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Mine Union Slips As Officials Oust **Honest Militants**

Conspire with Government Agents to Drive Militants From Progressive Miners Union in Illinois

Were Founders

Gerry Allard, Editor of "Fighting Miner," Faces Charges

(Special to Labor Action)

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.-The Proressive Miners of America, product of militant miners fight for Date of Mississippi Valley over a year, is now on the downhill pull since the officials of that organization are making good their promises to weed out the radicals who made the existence of the new Illinois miners union possible.

Gerry Allard, who was removed as editor of the official organ, the "Progressive Miner," because of his fight against rank and file ceusorship and for a consistent left-wing line of policies, is now confronted with charges which may lead to his expulsion from the Progressive Miners' Union. Allard is charged with "being detrimental to the P.M. of A." because he has accepted the editorship of the "Fighting Miner" a national independent left-wing the formation of state unemployed

Radicals Attacked

The latest victim of the systematic attack against all radicals within the P. M. of A. is John Battuello, former Chairman of the District Trial Board who protested against the reactionary shift of the union leaders. Battuello was fired by the Superior Coal Company mines at Gillespie because he picketed those mines during the recent march on Springfield protesting against the Organizations Increase notorious Richberg decree. Joe

position on the discharge. Lewis in 1924 international elections and Joe Angelo, a Springfield militant have been expelled from the ranks of the P. M. of A. by the new machine in Illinois miners' affairs.

Excuses Trumped-Up

Voyzey was that they had no jobs Montgomery and Macoupin Countherefore they were not eligible to ties are particularly insistent. union membership. This excuse is a rather flimsy one in view of the 30 million dollars before Federal great unemployment that exists aid is given has forced authorities fused to join the P. M. of A.

The drive against radicals is the of A. and Government officials, acting as agents of the coal operators. Pearcy agreed to the no strike rule BLUE EAGLE FIRM PUTS of the Federal Government as well as other notorious arrangements which the rank and file of the Illinois miners do not approve.

School has just started operation labor. . here. The school made possible by The strike is the result of a ter-

work as well as class room study. four dollars a day.

Indiana 1st In Mid West **League Race**

Conference May Be Changed

By MARGARET RODGERS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The Mississippi Valley convention of the unemployed leagues may be put off from December 16 and 17 to Feb ruary 27. The reason lies in the growth of state leagues of unemployed who would like to partici pate but are not altogether prepared. There is a strong sentiment for holding the convention February 27 and 28 on the anniversary of the formation of the Ohio Unemployed League

Indiana is leading the states in leagues with organization work be ing pushed extensively. Wisconsin through the Dane County Unem ployed League is not far behind. Dane County's seven locals are interested in the forthcoming convention. In the meantime under William Forrest, former secretary of the Madison Federation of La bor, they are struggling for a 30 hour week and \$20 a week on re lief jobs.

Harry Hopkins, Federal relief ad-Picek, president of local union 1, ministrator, admitted in Kansas and right-hand man of Claude City lately that he expected an ad-Pearcy, P. M. of A. President, has ditional million people on the reannounced that he will testify lief rolls. This statement gave in against Battuello in the case that petus to organization work in Illiis to come up to decide the union's nois especially. Thayer, Auburn Pawnee, and Divernon leagues have George Voyzey, candidate against agreed on a unified program in de manding increased relief.

Gillispie unemployed under James Cross forced authorities to agree to payment of work relief in cash at the rate of 65 cents an hour in 6-

hour day, 5-day week.

Louis F. Budenz is continually requested to undertake organiza-The charge against Angelo and tion work by these various leagues

The fact that Illinois must raise relief commission to the Sangomor

MEN ON STRIKE BY CUT

BY BEULAH CARTER

less and full fashioned hosiery High Point, N. C .- If workers workers are "standing by" ready

an anonymous contributor who has rific speed-up coupled with long that the A.A.A. would put some cod-liver oil, if there were money guaranteed the rent and food neces- hours and all disregard for the \$12 more processing taxes on foodsary to maintain the staff, intends minimum guaranteed under the stuffs and the returns would be to establish a library league and a code. Some workers reported work-Workers' Museum at a later date. ling as many as 80 hours per week. lief. Alas, for Hopkins, however,

The courses are to combine field week and a minimum average of

How To Win Strike

Pittsburgh, Pa.-How the organployed workers was demonstrated here recently when Local 3 of the Unemployed Citizens League helped motion picture operators of Hazelwood win a strike.

As a result of public sentiment aroused by the strike and an investigation made by Richard Reil- Fight for Relief On y, CPLA member, a committee of ll local union organizations in the ommunity was formed to help in All Conventions Demand the activities being carried on by Local 3 of the U.C.L.

This committee, if properly directed, will be an effective factor in the community for bringing pressure to bear on other non-union enterprises and securing higher re-

lief for the unemployed. The leadership of Local 3 is largely Labor Actionist.

Power Code Freezes Out 90.000 Men

By JOHN T. CODBER

NEW YORK, N. Y .- One hundred housand men thrown out of work! American public utility systems beween the year 1929 and Franklin Roosevelt's entrance into the White

Presented with a four year lease in return for a promise of a New Deal to these and other forgotten men, Roosevelt and his professorial brain trust developed the now famous National Recovery Act.

This act, which Europeans have ranslated as "Nuts Run America," was to return untold millions to work within a few months.

Just how many millions actualy will be returned to work under the magic touch of the NRA program has been pointed out by figures unwittingly, and no doubt unwillingly, supplied by the Edison companies of New York City.

Employers Want Wage-Cut

Appearing before the New York State Public Service Commission in an effort to prove that the 1932 conditions no longer existed the ompanies contended that operating results taken by the Commission as a basis for its recent ruling of a six per cent rate reduction were useless. They pleaded that under the NRA code they would creased operating cost of nearly three and a half million dollars a year, they argue.

CPLA Demonstrate How To Win Strike Farms Get Former Chase Bank President Takes Cut West Va. Bankrupt; For Pittsburghers Little For From Stock Market Unemployed League ized unemployed can help in defending the wage standards of em-

Conventions of Unemployed Show Malnutrition Among Ohio Farmers

Adequate Relief Be Made At Once

By WM. R. TRUAX

COLUMBUS, Ohio - One dollar milk. This is the price being paid by the Borden Company. To ob- ers' wages. tain this low amount the farmers must transport the milk to the Borden depot at Huntington, West Vir- Bldg. Trades

This was the story unfolded at the sessions of the Gallia County convention of the Ohio State Unemployed League. The local unemployed receive no relief whatever; funds for relief purposes being

tion hardly fits that barefoot boy with eyes of blue that is recalled to mind when one speaks of fourth and fifth generation Americans.

