFF -

Chambers of Commerce

GOOD times? Will they ever come back again, granting that we

ever had them? Will the depression

pass, as the thirteen other depres-

sions passed, or is this depression

more fundamental, the death, per-

haps, of an epoch, the collapse of

laissez faire, dog-eat-dog capital-

ism, and consequently the day of

I have just read a book, The

Great Technology, Social Chaos

and the Public Mind, by Harold

Rugg, published by the John Day

try, more machinery, more goods.

is gripped this time by an economic

been made effecting the whole sys-

Considering the problem of pro-

duction and distribution from a

scientific point of view, the author

makes it clear that capitalism not

only fails now, but that it failed in

the peak years of so-called prosper-

ity to bring anything near actual

prosperity to the masses. In the

"good" year of 1928 the number of

jobless workers, men and women

who couldn't find work, was three

In a sanely operated economic

system, as the scientist sees it. the

aim will be to make the goods and

get them to the people. Whatever

removed. The author points out

that private financial interests to-

everything for private profits. This

business-for-gain philosophy of cap-

where "If the whole production

plant were put to work at full ca-

pacity today, there would be about

The author reviews the plans ad-

vanced by Chase, Soule, Beard,

Swope, and find that Doy fail to

offer the solution. They do not

want to abolish capitalism. They

tend to the imposition of a collec-

tive control at the top; merely

plans for a controlled private capi-

How, then, does Mr. Rugg pro-

pose to achieve his Great Technol-

through "wars" between classes for

economic advantages is to be sus-

pended, or overlooked; we are all

to pitch in and create a new socie-

ty! A mammoth program of educa-

tion must be launched immediately

to create a climate of opinion for

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the first step. The second is the

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body of minority opinion which will

The third is the extension of pub-

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to put the new design to experimen-

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ANOTHER BETRAYAL OF THE WORKERS

MANY trade unionists and other workers are being made to believe that Labor is to gain much under the so-called National Industrial Recovery Act now before Congress. We have repeatedly pointed out that this hope is false. Labor cannot gain anything save as the workers build their own fighting organizations. They will get nothing from a lot of company unions raised by the government under hot-house methods, and this is all that will happen under the labor provisions of the act unless the fighting elements in the labor movement get together and lead the workers in building independent industrial unions of the workers, for the workers and by the workers.

The latest proof of the sham and the danger in the bill and hundred dollars have in playing in the machinery to be set up to enforce it is offered in the announcement which is made regarding the Advisory Committee representing industry and labor which is to plan for the administration of the act. Who are the men that are supposed to look after the welfare of the workers under this great new scheme?

For the employers, the bosses, we find Gerard Swope, head of the General Electric Company, a concern which has bitterly fought unions for years and which is now trying to sidetrack compulsory unemployment insurance by proposing a fake insurance scheme to be "voluntarily adopted by employers." Also W. C. out having crap players with Teagle of the Standard Oil Company, the man who has been putting across the Stagger Plan, who is tied up with the Rockefeller interests which in Colorado and elsewhere have murdered peaceful strikers, and who is an exponent of company unionism. Also A. P. Wall Street rules and regulations Sloan of General Motors, another union-busting corporation and Alexander Legge of the International Harvester Trust, still another | Citizen can win occasionally, if union-busting concern.

For the American Federation of Labor President William Green has as his colleagues, first, Matthew Woll, the most reactionary labor leader in the country, a professional red-baiter, the head of the Amerian Wage Earners Protective League, which helped to put over the iniquitous Smoot-Hawley tariff bill which did a lot to intensify the depression. There is also T. A. Rickert, head of the United Garment Workers, a reactionary union which trol of the game is to buy off inmaintains itself chiefly by the organization of union label overall shops, from which a steady revenue pours into the union treasury to maintain office-holders, but which for years past has never car- public casts its ballot on election place for many millions of those dangerous. ried on any struggle for the workers.

