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Fusion Silent as Socialists Forge Ahead Krouse Pretzel Pickets Are Giles' Latest Victims

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

SO MORRIS HILLQUIT is dead! News of his passing reached me on Sunday and started a long train of thought within my mind. For the death of Hillquit may prove to be an important event in the chronicles of the American Socialist movement.

HILLQUIT SERVED A definite purpose in the era in which he lived and worked. With Democracies crashing throughout the world, the natural reaction with many people would have been to rush to the "left," to substitute illegality and even terrorism for the old Democratic ideals upon which the American Socialist Party was founded.

Because of his opposition to opportunism within the party, Hillquit gained many opponents, some of whom questioned his wisdom, only a few of whom doubted his sincerity as a Socialist. But Morris Hillquit never wavered in the face of opposition.

WHILE HILLQUIT'S ABSENCE from Socialist circles will be a loss, it will not be fatal to the party's future. For like all good leaders he was a builder, and will leave behind an influence which will guide, if not dominate, future Socialist leaders.

HILLQUIT WAS AGED 63 years. He entered the Socialist movement (Continued on Page Five)

LACKING A REAL APPEAL OLD GANGS MAY DEPEND ON LAST MINUTE SCARES

Shaken by Internal Discord, Democrats and Republicans Are Menaced by Rank and File Revolt Against Fusion Tactics—Court House Row Officials Have Lost Popularity Throughout Rural Berks—Voters, Remembering False Promises of Two Years Ago, Will Not Be Deceived by Fusion Lies In November

With less than a month remaining before the election of 1933, political activity in Reading is still a one-ring show with the Socialists the only actors to appear before the audience.

There are various reasons advanced for this dense silence from the Republican and Democratic camps. One is that the old political gangs are planning upon following their usual tactics of holding their fire and then attempting to win votes by a last-minute campaign of scare-heads and deception.

Old Parties Disrupted Another probable reason for anti-Socialist inactivity is that both old parties feel they must put their own houses in order before they dare come out in a bold front before the rank and file voters.

RED PLOT SCARE IN COAL STRIKE

Operators of Western Penna. Captive Mines Seek to Raise Old Cry to Becloud Issue

WASHINGTON (FP)—If politicians, detectives and steel and coal operators can do so, they are going to pin on "radical agitators" the blame for the coal miners' strike against the captive mines of the steel trust in western Pennsylvania, which is due to the refusal of the steel trust to sign the bituminous coal agreement and code and to permit a union checkoff.

This was the impression given on the eve of the conference at the White House, Oct. 7, between President Roosevelt and the spokesmen of the steel companies, led by Myron Taylor of U. S. Steel and Eugene Grace of Bethlehem Steel.

Washington dispatches to the Philadelphia Public Ledger and other reactionary papers spoke of the federal government's determination to find out the radicals got plenty of money with which to carry on strike agitation and strike relief in western Pennsylvania coal towns.

Johnson Named in Scheme These statements are traced, by (Continued on Page Five)

LABOR APPROVES NRA BUT FEARS FOR THE FUTURE

Low Code Minimums Called Menace to Skilled Wages In Private Talks of Delegates

SEE BIG BOSSES CONTROL

Roosevelt's Threat to Discontented Workers Seen as Advance Defense Against Blue Eagle's Collapse

By CARL HAESSLER

WASHINGTON (FP)—Buoyant and confident on the surface under Roosevelt's NRA, profuse in expressing loyalty to the president's policies, the delegates to the 53d annual convention of the American Federation of Labor utter different sentiments when they are speaking off the record.

Though eager to get what crumbs and solid leaves may be snatched for their members under the new deal they are by no means assured that there is much left on the Roosevelt table to scramble for.

"The NRA will fail before the snow is gone," predicts a delegate from the northeast. "The blue eagle will be forgotten in a couple of months," says a union label crusader of considerable standing. "It's shooting skilled wages to hell," says the president of an international union in the food industry.

Skeptical of Labor Boards The labor boards and other authorities of the new deal are looked upon by unionists who have run up against them as less helpful than had been expected.

Between loyalty to Roosevelt policies and anger over Roosevelt's failure to put teeth into the enforcement of those policies, it is likely that anger will get the upper hand.

Production Up; Wages Down That pictures the collapse of the NRA graphically but it does not show the reason. However, Federal (Continued on Page Four)

TRADES COUNCIL TO STUDY LOANS AND AMENDMENTS

At a special meeting of all delegates to the Federated Trades Council in hosiery union headquarters, at 10th and Penn streets, next Tuesday night, Labor's attitude toward the municipal loans and state amendments which will appear on the ballot in November will be discussed.

A committee composed of Earl White, George Mason, Edward Callaghan, Andrew P. Bower and George M. Rhodes is now making a study of the subject. This committee will meet at Federated Trades headquarters, 705 Walnut street, Monday at 9 a. m., and will make a report at Tuesday's meeting.