Immediately after the convention, which was attended by 200 delegates, the grievance committee was successful in securing some relief. The battle will continue until a decent standard of living is provided by county authorities.

Interest in the unemployed movement is growing throughout the state. In Columbia County, one of

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charters in the widely separated asked in overtime. have to increase their operating towns of Graham, Concord and force by 2,100 employees. An inBurlington is all in the days work

The County Central Committee the union proposes wage scales the union proposes wage sc

Using the figures submitted by six months on the chain gang, bethe Edison interests, officers of the sides being the CPLA representable been signed. among the Illinois miners. Also, in into the position of denying that Brotherhood of Edison Emloyees tive in the South is also southern Administrators' Prejudice among the lilinois miners. Also, in view of the attempts of the Progressive Miners to stop scabs from gressive Miners to stop scabs from gressive Miners to stop scabs from their state. But that they fear unemployed leagues is seen in the companies apployed some 22 200 Weekers, hear adoption of the code the New York ation of Full Fashioned Hosiery ings on the code will be held before the meeting and proposed some adoption of the code the New York ation of Full Fashioned Hosiery ings on the code will be held before the meeting and proposed some adoption of the code the New York."

Thus boasted Art Smith, would-be American Hitler, in an address employed leagues is seen in the companies applied to the code will be held before the meeting and proposed some adoption of the code the New York.

1929 to 1931 until it reached \$250, 00 a year.

He paid some income taxes, but admited that he gypped the govern-ment of hundreds of thousands in taxes by buying and selling through his own Canadian corporations.

He lent the bank's money to Armour and Company as well as Dahl of the B.M.T., but he sat or the board of directors of both these corporations getting son \$20,000 from each company.

his own company, cheated the gov-COLUMBUS, Ohio — One dollar and seven cents for 100 pounds of ily, sold "short" before the 1929 crash, and says that the depression to farmers in Gallia County, Ohio, can only be solved by cutting work-

Strike Looms; Oppose Code

shoes and clothing. White bread industry meets their demands. sion, the County Committee at litical chaos is a recently adopted in this county is a luxury. There This was the ultimatum given Gen- tempted to keep these ten leaders amendment to the constitution is scarcely a child in the county who doesn't shown signs of maltives of 1,500,000 men engaged in have them "frisked" by the police. which limits the amount of taxes nutrition and their physical condi- the building trades industry in de Secretary Joe McCarthy admitted In conjunction with other section

the International Brotherhood of ever. Electrical Workers said:

"If the master code is adopted CPLAers Suspended a strike. It will set employer Act was adopted.".

ing trades proposes an average 40 Huycke. sections of the state, 400 delegates attended the county convention and elected George Shepp of East Liver- show that only if the unions described adultional adultional The Central County Committee to the averted."

The Central County Committee to the averted."

Limbach, state secretary of the show that only if the unions described and hopeless debacle must be averted."

The W. Va. Unemployed League ranks of the unemployed.

High Point, N. C.—Driving a skilled labor. The union demands racket. econd hand Ford of ancient vin- this amount for southern workers Ask to Be Heard tage 260 miles in a day, making and 50 cents an hour for workers four speeches and installing union in northern cities. Double pay is

for Labor Actionist Larry Hogan. ranging from 60 cents to \$1.20 an changed the date of the meeting Hogan, flery leader of the 1929 hour. The master code states no discuss the suspension, when the persistance of the ten militant

"Wage-cut" Wiggin, whose cure for the depression was bigger and better wage cuts for workers, Fights Relief Cuts New Tax Amendment Uses Taxes to Pay Interest Charges; Attorney-General Admits Inability to Act;

State Employees Unpaid; Schools May Shut

Pittsburgh Scorn Strategy of A. F. He bribed Machado, stole from lis own company, cheated the gov. Betray Ten

Party Leaders Suspend Them for Attending United Front Meeting

the most militant leaders of the schools are about to close. Its gov-Unemployed Citizens' League of ernment employees are going with-Allegheny County have been sus- out pay. Its unemployed are at the pended by the County Central Com- point of starvation. mittee which is dominated by rank- The only organization in sight ing members of the Socialist Party. that promises to do anything about They are accused of violating the it is the West Virginia Unemployed spirit of the League for having League headed by Walter Seacrist; diverted into political channels.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Building participated in a United Front Conand a capable executive board from ference with Unemployed Councils. all sections of the Kanawha Valley.

Not satisfied with actual suspen. The immediate cause of the po-

manding a hearing for labor be that there was nothing in the of the constitution it has been infore the adoption of a code.

League's constitution by which terpreted to mean that governmichael J. Colleran, of the Plast these leaders might be suspended, mental units cannot use any terers' Union and D. W. Tracy of A section was so interpreted, how- money for current expenses until

against employee and defeat the Reilly, Frank Irvin, Mary Ann the whole machinery of government very purpose for which the Recov. Johnson, E. R. McKinney, Ed Prot- in the state is about to be stalled shold, A. H. Marsh, Joe Waltz, Says the leading evening paper in The master code for the build- George Baumberger, and Jerry the state, "We are nearing the

mands are met, can workers be of Allegheny County, and Bob Lie Not only the jobless, but more and added to the industry from the berman, S. P. chairman of the more employed workers are com League, refused to allow the Uning into it because, they say, "they LARRY HOGAN KEEPS

Ask Fairer Wages

Forty cents an hour is set by the master code as the wages for unmaster code as the wag

The ten members who participated as members of the Unemployed For semi-skilled and skilled men Citizens' League were suspended. to discuss the suspension, when

As the small group were leaving a hospital in New York." employed leagues is seen in the reactions that have reactions that rying guns. Mrs. Pearl Braden, a was Anthony Fierro, anti-fascist, follower of Lieberman, pointed out killed in a meeting of the Kahki the members of the group to the Shirts in Astoria, L. I., on July 14. police.

any guns among any of the group. murder on a charge based solely The gentleman "who had white on the word of Smith. those in which unemployed leagues pants on and carried a gun" seemed agreed.