To cap the climax there is John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who has at least twice counted out his opponents in union elections, the most pompous and intolerant czar in the labor movement, who regularly uses thugs and gun-men against anyone expressing even the mildest opposition to his policies and who is today carrying on a fight against former members of his union who were finally goaded into revolt and built the Progressive Miners of America in Illinois. In the battle which John L. Lewis, together with the coal operators, has been carrying on against these miners, several have been killed and hundreds

These men have done nothing for the workers. They have persecuted, robbed and enslaved them. They will do the same thing under the National Industrial Recovery Act. Let all honest, progressive and radical elements among the workers, organized and unorganized, rise against them. Let us unite to build fighting unions which can stand up against the gigantic industrial combina tions which will be formed under this act, and which can effectively defend the rights of the workers.

BOOKS FOR WORKERS

Empire by J. F. Horrabin. Plebs masses in America, the English books, National Council of Labor masses are hard-workers and poor. Reform becomes the order of the Colleges, England.

got power, why mighty nations All about the settling of America. is the point. Until the workers lions and similar questions. one tells of the rise of the British Empire. The famous seacaptains of the early days of humor. English expansion, brave fellows who plundered and robbed, and brought home shiploads of silver and gold, they are all here. And the slave-traders. One of them writes a pious song, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus," while loading his ship with Negroes for the slave market in new America Pirates, bucaneers, slave-traders all carrying on for gain in the black men in Africa were captured and sold. Business was good. So it was, England, what with the steam-engine, ships, merchants circled the globe, captured continents, rose to power. But who was England?

We learn that the people of England, the masses, the workers, were ground down, life became harder and harder, poverty in creased. So it would seem that the "people" were not England. And indeed, they were not. Quite the contrary: they were thoroughly exploited from their sweat and labors money was coined, and a "class" grew very wealthy and powerful, a band of financiers. And such a band sits today at

A Short History of the British the head of England. Like the jobless.

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> And it's a very good workingclass book.

From the National Council of Labor Colleges in England come will be Morgans and Harrimans phans of children. It leaves a bilized by Socialists and Commutwo other Plebs books, recently reviewed in this column, "Outline of Economic Geography." telling about the warring ado of the capitalist bands that head the big nations in the struggle for wealth shall open or close, and determine and the privilege of exploiting wages and wars. workers, whether American, Engiish, Japanese, Chinese, African, Roosevelt administration is one of Economics" which tells how the tating capitalism. But it can't be workers are exploited, and our done. only remedy-for the workers to

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CAPITALISM THIS IS HOW IT WORKS -By H. A. H. -

Gambling Reforms

Most people enter a crap game or a poker game because they

sionals. This is just as true of what we are pleased to call business or finance as it is of dice fessional gambler always has an advantage over the non-professional. He knows the tricks of reached! the game better, or he uses loaded in his favor. Likewise in the he is on the inside; he is the guy that shuffles the deck.

illustrated by the investigation of the House of Morgan now going on Must Fight to Win in Washington. What chance does the ordinary citizen with a few the stock market, for example, of financiers? It is their business the game. And they make the things into their own hands.

The public, of course, must be wise there would be no stakes. You can't have a crap game withmoney in their pockets. For this reason the game must be kept must be such that Mr. Ordinary he is to invest his hard earned pennies in margin he must believe

fluential individuals. These are very often officials for whom the day. The financiers, the big bankers, give them inside tips which allow them to participate in the winnings. For this little favor it hoped-and not in vain-that there will be no interference with 71/2 feet wide and 3 feet thick, but constitute public opinion, pledge the game.

Of course there are competing groups of professionals. The House of Morgan, for example, against the House of Rockefeller. Occasionally one of these groups steals run on the others: it fails to abide by the rules of the game. By using "unethical" methods this 5-Ton Truck group succeeds in grabbing more than its share of the winnings.