Boy Strikers, Lured From Homes, Held Over Night In City Cells

Unsupported Complaint That Krouse Pretzel Pickets Were Noisy Brings Quick Action From Giles' Men. Five Taken From Homes Without Warrant, on Trivial Pretext, Released Next Morning at Police Court

That Reading's police are being used in the service of the employers of this city and against workers who strike to win better working and living conditions was again demonstrated late Tuesday night when five, workers, all under 21 years of age, were taken from their homes without warrants by city detectives, held over night in city hall cells, and then discharged by Alderman Schmehl of the 11th Ward.

BREWERS LOSE JURISDICTION

A. F. of L. Convention Takes Authority Over Engineers, Firemen and Teamsters From Union In Stormy Session

WASHINGTON (FP)—First fire in the 53rd annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was drawn October 10 when part of the morning and the entire afternoon session were devoted to the jurisdictional war between the brewery workers on one hand and the teamsters, engineers and firemen on the other.

The brewery workers appealed to the convention from the decision of the A. F. of L. executive council giving brewery drivers, engineers and firemen over to their respective craft unions. Brewery workers' officials declared that the decision meant the death of their union.

He denounced this "attempted raid" on a union which had once controlled the industry 100% and would again "if not molested." He wondered why the laundry workers had forgotten to claim the keg and bottle washers, or the janitors those who clean the breweries.

SOCIALIST TOPS G. O. P. IN ARIZONA ELECTION

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Dillworth E. Sumpter, Socialist, ran ahead of the Republican nominee by nearly two thousand votes in a special congressional election to choose a successor to Lewis W. Douglas, who resigned to be director of the budget for the Roosevelt administration.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS OFFER WRAW RADIO PROGRAM

An additional Socialist radio activity is announced by the Young Peoples Socialist League of Local Berks. Under arrangements with radio station WRAW, the Ypsels will broadcast 15 minute talks on alternate Monday nights, beginning at 7:15 p. m.

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

FIGHTING IT OUT ON THE HOSEIERY FRONT

This week's ruling by the National Labor Board, under which the hosiery dictators of Wyomissing and Reading are ordered to make written agreements with representatives of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, was a battle gained. But the war in the hosiery front is not over.

Hosiery workers are going to find that their employers are going to bargain with their usual craft and greed when agreements are submitted. Differences will arise as soon as the two groups get together, differences which must, under government requirements, be adjusted by arbitration and with the approval of the National Recovery Administration.

With the government taking an increasingly-commanding position in the establishment of relations between employers and workers, the need for workers to extend their attention and activities to politics should become apparent. As long as the industries of the nation are permitted to remain in private hands, and as long as private profit is the incentive for industrial activity, there can be no such thing as absolute impartiality.

Two jobs lie ahead. One is to constantly strengthen economic organizations. The other is to get control of the machinery of government. Labor has the numbers and can do both jobs easily if workers learn to work together.

THE "BUY NOW" CAMPAIGN

Not for a minute do we question the wisdom of buying the things one needs. By all means, do it now—if you have the money. However, baloney is not accepted as legal tender. Merchants demand and must have cash.

If the "Buy Now" drive is not meeting with the response which our local merchants expected, they can find the reason by examining the pay envelopes which most of Reading's workers receive. In a number of cases code minimums have been accepted as an excuse for actually cutting wages which were already too low to provide decent family existence. And we leave it to the good sense of our merchants to decide what must be the result of such wage practices.

There will always be some spending; as much and as very little more than can be covered by the cash and credit of the working people. For many years we have been repeating this obvious truth to local business men whose prosperity depends upon the prosperity of their customers. In so doing we have not been using language for the sake of hearing (Continued on Page Two)

HOAN NAILS LIE ABOUT MILWAU'EE

Socialist Mayor Tells Buffalo Official Statement That Story Of Financial Collapse Is Untrue

MILWAUKEE.—In a stinging letter to Mayor Charles Roesch of Buffalo, Mayor Daniel W. Hoan took cognizance of the nationwide newspaper campaign to discredit Milwaukee's Socialist administration by characterizing as "an outrageous lie" his charge that Milwaukee "has been in a state of financial collapse for months."

Buffalo newspapers have given extensive publicity to Hoan's letter and Roesch is quoted as being "too busy to reply."

The statement which prompted Mayor Hoan's letter was made by the Buffalo mayor in a recent campaign broadcast advocating the election of the Republican mayoralty candidate as his successor, and reads as follows: "For example, Milwaukee, widely heralded three years ago as a shining example of municipal efficiency, has been in a state of financial collapse for months, unable adequately to finance essential services, meet debt obligations or find cash for payrolls." Debts, Payrolls, Fully Met. When a Buffalo Socialist sent him a copy of the speech containing this (Continued on Page Five)

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Sell Jobs To Teachers

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Job selling by rural school trustees has been uncovered by committees from the Texas State Teachers' Association. The trustees, Pres. H. W. Stillwell said, sold jobs to teachers by exacting certain monthly percentages of the teachers' salaries in return for employment.

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CAMPAIGN MEETINGS FOR COMING WEEK

CITY

Friday, Oct. 13th—10th and Spruce Sts.: Jesse George and Birch Wilson. Lance Place and Douglass St.: J. H. Stump and Annie Zechman. Moss and Union Sts.: Wm. Hoverter and Raymond S. Hofses.