LABOR SCHOOL GOES the entrance of the Cedwick Silk hundred million dollars which Con- 600 people. To take care of them to be distributed in three ways. lunches to children; (2) By the among themselves for return to ter sent to him by Admund J. Philgovernment directly in those sec. the Unemployed Citizens' League lips of Philadelphia. Phillips, Spantions of the Southwest and North. together with a more militant leadership of that organization.

Faced with the tremendous job of the Khaki Shirts. the local relief station. This was building a real labor movement in public through the united-front Terto be the main method of distributhe United States and coming from zani Defense Committee, of which the field of battle from every cor- Norman Thomas is chairman. The ner of the country, delegates to the Whether the butter would be ran- annual convention of the CPLA

Socialists of Jobless Aroused

(Special to Labor Action)

CHARLESTON, W. Va .-- The ecoomic life of this state is at low ebb. Its politics are in chaos. The Attorney General has just stated that it is doubtful whether the state can operate at all any more PITTSBURGH, PENNA .- Ten of under its present constitution. Its

all interest on past indebtedness, and principal when due, has been paid. Since these debts are huge as it now stands, it can only mean The ten Labor Actionists sus- and the tax income likely to be pended were: Filmer Cope, R. W. cut in half by the new amendment, stage of wreck-the danger of a

under the new John L. Lewis-NRA code are in many cases making less

of Killing Radical

NEW YORK CITY-"We killed one radical and sent 19 others to

Athos Terzani, friend and comrade Search, however, did not show of Fierro, is being held for his

Demand for the immediate reto be a mythical person, the police lease of Terzani and prosecution of the "real and known perpetra Militant Labor Actionists are tors of the crime" has been made former organizer for the Khaki Shirts but left in disgust when he CPLA TO MEET IN PA. widely from the professed aims of learned that "Smith had departed

> committee contends that Fierro was killed by a member of the fascist Khaki Shirts while defend-

> far gone unheeded.

result of the conspiracy that has been concocted between the P. M. other leagues and communities. As AAA and Hopkins Play Tag Waiting Them

money, who's got the money?

ASHBORO, N. C. — Three hun- ministrator of Federal relief funds million families on the public re- in an aggressive mood. TO CAROLINA WORKERS Mill here while hundreds of seam- gress appropriated for relief last Hopkins intended to buy. winter, there is some three hundred million left. But Hopkins can't come to a school then the to throw a mass picket line around wants more than this; and he also school must go to the workers. the mill if the management makes wants to conserve as much of it as with this in mind the Carolina any attempt to operate with scab possible until Congress gives some

For these reasons, he announced

seven hundred million which Hop-kins intended to spend goes up in It is well to note that the states fields.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Money smoke. What will become of his with a \$15 a week average are program?

9 million lbs. of butter a month 30 to 50 million lbs. of pork 10 million dozen eggs

8 million lbs. of beef. woolen clothing, mattresses, and

enough.

Investigating unemployment re- Look Out! At present the faculty consists of The firm which brazenly displays the A.A.A. announced that it did lief, Hopkins found that there were

That's what Harry Hopkins, ad- There are some three and a half and councils are in existence and Hopkins intended all this food

west where droughts and grasshop-Also large quantities of coal. To per plagues have destituted large say nothing of shoes, cotton and areas; (3) Through the corner grocery stores which pass out the food via a ration card obtained at

At present the faculty consists of the firm which brazely displays the A.A.a. announced that it did net, Hopkins found that there were whether the butter would be ran
Lawrence Hogan, instructor in the blue eagle in the window is not collect enough in taxes to take only 15 states where the average cid, the eggs old, and the meat will meet at Pittsburgh on Novem-Trade Union Tactics; Hazel Dawson, Public Speaking and English; ule.

Indeed a control of the blue case of its own program, let alone worry over relief.

Indeed a control of the blue case of its own program, let alone was \$15 a week. In Mississippi he was \$15 a week. In Mississ son, Public Speaking and English; ale.

Beulah Canter, Elementary Economics; Jack Fies, Labor History; ognition of their union, abolition Alton Lawrence, Economic History.

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worry over relief.

was \$15 a week. In Mississippin and English; ule.

The strikers are demanding reconomic distriction of the vigilance of the organized of the Labor Actionists.

Every member possible is excommittee to District Attorney petted to attend. Get in touch with larger amounts of relief in other distribution into Fierre's death have thus

State and National Organizations Growth Necessitates Entire Building

By BERTHA SUTER

Columbus, Ohio.-In a large tenroom house Mother Hill, Mrs. Wright and other good cooks are hard at it making soup for the National Unemployed League office going to see about that. . . .

This is the new national home of the unemployed leagues. Unem-Good chiselers are combing and plenty alive.

Two rooms on the first floor for meetings and affairs, a large room to take care of overflows near by. A large room for classes when the workers school starts. A kitchen which is just now a busy spot.

What is this little side room? Well that's for the Eviction and Grievance Committees. Jim Van-Meter, chief of the eviction comlumbus. Landlords don't particularly care for Jim, not even his own, who says he not only lives in his house without paying rent, but that "he won't let anybody else

Fighting the Landlords

the state. It is now the eviction When it lumbers through the city few minutes twenty policemen pull streets landlords mutter between clinched teeth.

The League's home has a second story, and here we run into the offices. The Franklin county office, the Ohio office, the National office. All kinds of offices.

These officers say they are bent on establishing a workers schodown stairs. Got to explain to every workless man and woman what has happened and is happening and what to do about it. They want books, magazines, maps, and they want more chairs and more desks. They say send it along to new home at 214 East Rich Street,

They also say "Come to see us; if you can't get here right now write us; let's build the leagues; let's develop a powerful movement and banish poverty forever."

Hunger March To Hit Relief Cuts On West Coast

LOS ANGELES, Cal.-The following instructions have been sent out to all supervisors of relief, with the statement that economy measures must be adopted which will result in the welfare budget being cut at least one-half:

1. All cases to be closed which have not received any aid within the last 60 days.

ty Welfare.

eign warrant, or case is closed.