Then the public, the cow that ordered. Scandals are brought out across the east to Chicago, stop- government. into the light of day. And the ping en route to get signatures. public gets more and more excited. It will be one of the attractions A few of the gamblers and those of the Chicago fair for several whether World Peaceways thinks jail. A few more commit suicide. I will be presented to the president And several million of them are day. The statute books are loaded regular session. down with new laws. And per-

> But the game remains. And that probably on the Pacific coast. willingly, learn that it is the game and not the dishonest gamblers that keeps us in poverty and misery, we will continue to be be-

mains, Wall Street remains; there of wives, mourners of mothers, or 4,500 jobless men and women moand Mitchells. And these gam- trail of disease, famine, mutila- nists converged upon City Hall deblers will rule, for the very reason that under the profit-system of wage-slavery, bankers and financiers say whether the factories

The whole program of the German or what, and "Outline of reform-of purifying and rehabili- 128 East 16th Street, New York.

New Killer

WASHINGTON - A bombing acknowledged the year's outstanding development in aeronautics

annual Collier Trophy. Martin's factory is at work on 38 bombing planes for the government at a contract price of \$2,000,-

CHAOS AROUND THE CORNER IF WE FAIL TO ORGANIZE

think they have a chance to win. people were laughing at the phrase is bound to drag back. They hope to obtain something for "prosperity is around the corner." the few who get jobs. This blessed event had been prom-Of course the big winners in all ised so many times and the promgames of chance are the profes- ise not fulfilled, that it became a joke. Now the Roosevelt bally-hoo seems to have led a lot of folks to think that at last the corner throwing or card playing. The pro. around which lurks a fair and wealthy maiden which is to bring great happiness to labor has been

This capitalist system under dice or marked cards. It is his which we now live cannot produce business to see that the odds are any bride who will bring real and permanent happiness to the workgame of finance or business. The ers. Some people however, figure professional player, the banker or that even if this is so, maybe we the business man, holds the aces; can get a short period of "prosperity" and that for people who have had no jobs and no money, The truth of this is being plainly a few jobs and a little money will be an improvement.

So far, however, no fundamental step toward any important economic improvement has been taken, and the workers and farmers when pitted against this combine must be prepared for greater misery and poverty than ever unless table and loaf until they get to play the market. They created they organize to fight and take around to doing the right thing."

money into the pockets of the warned the retailers of the counenable them to buy back the tre- indication of any permanent in services which they can produce if the cream is not all the time Prices Rise, Wages Lag from becoming so raw that the skimmed off by the profiteers and Under the inflation program cow that gives the milk is killed, the works repeatedly gummed up. prices are rising. Wages are not But such a big stepping-up of the rising in accordance with prices. purchasing power of the masses There is no provision for this. The has not been provided by the worker is left worse off. Roosevelt program. On the con-

War and Peace

who had jobs in 1929. This dead Big Business Made Bigger A few months ago the American weight of millions of unemployed people were laughing at the phrase is bound to drag back into misery

National Stagger Plan

What is really proposed under the National Industrial Recovery Act is not putting all the people back to work at adequate wages propose to let big business organbut a nation-wide adoption of the ize into trusts and combines but Stagger Plan. A few gallons of you propose to let them invoke the that gasoline having failed to put law, make criminals out of and out the fire, we are now going to send to jail those who do not pour on a lot more. The Stagger conform to their codes!" Plan sponsored for months by Teagle of the Standard Oil, who is one of the big shots in planning for the administration of the National Industrial Recovery Act, means that instead of a few people working at comparatively wages, a lot of people get a little work at rotten wages.

The argument is that "American thing." workers want work." But as a worker put it the other day: "I rather be independent and respec-

There will be no prosperity un-Everybody agrees that the only der this glorified Stagger Plan. A way to get prosperity is to put big department store executive nduced to enter the game. Other. masses of the people, not a few try recently not to stock up with pennies occasionally but money to a lot of goods because he saw no mendous mass of products and crease in the purchasing power of the masses.