Monday, Oct. 16th—Fifth and Laurel Sts.: Birch Wilson and William C. Hoverter. Buttonwood and Gordon Sts.: Jesse George and Miles Williams. Park and Carrol Sts.: Raymond S. Hofses and J. Henry Stump.

Tuesday, Oct. 17th—Lacust and Buttonwood Sts.: Raymond S. Hofses and Birch Wilson. 14th and Amity Sts.: William C. Hoverter and Miles Williams, with a hand concert by the Socialist Band from 7:30 to 8 p. m. Schuykill ave. and Warren st.: Jesse George and Lilith Wilson.

Wednesday, Oct. 18th—8th and Chestnut Sts.: J. Henry Stump and Jesse George. 13th and Oley Sts.: William C. Hoverter and Charles Sands.

Thursday, Oct. 19th—Church and Perry Sts.: Jesse George and J. Henry Stump. Birch and Robeson Sts.: Howard Moser and Raymond S. Hofses.

Friday, Oct. 20th—Chapel Terrace and Spruce Sts.: Jesse George and Raymond S. Hofses. 13th and Elm Sts.: William C. Hoverter and J. Henry Stump.

COUNTY

Friday, Oct. 13th—Kenhorst at Upland and Commonwealth Blvd.: James Wesner and Charles Sands. Berkshire Heights at School House: Albert Hartman and Stewart Tomlinson.

Boyetown at Reading and Philadelphia Aves.: Amos Lesher and Max Putney. Hyde Villa at 500 Block Raymond St.: Walter Hollinger and Jacob Hiestand. West Lawn at Fire House: Lilith Wilson and Cleve Long. Oley Line at Hotel: Darlington Hoopes.

Saturday, Oct. 14th—Hamburg at 4th and State Sts.: Howard Moser and James Roslin.

Monday, Oct. 16th—Half-Way House on the Kutztown Pike: Harry Alexander and Mark Seltzer. Temple, at Brunner's Hotel: Howard Moser and Darlington Hoopes.

Tuesday, Oct. 17th—Winemont, at Hotel: Stewart Tomlinson and Wm. Schweren. Gechter's Gas Station on Philadelphia Pike: James Wesner and James Roslin. Womelsdorf, at Seltzer House: Howard Moser and Albert Hartman. Stony Creek Mills at Post Office, 7:30 p. m.: Amos Lesher and Lilith Wilson.

Wednesday, Oct. 18th—Hyde Park, at Jefferson St. and Kutztown Rd.: Miles Williams and Annie Zechman.

Thursday, Oct. 19th—Shillington, at New Holland and Lancaster Aves.: James Wesner and Lilith Wilson. Montello Club House on the New Holland Road: Wm. Schweren and Charles Sands. Laureldale, at Holby St. and Belmont Ave.: Miles Williams and Annie Zechman.

Friday, Oct. 20th—Jacksonwald, at Hotel, 7:30 p. m.: Howard Moser and Fred Merkel. West Reading, at 3rd and Spruce Sts.: James Wesner and James Roslin.

Laureldale, at Yerger's Store: Charles Sands and Lilith Wilson. Kenhorst, at Haag Blvd. and New Holland Road: Darlington Hoopes and Birch Wilson.

W. Wymissing, at Civic Hall: Albert Hartman and Stewart Tomlinson. Birdsboro, at Milloni Apts.: Miles Williams and Annie Zechman. Penwyn, at School House: Amos Lesher.

Saturday, Oct. 21st—Gibraltar Fire House: Howard Moser.

Fascist Mayor Shows Colors

CLEVELAND.—Harry L. Davis, Republican candidate for mayor, shares his office with the Vigilantes, a newly-organized fascist organization. Davis is stressing the fact that he did not permit free speech during the war when he was Cleveland's chief executive.

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WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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ourselves talk. On the contrary, we want results. What we aim to do is to convince the merchant that his interests are more the interests of workers than employers. Merchants who understand that will always be glad to assist workers in their struggles for constantly increasing living standards.

PERHAPS THE BANKS WILL OPEN

In language which is far from definite a newspaper story in the local papers hints that there may be some kind of arrangement whereby the people of Reading may get about 25% of their deposits out of banks which have been "frozen" since last March.

For small favors let us be truly grateful, BUT—

The collapse of our financial institutions is more likely to be emphasized by the reopening—when and if it happens—than by the closing of the banks. When the people get what the banks give them they will be receiving dollars which are less valuable than the dollars they deposited. Moreover, they will get their dollars at a time when many of them are deep in debt and their savings will soon vanish.

It doesn't seem like much excuse for cheering to be told that the hundred dollars which we saved will now entitle us to write a check for twenty-five dollars. What became of the other seventy-five? Perhaps an examination of the tax exempt securities which are in the safety deposit boxes of our big industrialists would help to answer that question.

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Veal Chops . . . 15c lb
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1311 N. 9th Street: Card party under the auspices of the Northeast Women.

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GIBRALTAR BRANCH

The Gibraltar Branch will hold a card party on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 8 p. m., in the Fire Hall. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Howard Moser, candidate for Recorder of Deeds, will address the meeting with local candidates on the program. Comrades and friends are invited to pay our Robeson township branch a visit and all are assured of a good time. Don't forget the time and place.