6. Mexican families refusing crowd." work that they normally would ac- Workers More Militant cept (strike breaking-F.B.) in or-

7. Special Mexican Budgets get into the house, and the landlord

one or two weeks before giving aid on this; he gets red in the face than to give them aid before the

9. In all cases of illness where MILTANT WORKER DIES aid is given, this aid to be given only when county physician signs

10. We must eliminate the human element as much as possible in

fill these instructions in every par-

By ESTHER COPE

above" may stop the sale of books telling the truth about Andy Mellon. With the help of the police burgh don't care much anyhow; they mostly all know how Dandy Andy got his money. But when it move out a tenant who's sick in hed waiting for a haby-well now. eviction squad and lunch for the the workers of Pittsburgh are just

Workers Remember

Take this case last week. Two jobless workers are strolling along ployed painters, paper hangers, car- talking: maybe about the weather, penters and plumbers are flying maybe about how many pounds of the community for furniture and when they come upon two men chairs. The big home looks good pounding away at the door of one of those frame houses.

"Hold on," says one of them, "ain't that Della's house?" "Sure thing," says the other, "and she's expecting her baby this week.

It turns out that one of the pounders is the landlord, the other a constable. They're pounding mittee, is well known around Co- away so that they can get inside and oust the tenant, after which they're going to hold a public sale. Well, as I'm saying, the workers in Pittsburgh just can't see houses being taken away from expectant mothers in particular, and workers in general. After there's been some arguing and some collecting of In front of the new home stands workers this idea kind of pene-"Old Prolo-Chariot" which used to trates the landlord's head. "You haul Traux and Johnson through hold them back," he bellows to the disgusted and heaved themselves." Constable, "I'm going for the cops." car, ready to start any minute. He dashes away and inside of a up in a patrol car.

Now Come the Cops

They hop out and begin pushing the crowd around. Finally one of Maybe they're getting to recognize ers, members of Local 1 in Yorkthem stops long enough to ask, that cops and landlords aren't on ville, came together to form a CPLA "What's the charge, anyhow?" The their side of the fence. And maybe Unit. The Unit pledges itself to pool and George Matthews of Salem landlord breaks in here. He raises they're getting to learn that when cops put back their guns and scutwhen he's all puffed up like a pou- tle off, landlords in their midst, the members against German Faster pigeon, he points out three that it's a victory for them. workers in the crowd. Bill Mitchell, Red Miller and Esther Cope (all Pittsburgh CPLAers). "They're the ones, officer," he yells. "They're the leaders of this Unemployed Citizens' League which is kicking up all this disturbance."

At this the workers surge for-ward angrily. "No you don't," shouts somebody, "we're all in on

Ridicule Wins All

Well, the cops look around and decide that the crowd-which has grown to sizeable proportions-is getting a little away from them, so they resume their shoving around. This goes on for a time until suddenly one woman jumps up and

"Sale here-step right this way -one large yellow Constable for sale. Who bids two cents? Do I hear three? (Shame on you, Mike Turner). Four cents, four, four . . SOLD!! a constable for three cents. Drag him away." It takes vent this taking place.

After an hour or more of this 2. We should make it hard for the cops begin getting restless and any new cases to get on the Counstart looking longingly at their tion 7a as a promise to workers 1938. dinky. The landlord senses this and that the administration or the Blue 3. In old peoples cases proof must clamors for attention. "If the relief be shown that the children cannot agency will pay me a month's rent, I'll call off the sale for the time 4. In all cases of desertion, wife being," he says. "Yah," shouts a must file "failure to provide" and worker, "you knew that in the first place, what made you go ahead like 5. Any case can be closed if the this?" "Sure, sure," says the landworker refuses work offered by the lord soothingly, and then turns to the cops. "Let's get rid of this

Well, Pittsburgh workers have der to get County Welfare aid got to be shown. They decide that since it is not they who want to does, he must be the one to get out 8. Better to let the families wait first. The landlord hadn't figured

Boston, Mass .- Philip Grosser, a of 42.

Grosser attracted nation wide at- ployment relief work is to be distention as a conscientious objector in 1917. As a result of his courage. ous stand against war he was rail- announce that full protection would for obtaining a fairer code. If the ticular, we will get others who will. roaded by the government to Leave be given all workers returning to hearings can be held before any A hunger march of 100,00 unem enworth and Alcatraz. After his re- work and relief for non-workers one of the members of the National ployed workers is being planned lease he worked for the freedom would be withdrawn. The State Labor Board who voted to uphold for November 7 to protest against of Mooney, Billings and the long Labor Commission will recruit the wage scale of the bricklayers, the inhumanity of these instructroll of political prisoners yet un- workers under protection of State chances of labor success will be



with his raving. The crowd, its suspicions realized grows surly.

The cops size up the temper of the crowd and decide that maybe they had better go home and forger grab hold of the landlord and amid the boos and ieers of the workers they start dragging him to then car. Suddenly, a worker carried away by the victory picks up a small stone and BLAM! hits the constable on the ear. This fat arm of the law howls and the crowd pleased, divides its time between laughing and throwing more stones.

The police who understand that their right to inflict injuries has been challenged, draw their guus. "Who threw them stones?" they demand

body and faces the guns. There is silence until a tall, raw-boned worker speaks up. "Well mister, I guess them stones got kind of

Fight Teaches Workers

Well, as I was saying, workers their property; they don't like being thrown out of their own homes.

Police Power Curbs Labor Under NIRA

necessary. Murders in the coal fields, among pickets in Ambridge, among miners in New Mexico are examples of the use of the illegal method.

New York gives good examples of the legal method. Despite the fact that there is a state law proto enjoin strikes, there are now in the home of the President, a judge has forbidden unions to use sec-

Trenton, New Jersey, enjoined the American Federation of Silk Workers from interfering with the operation of a local company. He said:

"Courts could not recognize picketing as a means of bringing the NRA silk code contained provisions of ending strikes."

The Golden Gate Talks

Francisco dispatch to the New York

"The State of California, cooper- Bricklayers Win ating with the Federal Government ordered the cotton strike officially hor Roard in the New York brick ended. The order was issued with layers' dispute considerably enthe mailed fist of authority behind heartened workers in their fight.

leave the district. All strike unem- had cut it down to \$12.