What is possible under this in trary, veterans' allowances have flation is another orgy of speculabeen out. Government employes tion. That is just what is happen have been laid off. A few people ing on the stock exchange today have been sent to Civilian Con- We know what it led to in 1929. One of the methods used by the servation Corps camps and a few Can it lead to anything different Wall Street gamblers to keep con. called back into the factories, but in 1933? Yet the Roosevelt adminhas been put in that there is no orgy although it feels that it is

during the depression so much im- istration has indicated that it feels ers fighting for themselves can proved "labor-saving machinery" powerless to stop the speculative prevent the chaos toward which

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whom they have befriended are weeks and will then start back that war can be ended without made the scape goats and sent to toward Washington where volume first ending Capitalism. Since the governments of the Capitalist nabefore Congress meets for the tions are in the hands of bankers and imperialists who hold wealth As soon as the first volume is and power by armed force, dead The book, though concise and haps a few "honest" public officials well under way, World Peaceways, set against relinquishing the profit the organization in charge of the system and ending exploitation of er volume, the working millions how and who will end war-inside of Capital-The message is to be printed ism? No, must first end the in type four inches high on the system.

United in Song

NEW YORK-Marching in dftrayed by futile gestures at reform. the super-racket, war, as a blind, vided ranks, but singing "Hang J. While the capitalist system re- brutal destroyer. It makes widows P. Morgan to a Sour Apple Tree," tion, death. It imposes crushing manding adequate relief and rent.

The anti-trust laws are to be re-

pealed or weakened under the Roosevelt program. Senator Borah warned the other day that this would put the nation more than ever in the power of big combinations of business. "You not only Hughey Long a dangerous demagogue, who sometimes, however, blurts out the truth, cried out "Oh yes, you'll put people back to work the United States, with more probe ductive power than any other counwith this bill. There won't any unemployed at all. In fact good everybody will have plenty of steady work. They will all be in crisis that won't let loose until jail for violating this infernal sweeping and radical changes have

Roosevelt is also in a dilemma as between his domestic program want work at decent wages and for recovery and his foreign pro no gravy for the profiteers. If I gram, and has not yet decided have to work for nothing I would what to do. His domestic program means rising prices in the United States. He also, however, wants to bring down the tariff so that other nations can pay war debts and private debts to us with goods. If they dump their goods here, that immediately under the capitalist system brings trouble.

Organized Labor Must Act

No, we do not yet have the slightest assurance that we can avoid a much more terrific crash than we have yet had. Senator Wagner, leading spokesman for stands in the way of this must be the Roosevelt administration. lea the cat out of the bag when he de clared in the Senate the other day There has been some slight imday own, produce and distribute

provement. But if we do nothing to speed revival we shall not only lose such gains as have been made italism has now resulted in a state but shall relapse into a chaos the consequence of which are alarming to contemplate." Only the organized power of the work- 6 million unemployed workers." capitalism even in the midst of plenty rushes the masses.

More Warships

dollars.

The administration points out that building twenty destroyers six cruisers, four submarines, two gunboats and two aircraft carriers will give work to the unemployed. Others who took the disarmament message seriously point out that the move is a further preparation for war.

Roosevelt's message to the the House Naval Committee.

Estimating that 46 million dollars would be spent on the program in 1934, Vinson said the present intention was to start construction as soon as possible after enactment of necessary legislation.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- President Roosevelt asks the world to disarm. The announcement is then made that the United States will build 34 battleships at a cost of 230 million

It is at this point that the book falls down. In the past new social orders have come into being by the rise and fall of classes. In tracing the development of capitalism the author speaks in terms of classes, and their divergent and conflicting economic interests. But this order of procedure, this way of development

Queer Harmony

heads of 54 nations, advocating disarmament and complete elimination of weapons of offensive warfare, is in full harmony with the administration's plan to build more battleships, according to Chairman Vinson of

And thus it goes. While the workers, the majority of the people, suffer economic insecurity and poverty, the government spends millions for war

ed as potential forums and consequently as potential material for the movement. The chambers of commerce, Kawanis and Rotarian clubs, are among them. The workers as a class are dismissed, or

tal trial."

overlooked; the job is to be done by the people who will never do it, the self-aggrandizing groups who support capitalism. Mr. Rugg's program for a great

educational movement is splendid, and here he is in his field and far ahead of American schools. He conceives of education as somewhere 'head-learning' is inculcat-If you pitch in today LABOR ACTION can be ed, but as schools of living. But before such a civilized system of workers' republic, and they can't expect the chambers of commerce and the self-aggrandizing groups to other side of the fence, as they are now, fighting for "profits" and cious working class can or will do the Job.

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