Friday night's meeting at Upland and Commonwealth blvds. will have entertainment on the program besides the speakers, James Wesner and Charles Sands. Comrades are urged to bring their friends to this meeting as it promises to be one of the most important meetings of the borough.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

To those branch secretaries who have failed to send in their third quarterly report, do so at once. We need that report.

PIONEER THIS SUNDAY

Be at your post for a literature distribution, comrades. The first campaign Pioneer of the year will be sent out over the city and county on Sunday. Let every man do his bit and the job will be easy.

YOU'RE INVITED TO Y. P. S. L. HOUSEWARMING PARTY

Don't miss the Housewarming Party of the Yipsels at their new headquarters, 619 Walnut street, on Sunday, October 15. Refreshments will be served and entertainment is arranged for the evening. The headquarters will be open all day for inspection. Socialist Party members and friends are especially invited to attend. As this is the biggest step

ever taken by the Y. P. S. L., we hope that all will co-operate to make it a success.

Y. P. S. L. ACTIVITIES

Circle 1, Hallow'en Party.

Circle 2, Session of the Socialist Party Advisory Committee on the verdict handed down by the Grievance Committee of the Y. P. S. L.

Circle 6, Eric Kruse on Unemployment-Relief.

The second meeting of the Yipsel members of the Senior High School and also all Socialist sympathizers will be held on Tuesday night, Oct. 17, at the Y. P. S. L. headquarters.

The Young Democrats have accepted the challenge of the Y. P. S. L. to debate them on the question, "Resolved, That the National Recovery Act will bring permanent prosperity for the United States." The Y. P. S. L. to take the negative. The time and place of the debate will be announced later.

All circle secretaries are for the last time requested to send in a report of the condition of their circle for the last three months to the county, state and national office. Failure to do this will open circle officers to removal from office. The report should include the number of members admitted, number dropped, general finances, how many dues stamps sold, bought from the county office, and the general condition of the circle. Send the reports to 122 Ninth street, Pittsburgh, and 549 Randolph street, Chicago, Ill., and give the county report to your C. E. P. representative or organizer assigned to your circle.

LABOR APPROVES

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tions are apparently mounting to explosive heat. That is why, as delegates conjecture, Roosevelt issued his warning at the Gompers memorial dedication that horses that won't work in harness must be locked up. He senses the rising labor storm and the crash of the NRA house of cards. Labor men fear that it will be the labor horses, not the employer steeds, that are to be locked up. One guess is that Roosevelt will use the radio to brand all foes of labor regimentation as reds and that Attorney General Cummings will revive the Palmer reign of terror of the Wilson war and post-war days.

Prominent in the ranks of angry and restless workers are the government employes, including the postal workers. They are ready to call Roosevelt all sorts of names, and do so under their breath, because that great prophet of larger purchasing power for the masses has slashed them with a 15% straight cut and maintained the Hoover furlough cut of 7% additional, though it seems that the furlough may be lifted. On top of these cuts are continued firing of workers from all departments, including highly trained scientists of whom 30 were recently put on payless furlough for three months in the geological survey with no guarantee that there would be pay for them after that—a practical dismissal.

For the first time since NRA was born the monthly survey of business of the A. F. of L. sounds a less hopeful tone. Usually exaggeratedly optimistic, the survey in its October issue admits that "the business mood at present is one of uncertainty." Though trying to reassure its readers it has to concede again that "uncertainties cloud the outlook." To the trade union official these uncertainties in concrete form are hordes of unemployed members, falling wages for the skilled, victimization of active unionists by employers. To the rank and file it may mean even death as to the miner pickets in Illinois or to the steel strikers in Pennsylvania, countless bruises and broken bones and internal injuries inflicted by police and company gunmen on strik-

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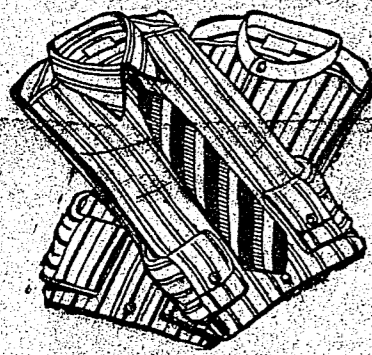
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Reserve Board figures show the reason with equal vividness. The Federal Reserve keeps an index showing three figures, industrial production, wages and employment. The recovery program was announced as bringing the wages index back closer to the production index so workers could buy products and prosperity would return. What has happened has been the exact opposite.

The index for July during the last few years has been as follows:

	Goods	Pay	Jobs
1923	104	103	106
1929	124	105	103
1930	93	82	87
1931	82	64	75
1932	58	40	58
1933	98	50	70

It will be noted that wages had jumped from 40 to 50 from July, 1932, to July, 1933; thus an increase of 25% was shown and many wonder why there are strikes when wages have been increased 25%.

But at the same time the production of goods had leaped from 58 to 98. In short, the worker was getting half as much relatively as he had obtained before either the depression or the NRA hit him. The results were lack of purchasing power, unsatisfactory retail trade, panicky collapse in production—the deflationary vicious circle was operating again. Millions still believe the idea of shorter hours and higher wages sound. They look to Roosevelt to begin his long promised, long delayed spanking of chisellers; or, disillusioned, they turn to their own spanking.