In Members

German Bakers Active in CPLA; Pledge Drive **Against Fascists**

By LARRY COHEN

NEW YORK-Ten weeks ago, the New York Hotel and Restaurant Branch of the Amalgamated Food Workers' Union had one hundred members. It had never recovered from the blow it received in 1930 when several thousand workers under Communist leadership broke away to form the Food Workers' Industrial Union, where they re mained for a time and then dropped out. Today, however, after a whirl wind campaign, the Hotel and Res taurant Branch of the A. F. W. has over 1.500 members. In addition they have undertaken

activities in Newark where there is now a Section of the New York Branch. This Section will later on become a separate Branch. Hotel workers of Passaic, Paterson, and other nearby towns have formed the Hotel and Restaurant Branch of Paterson and vicinity. Every worker in Paterson's Hamilton Hotel has signed up, and wage increases have already been won

A spirited meeting of the Factory Workers' Branch at the Yorkville Labor Temple expressed the deter mination of the workers not to allow themselves to be intimidated by the bosses. A rank and file committee of five was elected to ac immediately on reports of victimization of union men.

Local 3 in Brooklyn has not only solidly lined up the Syrian Baker ies, but has won a large factory, are getting kind of tired, what with Mrs. Wagner Pie Co., as well as outsiders messing around with over 150 workers in the Duggan Wholewheat Plants.

On October 21, a group of bak push CPLA Literature in the Local and particularly to rally all cism, in answer to the whispering campaign against the A. F. W. charging it with being a 'Hitler' Union. The CPLA Unit points out that the A. F. W. has been active in support of every Anti-Fascist Committee, and calls on the membership of the Union to participate in larger numbers than ever in all Anti-Fascist campaigns.

"In less than three months," says General Secretary August Burkmerry way despite the alleged hardt, "Our Union has enrolled guarantees to labor under Section more than 3,600 new fighters; in-7a of the National Recovery Act. cluding many young American workers. These last, especially, are showing great enthusiasm; and we are full of hope for the future."

Building Trades Strike Looms

Malcolm Piernie. These men have Brooklyn more injunctions forbid- alleged data from Alexander Sachs, ding strikes or picketing than at NRA economist, pretending to show any other time in the history of that wages must be reduced 20 per that borough. In Duchess County, cent from their present levels if private capital is to be induced to enter the building industry before

Union representatives claim that Eagle stands behind unionization. the argument of lower wages and Vice-Chancellor John J. Fallon in more hours had been tried before and had never worked. It has also been pointed out that in one of the most important sections of the building industry-the housing of peoples-has now properly become a matter of Federal intervention. about a strike settlement because Consequently, private capital is not needed with the same urgency as heretofore.

Unions are also fighting that section of the master code which ever. Quoting verbatim from a San gives the employers' league the right to appoint the board which will administer the code.

The decision of the National La-In this case, the Labor Board held "Cotton picking is to be resumed that the \$13.20 a day wage be held true fighter in the cause for work- under the armed protection of until March, 1934, despite the fact ing class justice, is dead at the age State authorities. Agitators must that a previous arbitration award

It is felt that if the hearings can continued and violence must cease. be shifted away from Messrs. Muir "State and Federal authorities and Piernie, there may be a chance greatly enlarged.

Unemploy'd Pittsburgh Jobless Put Food Union Power Code Freezes Out Fake Health Opens New Landlord, Cops To Flight Shows Gain 90,000 Utility Workers Test Tricks

workers comprising one sixth of the United States Department of the entire industry. They argued Labor, the average weekly hours that if one sixth of the industry worked last April was 30.9. Even Militant then it is certain that the entire industry will not absorb more than employed. 12,600 of the 100,000 laid off during the four years prior to Roosevelt thetical theory that perhaps the invading the White House.

presented by the financial status to 50 per cent, labor economists of the majority of the companies, in the utility field, operating during the depression. While the mortality rate for a number of American industries has been very high would necessitate a 16-hour week during this period, few, if any, of the utilities have passed out of the is no increase in production the picture. In many instances their conclusion is that an 11 hour week comes have been greater during is necessary. the depression than during the peak years of so-called Coolidge

Public Utilities Profits

During the year 1926, the Duare somewhat rusty and antiquated. quesne Light and Power Company, and power business in Pittsburgh and surrounding boroughs, had a total income of \$24,209,334. Five years later, 1931, when the entire ountry was beginning to realize that it was in the grip of a major economic crisis this same company reported a total income of \$27,-805,534.

The same conditions effecting the governor and august law-makhours are to be found in the elec- ers will have a tremendous demon trical manufacturing industry. In stration of the unemployed at their this industry the code allows a 36- door-steps demanding more ade hour week for processing employees quate relief and representation on and 40 hours for others. Workers the relief administration to put an in this industry are beginning to end to the gross injustices in dis wonder where the new deal is, for,

Farmers Get Little tion, but its members are begin-For Products

(Continued from Page 1) as chairman and vice-chairman.

Feeling throughout the state is running high as public officials repeatedly attempt to lower relief

In Fairfield County a convention was held in the auditorium of the Municipal building at Lancaster. Here were gathered over 200 dele gates who came with the express purpose of building a powerful organization that would bring pressure on the authorities to increase the relief rate which now stands at \$2.40 per week-regadrless of the number of persons in the family.

Miners and farmers, united in a mmon cause, was the picture presented at the Meigs County convention. Conditions in this county are similar to those found in Gallia County. Miners and farmers make up the population. The miners have no work and as a result the farmers can't sell what little they are

Athens County has just held its econd convention. With 28 local leagues operating in this county definite results, in the form of in creased relief, have already been Unemployed in this county, however, are not going to permit their organizations to be weakened, for they know that without the leagues there is nothing

NEWS **British Labor Movement** WEEK BY WEEK in the

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Miners according to figures published by

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If Roosevelt's NRA theory of a

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West Va. League

Fights Relief Cuts

(Continued from Page 1)

than before, are not being paid for

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er-Workers Party. Actual steps for

the formation of such a party may

be taken in the near future and

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sional and small business elements

The big hall at Kanawha County

Court House was jammed to the

doors on the evening of November

1st when A. J. Muste, national

chairman of CPLA, delivered an

address on The Unemployed League

LABOR ACTIONISTS IN

ACTION

High Point, N. C .- A whirlwind

campaign to organize all the unem-

ployed in the state has just been

started by the North Carolina Un-

employed League in preparation

for the southern convention of the

The convention which is to be

held early in January will probably

Delegates are expected from un

employed groups in Virginia, West

Virginia, North Carolina, Tennes

How Labor Votes

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Workers Kept would re-employ only 2,100 men with this comparatively low work- From Mines By Company week there were over 212,000 un-Doctors

Mt. Carmel, Pa.-Eighteen anthracite mine workers lost their jobs NRA would eventually mean an because they failed to pass a physi-An interesting comparison is increase in production amounting cal examination, a new method used by the Reading Coal Co. in have worked out an elaborate firing additional employees.

schedule proving that if these 212,-000 unemployed are to be given boss gives the new man a slip and their places back in the industry, it tells them to go before the company doctor for an examination. to do it. If on the other hand there when they learned of their discharge. They thought they were

in good health. 'I worked four days, "said one short cut to prosperity was evolved of them. "They sent me to the after much discussion with the company doctor. He didn't pass me. I asked him what was wrong with me. He would not tell me

> So I lost my job." This mine worker was an active member of the Mt. Carmel Unemployed League

The other seventeen have similar stories. Most of these workers are married and have children. They have been out of work from six to 28 months.

Similar reports come from other Reading collieries. Evidently this is a new strategy to keep the milltant workers out of the mines

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My Uncle Abner By TESS HUFF -

WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE

The country lad who tells the story witnesses the murder of a for murder," he said. neighbor by soldiers and deputized thugs sent into his county to break the milk strike called by the farmers against the large milk distribof the strikers, is arrested for the murder. Having heard his parents speak well of his Uncle Abner, who is on the New York police force, boy decides to appeal to him for help. With his Uncle's address

out for the big city. Now read on-Part III.

and a few dollars in his pocket and

a bundle of food the boy starts

The day I got into the big city of New York everything was going round and round in a whirl and I was bewildered. It was raining and I couldn't find Uncle Abner's.

Finally I found myself with some men on an fron bench under an elevated railroad. The trains passed over our heads every minute. The men on the benches sat hunched up. In the mist about us under the railroad you could see other men about the track pillars, standing with their hands in their pockets. What I felt that night looking at these men of New York was crazy. I was afraid of them. To tell the truth I thought they were New York gang-

nightmare and I woke up scream- they--?" he paused and looked at

next to me. He was wrapped in ate, I'm telling you." damp newspapers. He grabbed me,

the country would bloom under the feetly nice people. They just could new president. I told them. They not find work." She was sitting have a cigarette? I told them. They I liked her right from the start

I jumped up, thinking the man wherever I went I saw these figures in the mist, huddled up, crouching in the darkness, trying to crawl into something, to compress stand the gaff worth a damn. They themselves, in order to get out of go nuts."

The next day, perhaps it was, table. I'm not sure, I was sick. I know a cop took me to my Uncle Abner's and I was put to bed. In a few days I was up, my sickness gone, and so I began to talk sensibly to poor people in these hard times that Uncle Abner and his wife about I grabbed Uncle Abner's hand and the milk strike and the trouble my kissed it, I was so happy.

They frowned and shook their heads and Uncle Abner rubbed his square-cut jaws. He was not really tainly see what I can do," Uncle a fat man though he had a big Abner said, and he went out the clubbed my father. In his blue uni- to go to his beat. form he was round from the chest

down, square-shouldered and pow

"They have indicted your father

He handed me a letter they had received from Wess. When I read the letter and learned the grand jury had indicted all the farmers uting companies. His father, one for killing Henry Howard, the farmer killed by the soldiers at the river crossing the day of the battle. I grew excited and jumped up crying for Uncle Abner to help us.

"My father loves you," I said. 'Help us, help us!"

My Uncle Abner stood at the window thinking and pinching his



In the night sometime I had a it?" he demanded. "Why don't his wife. "I never saw such times," "All right, kid," said the man he said. "People are getting desper-

"It's terrible." Maxine said, turnhis eyes were wide open, staring. ing to me. "Two families have been "Listen," he said. "I told them evicted here, and they were pernew president. I told them. They not find work." She was sitting wouldn't believe me. Now they're at a little table with a mirror, put. dead. Dead! They wouldn't believe ting powder on her face. She was me. My God, listen, listen. Do you a little woman with fluffy red hair because she had such bright eyes. "And people are going crazy,"

"Right here in New York," I said. "Crazy is right," said Uncle Ab-

ner. "And the women-they can't

He picked his club up from the

"It's terrible," said Maxine

And to tell the truth I was so Maxine were sorry for all of us

"I knew you would help us," I

"I'll see what I can do, I'll cer-

(To be continued)

-By RAYMOND ROBBINS-

HOW CODES ARE MADE

The procedure of code-making is a symbol of the owning class bias of the New Deal Administration. The code is submitted by the trade Profits First association which represents the bosses of the particular industry. If the code is reasonably sound according to the standards of the labor getting a voice except through the agents of capitalism on the re-

class cooperation schemes.

Rotten Code Models

nizing the starvation wage prece dent set by this anti-labor pact. The effects of the textile code have been a spurt in reemployment, a sharp jump-up of production, and Not a Question of Well-Wishing recently the sudden shut-down of the majority of mills. The bosses cashed in on the sky-rocketing mar-

verted the hearings into the mad state that Roosevelt really has no rush for profits. The great god policies, he is a supreme politician New Deal the hearings are set.

Then labor gets a chance to present its case. Numerous codes have an iron hand. The Administration by the way he thinks the wind is been railroaded through without has retreated time after time when blowing, and just because of that confronted by the solid front of is likly to go "pretty far to the code had been signed six days, actionary Labor Advisory Board. | code had been signed six days, | rather than criticize him. The impartiality of the Adminis- and without consulting the Labor the codes stand as irrefragable evi- ranty of skilled-wage differentials when you go to a Buddhist temple, dence of the inevitable fruit of all that had been approved in the code it depends on the individual priest The as first published. When the steel whether you will hear a Methodist, Brain Trust at the inception of the code battle had been fought to a Baptist, Moslem or Buddhist service Recovery Program gave the hear- deadlock, Johnson and Roosevelt and sermon. The question is not ings the phoney academic coloring. claimed a victory by signing a 90 what kind of a man Roosevelt is. But the code-makers have swept day truce which surrendered The question is what are the ecoaside the professor's array of facts ground already conceded by the nomic forces at work, and what is of profit making continues its hurcent wage rates for the Southern them. and now the hearings are purely agreed to by the Iron and Steel pointed out as evidences of the re-