And that is the one bright spot in the picture of the collapse of the hopes of the millions of unemployed—the splendid struggle of those employed to bring about a real recovery program. Apparently at the order of the big four of American industry—Morgan, Rockefeller, Mellon, Ford—the great industries, coal, steel, automobiles, oil, are fighting recovery doggedly. In the first three of those industries more than 100,000 workers are fighting to make NRA phrases into reality, fighting for the 30-hour week, decent pay and a union. At least 11 millions are still jobless, 25% of the whole population of some states are still on inadequate relief, the winter is upon us. Perhaps only an army of a million fighting workers on strike will save us from the greatest suffering of the depression.



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LACKING

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For Fusion has opened the eyes of many people to the fact that there is no real difference between the two political tools of the collapsed Capitalist system. Thousands of rank and file of Democrats and Republicans, who once believed that their parties were right, now view local leaders as a group of self-seeking opportunists who will sacrifice party principles at any time in order to win the spoils of office. But more than that, Fusion was accomplished at this year's primaries only by dashing the hopes and hurting the feelings of a number of stalwart party leaders who feel that they were sacrificed in order to place men on the Fusion ballot who had no claim to political favoritism. That feeling leaves a bad taste and some influential individuals in both the Democratic and Republican camps are openly declaring that they will have nothing to do with the Fusion slate.

Disrupted in the County

While the Democrats are split wide open in rural Berks, as a result of the inability of party leaders to give political plums to all henchmen who find themselves in need of jobs as a result of the depression, Democratic leaders are counting upon the appeal which they will later make in the name of Franklin D. Roosevelt to keep normally-Democratic Berks in line.

But the county Democrats too have a feeling that their politicians have fallen down on the job. They have not forgotten the questionable and never-explained manner in which the Democrats of court house row permitted one Russ Symontowne to take hundreds of dollars out of the Poor Board's treasury by issuing checks in the name of a speakeasy girl. They have learned with disgust that the "fine new jail" about which their political favorites boasted a year ago, was constructed in such a manner that the walls will not hold water or the soft iron bars hold prisoners. They have seen the poor of Berks denied sufficient relief while the county treasury touched bottom. And the accept as a foregone conclusion the prospect of tax increases in the near future. As a consequence, many county Democrats are ready to break away from their leaders of former years.

Reading Voters Serious

In every street meeting held by the Socialists of Reading the crowds which came to listen gave every indication that they were doing a lot of serious thinking. They are thinking about the thousands of sheriff sales which have taken the homes away from workingclass families. They are thinking about wages which are far short of sufficient to meet ordinary living requirements. They are thinking of the strikes, so bitterly contested by the backers of Fusion two years ago and of the tear gas and policemen's clubs which were used by Reading's Fusion police officials to intimidate pickets and drive the strikers into submission to the bosses who financed the Fusion campaign of 1931.

Instead of outbursts of enthusiastic applause, there are many questions asked by people in the Socialist speakers' audiences. And after the meetings are adjourned it is a common sight to see workers standing in groups and "talking it over".

Fusion Lies Won't Work

Two years ago the Fusion attack was characterized by outright lies. During the final days of the campaign the people were told that the Socialists would tear the American flag from public buildings and cast the bible from the public schools. More than that, the Fusionists threatened the people with the loss of industries and appealed for votes with the statement to a Fusion victory would "Keep the Shops in Reading".

That line of attack "worked" two years ago. But Socialists are confident that it will not "work" this year. Since then the voters of Reading have had two years in which to suffer and think. They now know that they were deceived. The shops

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Socialists Confident. In the face of economic conditions which must be laid at the door of both old political parties, the Socialists are going about the work of the campaign confident that this year Fusion will be beaten. They are pointing to the sad results of old party victories in the past. They are also refreshing the memories of Reading's voters upon the efficient and progressive administration which the Socialists gave to Reading until many voters permitted themselves to

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good its pledge of justice to the miners. Pinchot's arrival had been preceded by a private comment by one of the White House secretaries to the effect that Pinchot was a trouble-maker who dragged his own problems to the White House doorstep. This comment was not however, traced to any inspiration from Roosevelt; it was rather thought to reflect the desire of men close to the President to make him quarrel with Pinchot and thereby strengthen the position of the steel companies.

About 11 years ago, it is recalled, Pinchot as governor of Pennsylvania negotiated a favorable settlement of the bituminous strike at that time, when Secretary of Commerce Hoover sent agents to Harrisburg to try to induce John L. Lewis and other union leaders to break off these negotiations and let Hoover handle the case. Samuel Gompers was informed of this situation, and in the middle of the night left his home to rush to Harrisburg and plead with the miners' officials not to break with Pinchot. His advice prevailed, and the union thanked Pinchot for the best terms it had ever negotiated with the operators.

BOY STRIKERS

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 that they gave the name of the woman to the police and requested her arrest but the police refused to take any action in the matter.

Rhodes Defends Boys
 At police court, Wednesday morning, George Rhodes, president of the Federated Trades Council, presented himself as counsel for the arrested boys. However, Alderman Schmehl, acting as police magistrate, declared that Rhodes could not speak for the boys because he was not a lawyer of the Berks County Bar. Schmehl closed the case by releasing the boys from custody.