Pittsburgh Nov. 18-19 Means MoveForward

By LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ

as an eventual contribution to the peals to the masses of American toilers as the agency through which language, fighting realistically in they can achieve fundamental the U. S. A. change. There is no radical force capable of taking advantage of the Pittsburgh, this deficiency must be

ican scene. They have built mass organizations. They have participated in historic strikes. They have all of us. developed an effective approach to the American workers. They have forged out a revolutionary philosophy, based on experience and ac-

nounce itself the party that will elements. carry the revolutionary banner forward in these United States, to the agreeing that no other agency can accomplish this task.

step. Recognition of the Soviet it has ever been. Union by the Roosevelt government

PITTSBURGH and November 18. evidence the same anemia which has discredited Social Democracy 19, 1933, must be remembered all over the world. It stands today completely bankrupt, ready to be workers' revolutionary movement swept away at the first whiff of in America. At this moment, there Fascist grapeshot. Out of the Ameris not a party or group which ap- ican workers themselves a party must rise, talking the American

The CPLA has the qualifications for being such a party. Audacity coming failure of the NRA. At and times require it to measure up to the needs which its "qualifications" can meet. There must be Labor Actionists have done much no hesitancy. There can be no holdground breaking work in the Amer- ing back. A clear-cut recognition of our own role in the labor movement of America is essential for

> Among the important things required of us, then, by way of action in our convention are:

1. Definite statement of our rev olutionary task and responsibility Now is the time to tie all of in this country. This statement these developments together. The must be sharp in its announcement

2. Organization of and work

will serve to tie the hands of the to create a united front of all left that task, these doubts and hesita-Communist Party, already suffer- wing elements against the growing tions must be dispelled at Pittsing under diverse handicaps. The possibility of Fascism. Through burgh

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tached to our Springfield office our next issue.

our own initiative, we might well call upon these groups to realize the dangers which confront the workers' movements in America, and the consequent necessity for genuine and honest left wing unit-

4. Beating the Fascists at their own game. American symbolism, with workers' class struggle interpretation, is called for in the present confused scene. The "rattlesnake flag" which appeared in the demonstration of the Ohio Unemployed League, and which has been used elsewhere, is a case in point. The CPLA, without quibbling, should definitely embark upon a policy of using American symbols, with the idea of doing this extensively and in systematic fashion. It is the logical outcome of "the American approach." The longer we CPLA must boldly demonstrate that of our aims and methods. It should hesitate to do so, the more difficult it is the left wing vanguard of the make clear that we reject alliances will it be to put such a program masterful Johnson,—"organization takes a strike to line up unorgan-American workers. It must pro- with "liberal" and shilly-shallying into effect. And the more concrete will the Fascist menace become.

The workers of this country are within mass groups to the end that about to be subjected to still furformation of a workers' republic. they receive "the CPLA imprint." ther attacks. A clear and firm voice, It must act on this pronouncement, While avoiding sectarianism, we which they can understand, should must clearly differentiate ourselves call them to action. It must be a ccomplish this task.

from all other "radical" parties. revolutionary voice, demanding the Our mass organizational work overthrow of the capitalist set-up ready sounded the hour for this should be more frankly CPLA than through mass action. If there are remaining any comrades, who still 3. A supreme effort on our part hesitate, who fail to understand

"REVOLUTION"

was mad. I stumbled away. But that's the truth," I told them. Daily Forward, Socialist organ, made under the NRA (in this case real enough for the time being) that in view of the pro-labor policies being pursued by President Roosevelt, he "ought to be a Socialist." A good many people hold to this view that Roosevelt, though tickled because Uncle Abner and cleverly avoiding somewhat unpop ular labels, is really putting over a "revolution" in the U. S.

So far as Roosevelt himesif is concerned, and those closest to him, the idea seems to be that we are having a real revolution but that we aren't really having a revolution. It all depends on who is talk ing, and very often on when a belly the same as the man who door swinging his club for he had given individual is talking and to whom. Labor is repeatedly assured, that it is a new deal and no mis take. Employers are assured that of course, certain changes are be ing made which sensible employers themselves really want, but that they have nothing to worry about

But of Economic Forces

We cannot determine what is really happening or likely to happen until we break away from the Roosevelt is and what he Commercial expediency has been mind. Within the past week, I have the ominous shadow that has con- heard two very prominent editors the bosses. After the cotton textile left." We ought, therefore, to egg him on, so to speak, build him up,

This is the height of absurdity.

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set a 40 to 48 hour week when tries, as e. g., Germany. It has A BRAHAM CAHAN, distinguish- the average work week is down brought ruin, not salvation, to the ed veteran editor of the Jewish around 30 hours. It is claimed that masses. two billion dollars annually has been added to the purchasing power garment workers celebrating gains of the workers by recovery meas. Bad Bankers other countries have established

> ployed. How noble of the administ et al. tration! Noble to develop an army perpetual threat to the wage standards of those who are fortunate enwhich tends to become a maximum, in the richest nation on earth?

A New Name for An Old Game

Take the government's tax program. Flying in the face of its own Friend of Laborcommon error of thinking it is a NRA, the Federal government lays By Necessity question of what kind of a man off employees and cuts wages. It must economize or tax big incom and inheritances. So it economizes! have to give labor the "right" to of million new members had been vote of non-confidence in the pres-In the last few years an income tax \$10,000 or \$20,000 incomes, would The whole national debt could have ate had to be done. been wiped out and an unemployed insurance scheme set up. Has tration has been ballyhooed, but Advisory Board, cancelled the guathe wind blows" and who denounced the sales tax last winter has altaxes" imposed millions more in sales taxation than Congress proposed a few months ago!