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rectify the damage you have done."
 Mayor Hoan then informed the Buffalo mayor that Milwaukee "promptly and fully met every debt obligation on the very day the payments became due"; that this year, and last year, Milwaukee retired \$4,000,000 of bonds without issuing new bonds; that not one cent has been borrowed from banks to operate the city during 1933; that every service has been maintained and that the city employees have all been paid in full to date. Thus the Buffalo mayor has been wrong on all counts, the Milwaukee mayor points out.

"Tax Strike" Unsuccessful
 The recent conspiracy of the real estate interests to hold up tax payments in an effort to embarrass the municipal government forced the city to postpone several payrolls during the summer, which was the only element of truth in the publicity attacking Milwaukee. This "tax strike" has now been broken, at least enough that it has been possible to pay all city employees in full.

In commenting on his controversy with the mayor of Buffalo, Hoan charged that this is merely a part of a nationwide campaign to besmirch Milwaukee's reputation for municipal leadership and to discredit the Socialists. The indictment of two former anti-Socialist officials, and the seizure of one of them, are seized upon as a pretext to create the impression that somehow the Socialists are to blame for all this. The fact

is that the former city treasurer was defeated by a Socialist a year ago and the city comptroller, whose personal honesty was never in question, was driven to suicide by ill health and despondency over financial difficulties. The attempt to link these incidents with Milwaukee's Socialist administration shows to what lengths the opposition will go in an effort to discredit the Socialists, Mayor Hoan concluded.

RED PLOT

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 rumer in the capital, to a secret press conference conducted by Recovery Administrator Johnson, on the evening of Oct. 6, in which he is alleged to have explained the coal-steel strike situation. He is said to have declared that the officers of the United Mine Workers were insisting that their men go back to work, regardless of whether the owners of the captive mines sign the union agreement, but that radical agitators have kept the men on strike. Johnson is credited with having stated that the union officials insist on the other hand that the checkoff must be established in the captive mines, because failure to make the checkoff universal will result in its abandonment in the commercial mines.

In the course of this secret interview, Johnson is represented to have said that agitators drive around the coal fields in powerful cars, armed, and with abundant funds—but that while some reports are that they are backed by the radicals, other reports are that the steel companies seem to be backing them. Finally, there was the suggestion that Gov. Pinchot could, if he would, stamp out this motor-mounted agitation at any time, and permit peace to reign in the coal-steel region.

Pinchot Denounces Operators
 That very day Pinchot had come to Washington and given to Johnson a forceful description of the civil warfare forced upon the miners by the steel barons. He had denounced the steel managers and had warned Johnson that the NRA must come of its coercive powers if it is to make

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 reference to Milwaukee, Hoan promptly replied:
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WILL BALLYHOO CHANGE THE PROFITEERS?

There is a real reason why the ballyhoo of 1933 will not succeed as well as the same course in opinion-making did in 1917. Back in the days of the war it was the WORKERS who were to be psychologized. Today the MASTERS of industry are the ones who must have their opinions and objectives changed.

It is a comparatively easy task to make millions of ordinary people willing to sacrifice their lives in a war about which they know nothing. The very ignorance of the masses about fundamental causes renders it a simple matter for those who control the sources of information and publicity to arouse the people to frenzies of patriotism and glory. But it is not so easy to fool the big money grabbers. They do not reach conclusions blindly. On the contrary, their judgments and actions are determined solely and only by the figures which appear at the bottom of balance sheets.

The success of the NRA—so long as it is based upon the voluntary co-operation of the American people—requires that the difficult thing shall be done. What must be accomplished is to find the appeal which will cause the American plunderer to willingly forego a large share of their profits in order that the millions now unemployed may be put to work.

More than that, the willing sacrifice must be in far greater volume than anybody connected with the National Recovery Administration appears to realize. The workers must be given a lot more than the codes thus far approved allow them. And the unemployed must get infinitely more than the food, clothing and fuel allowances which are now being promised for the fast-approaching winter.

Why must more than that be given to the under-privileged millions? Because unless the power is given them to CONSUME abundantly, this economic system, based as it is upon the ability to PRODUCE abundantly, can not continue. Industry has collapsed, not because millions refuse to be kept in poverty, but because the many have consented to produce much and consume little.

But there a contradiction appears. To give more to the many it will be necessary to take much—very, very much—from the few. And regardless of how much prosperity can be given the masses in that way, such prosperity will be considered as the deepest kind of failure by the owning classes. So the problem recurs. How can the OWNERS be fooled or forced to take less? It is the owners who must be brought into line—not the workers. That's what makes the job of the NRA so difficult. It is easy to fool workers and keep them in economic bondage. Their chief complaint today is that the master class is no longer able to use them. But it is hard to fool exploiters whose only yardstick for the measurement of success is the amount which they can take for themselves by utilizing men and machines.

There is the job which must be done. The owning class has no interest in doing it. Only Socialist workers can be depended upon to see it through. For only Socialists are ready to scrap all old concepts of success and conduct human endeavor for the sole purpose of social welfare rather than private profit.

A THREAT TO LIBERTY

At a memorial meeting in honor of the late Samuel Gompers in Washington last Saturday, President Franklin D. Roosevelt uttered words which are fraught with a significance which no free-minded American dare ignore. Terming workers who are not willing to fall in line with his present schemes as "hot heads" and comparing them with horses seeking to kick over the traces, Mr. Roosevelt pointedly suggested that those folks would have to be "lassoed" and "put in a corral."

There is a familiar ring to Mr. Roosevelt's suggestion. In scarcely less peremptory style it issues the warning which, during the days of the world war, was uttered by Attorney General Gregory: "Obey the law and keep your mouth shut."

Following that warning dire consequences were visited upon many who refused to be silenced. Eugene V. Debs was sent to prison for daring to say the same things about the war which President Woodrow Wilson said about it after the blood-letting was over. Socialist newspapers were denied the mails. And, acting in the spirit of autocrats in office, unauthorized mobs preyed upon and mistreated Socialists and others who insisted upon disbelieving patent lies and telling the truth as they saw it about the war.

The implications contained in Roosevelt's threatening language are even more sinister today than they were back in 1917. For today Fascism and dictatorship has become more powerful throughout the world and therefore more "respectable." During the days of the war an open dictatorship would have left even some patriots gasping. Today finds the nation so beaten by depression that only a few would care to resist the curtailing of practically every civil liberty.

The prospect is particularly distasteful to us because we

have never been able to learn to stand in traces. Socialists are not of that breed—all too common—which is grateful to a driver who will save them the trouble of thinking by teaching them the meaning of "Giddap," "haw," "gee," "whoa" and "back up." On the contrary, Socialists are, on the whole, thinking people who arrive at their own conclusions by reasoning along scientific economic lines and then insist upon voiding their conclusions.

If what happened in other so-called "democracies" is to be taken as a pattern for suppression of untameable minorities in these United States, then, indeed, dark days are ahead. The prospect of Mr. Roosevelt making good his threat makes it more important than ever that the workers should unite in industry and politics and shape the course of future events.

IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALIEN?

Although President Roosevelt made anti-sectionalism one of the burdens of his talk at the American Legion's convention at Chicago, another of his points was the advocacy of classlessness. He also interspersed between rousing enthusiasm for the flag, and for the preservation of what has been our social order, the hint that we should want no alien form of government.

Sectionalism, to say the least possible here about it, will occur depending upon how such sections as the principal city of his home State continue to methodically withdraw wealth from the rest of these United States.

As for classlessness, that is an utter impossibility under capitalism; financialism exploiting labor being the basis upon which capitalism in any form, camouflaged or otherwise, definitely depends for existence at all. That means a financial taking-class and a labor making-class; the two classes with such totally opposing interests as to have engendered the philosophy of Socialism for their neutralization—indicating the extinction of the financial class of mere takers.

If Mr. Roosevelt actually wants classlessness, and we hope he does, and we think he knows at any rate that it is not far away from the present moment, he is hereby urged to refer to said philosophy of Socialism for the simple and immediate method of obtaining it. To ourselves it has been no secret process these many years; and even the experts of technology began to discover its simplicities and socially preservative benefits a few years ago, as they have lately emphatically announced as Technocrats.

We need no alien form of government, as it is termed; for whatever changes in form we adopt through our own as it is, will have nothing alien about it. Americans having made the changes, they will be our own; and from all signs now, those changes will be to Socialism!

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL E. SEIDMAN

MAIL SUBSIDIES

The hearings before the Senate committee investigating the mail subsidies to shipping lines have revealed a sink of corruption equal to any in the history of American business. Crooked dealings, false entries in books, purchased governmental favoritism, dismissal of honest employees who objected to irregularities, loans to government officials concealed by false entries in the books—these are but a few of the practices of the shipping companies uncovered by the investigation.

This is the American merchant marine that we have been developing with the aid of mail subsidies that ran as high as \$66,000 per pound of mail carried. The shipping companies needed such help so badly, it should be noted, that the president of one of them spent more than \$300,000 a year on his personal expenses in Washington. And these subsidies, costing \$20,000,000 a year, help to swell the postal deficit and are used as proof that the government cannot run business as efficiently as private persons and corporations!

Back of every unnecessary expenditure of public funds will be found the organized demand of "individualistic" business men who stand to profit by such expenditures. The theory of business men is that the cost of business run at a loss should be borne by the government, but that the government should step aside the moment profits become possible, and allow private interests to reap the golden harvest.

Meanwhile, in the same postal service that must throw away millions in subsidies, substitute clerks and carriers who have been faithful public servants for seven years or more are given no opportunities in many cities to earn a living. Thousands of postal substitutes earn no more than three dollars a week; and the help recently offered by the government was in the form of permitting public relief agencies to give these men charitable relief.

Some day, let us hope, the working people of this country will learn that economic and political organization is the only remedy for their desperate situation, and that a mass political party of the working masses could run this country for the benefit of all instead of in the interests of a handful of industrial autocrats.

FEDERAL AID TO BANKING

In line with the government's policy of postal subsidies is the new plan announced by Roosevelt to aid

the banks. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is to purchase preferred stock of the banks of the country in order to provide them with money for credit expansion. This money the banks will then be expected to pass on to industry—at a handsome profit for themselves, of course.

The President makes it very clear that by this device he has no intention to seek to control the banks. There was little need for this assurance, however, for Mr. Roosevelt has treated the banks as gently as possible. When the banking system utterly collapsed, the very day the chief executive assumed office, it should have been clear to every student of affairs that our chaotic, profit-based banks had outlived their usefulness, and that only a socialized banking system could provide security to the nation's depositors.

President Roosevelt's concern, however, has been to save as much of the wreckage as possible for the benefit of the bankers, and have the government provide for them as much money and credit as they need. He could easily have established a socialized banking system last spring, just as he could now use the preferred stock holdings to control their policies in the public interest. But Roosevelt's chief concern is the right of bankers to their profits, not the right of the public to a socialized banking system that would provide perfect security for deposits and loans for valuable enterprises at low rates.

RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA

It is welcome news indeed that the Administration plans shortly to recognize Russia. Whatever its defects, the Soviet regime is building Socialism and operating the country in the interests of the working masses. The debts for years have been only minor obstacles, and Communist propaganda is no longer an important consideration. It was blind fear and hate on the part of the American wealthy class and their political spokesmen that prevented recognition.

Business men, quick to change their time when profits are involved, now clamor for recognition in order that they may sell the Soviet the machinery and raw materials made necessary by the Five-Year Plans. It is

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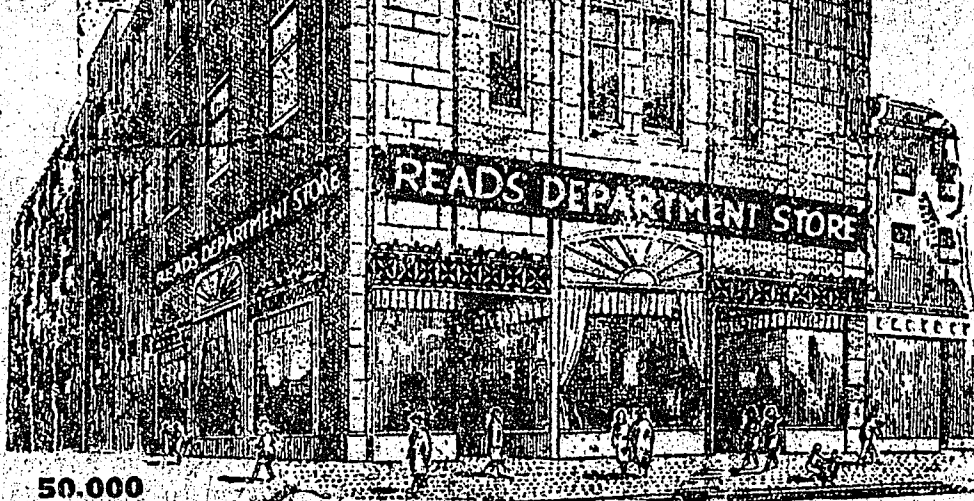
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BREWERS

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Aspirations of engineers are entirely different from other workers in the brewery industry. Engineers protected by their own union had won better conditions than those under the brewery workers' union, he claimed.

President Daniel Tobin, of the teamsters and chauffeurs union, denied his union had ever yielded jurisdiction over drivers to the brewery workers and denounced as a "forgery" any signature of his that might appear on such an agreement. He recounted that the brewery workers' charter had been revoked in 1906 on jurisdictional grounds. "They were reelected," he said, "only when some wild, radicals, miners of those days, most of them Socialists, appealed to the convention." The brewery workers agreed then to respect teamsters' jurisdiction, he said.

Tobin denounced jurisdictional conflicts as imperiling the future of organized labor. "Unless the labor movement," he said, "faces realities, we'll be having a labor movement by law rather than by choice. Unless we can settle disputes within our own ranks, the government will do it for us. Why should contractors, for instance, have work tied up when they are willing to pay the union scale?"

Obergfell of the brewery workers, in rebuttal, claimed that jurisdictional disputes had broken up the brewery workers' organization in the Minneapolis flour mills. A detective agency there helped to disrupt the union by appealing to mechanics to demand separate craft unions. He

claimed jurisdiction over drivers and others because his union antedated the organization of the teamsters', engineers' and firemen's international union. "The teamsters' claim that brewery truck drivers are not brewery workers," he said. "Will they say that milk and dairy plant workers are teamsters? Nevertheless they are in the teamsters' union."

Obergfell denied that the issue was one of industrial vs. craft unionism but merely of the brewery workers' prior right to all workers in and about breweries due to their organization as an international long before other crafts were organized. In many cases, as a result of the present conflict, teamsters are hauling scab beer or refusing to haul union beer, he claimed. Such conflicts can be avoided only by having all workers in the brewing industry in one union.

Half of the 6,000 votes cast for the brewery workers came from the miners. Other unions supporting the brewery workers were the bakers, teachers, seamen, printing pressmen, railroad telegraphers, hosiery workers, paper mill workers, potters, cloth cap and hat workers and lithographers. "Nearly all the other internationals supported the teamsters, engineers and firemen."

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