Every measure of the Roosevelt administration is meant to mainand figures and the holy business steel companies—the 25 and 27 Roosevelt actually doing about tain the price and profit systm. The italism damned well had to take ers' movement be ready to press game is supposed, however, to have new rules, stricter supervision. March! Maybe the masses coming Roosevelt will become the Mussopuppets have learnt their lesson, mills, when thirty cents had been the Roosevelt administration are What government regulation aminto the unions will use them some lini of American capitalism or constituencies the National Government. ounts to we have seen in the public day to fight capitalism. Roosevelt make way for a Mussolini. utilities field. Meantime anti-trust will cross that bridge when he Or the crisis may deepen and the at the shadow of industrial peace hours of labor are shortened, great laws are repealed, business is left at the shadow of industry, they have persums of money are spent on refree, indeed encouraged to organize servient unions and then turns Fass hands. In that case they will find Russia: The textile code was hailed as a mitted a compromise of the labor lief, large appropriations are made on a big scale. The big aggregations cist and smashes them! model for all future codes. The section of the Recovery Act. This for public works. Good enough in of capital are bound to have more words of General Johnson have for retreat was sounded when the rawords of General Johnson have for recreat was sound to not "go the Moscow Daily News sailed to once proved true: the greedy in- dio receivers still echoed with but they are not abolishing the tle fellows. This process of "putting" Four possibilities lie ahead. Cap- out around the table, do not "go the Moscow Daily News sailed to

He Tells the Big

ures. Two billion dollars has also But Roosevelt is telling the bankbeen added to the public debt by ers and big industrialists where to the Roosevelt administration, on get off? When you go off the gold which the masses will be compelled standard, try to turn your back on to pay interest and principal. Re- world trade, give up free exchange lief is not even as good as unem- of goods and currencies, the interployment insurance which many national bankers become relatively less important, so you talk back to Germany. Here is as clear and un-The Federal relief authorities es- them. That has happened elsewhere timate that upwards of 20 million too, and hasn't saved the masses people in the U. S. are living on from misery. Radicals ought not to be fooled either by a big show of that we are to have in the U.S. It Much is made of the fact that putting Myron Taylor or Henry comes from Johnson. Roosevelt ing attitude will not save the free millions of pounds of surplus meat, Ford in his place-with the help has not repudiated it or him. etc. are bought to give the unem- of Teagle, Swope, Barney Baruch,

The basic economic policy of the of unemployed accustomed to liv- Roosevelt administration is cutting hour say to such a critical uttering on mere subsistence rations down production and raising prices. ance? It said absolutely nothing from government and constituting a Scarcity and high prices cannot They are meant to maintain the dent of the A. F. of L., the Execuough to have jobs? Noble to set a value of mortgages, insurance, bank tive Council, the heads of the great ough to have jobs? Noble to set a value of mortgants, insurance, bank tive council, the constant tive council tit can be council tive council tive council tive council tive coun billions of it in the U. S., on the boycott on goods from Fascist Ger- in the recent election for the Norbacks of workers and farmers. They are an attempt to save the capitalsystem.

given organized labor? He didn't vention which boasted that a couple organize, did he? Yes, he did. We added to its ranks since the N.R.A. program which would still have know now that the economic sys- went into effect. The same old of- to form one under its auspices left a lot of people with \$5,000 or tem in this country was a wreck ficers were reelected. A proposal last March. Collapse and revolt have raised forty billion dollars. were at hand. Something desper-

make the masses believe that what Roosevelt will "sense which way House of Lords be so reformed that the "revolutionary" Roosevelt proposed any such tax program? Not ple." You have to get their back- ing," get reelected in 1936 with the troduction of Socialism in case so you could notice. Instead the ing. So you must give concessions, aid of that great revolutionist, Jim the Labor Party gains control of tions which the masses regard as with Teddy Roosevelt. peculiarly their own do the job. cratic party to save it at a certain down in history with Woodrow Wilperiod. So Roosevelt is using the son. unions to put over NRA.

some chances to save itself last through to victory. In that case comes to it. Capitalism uses sub- masses take things into their own

A. F. of L. Convention Due to an automobile accident, in which a number of CPLA'ers at tabled to our Sectorfield office. were injured, copy for Gerry AlSocialist Party here continues to lard's "Coal Dust" has arrived too THE fifty-third annual convention and make it more representative

Gerry's column will be resumed in Labor was held recently. When the probably be recognized that a real steps to provide industrial Johnson, big shot of the N.R.A.,

was the most important event of

that convention.

Johnson had William Green, A. F. of L. president, announce that in his (Johnson's) opinion this was the greatest speech of his career. In it he made two points: 1. Orin future operate under government NEVERTHELESS, other factors ganized labor, trade unionism, must control: 2. The strike can no longer be tolerated.

These statements are so startling to back them up with evidence. As to the first, Johnson referred back to the economic anarchy and chaos midst of plenty. The American people would not tolerate this, and and control of both industry and ized workers. labor organization to the uttermost with such public control as will create complete confidence in represent the rank and file. Ameriorganization of both." And again, can workers are restless today, on "I believe in a vertical organization of labor in each industry on a national scale, with representation of government in each organization to the full extent that we are putting government representation in each organization of industry." If Johnson was speaking the English language, he meant government agents sitting in on the executive boards of unions.

Gov't Control

As for the second point, "You had to be militant and always on the alert, defensive. That is no longer necessary with N.R.A.-the plain, stark truth is that you cannot tolerate the strike. Public opinion is the essential power in this country. In the end it will break down every subversive influence' striking unions presumably being 'subversive influences!"

Government - controlled, rather than independent, unions and the outlawry of strikes is what you get under Fascist dictatorships-under Mussolini in Italy, under Hitler in to it, that they will not put up equivocal a notice as you could wish that it is this kind of union ism, this denial of true unionism,

WHAT did the A. F. of L. in its convention at such a critical ers' hope! except for one brief remark by an make well-being for the masses. insignificant delegate. The Presi-They keep the load of debt, 250 vention voted unanimously for a many. Pres. Green nearly broke wegian Parliament. It now has 69 down as he described the smashing seats out of a possible 150. The ist—the debt, prine and profit— of the German trade unions by Hit- main plank in the Labor Party's ler, but there was not a word of campaign was the need for more protest against the Fascist threat extensive unemployment relief. In from the chief of the N.R.A.

But look at the chance he has features about this A. F. of L. con- seat. In the light of these events

In western countries you have to some importance. In that case conference at Birmingham that the Farley, and go down in history the House of Commons.

ready in the guise of "processing In Germany, capitalism used the out except war. In that case F. D. pal elections. Conservatives lost trade unions and the Social Demo- who does love the navy will go 103, Liberals 28, and independents

The crisis may deepen, revolt True, he is taking a chance. Cap- brew, and no revolutionary work- portant Engish cities.

Rooesvelt a Kerensky who will "go Despite the fact that most trade a long ways," provided always they unions have boycotted Germany,

of the American Federation of and make it more representative probably be recognized that a speech made by General Hugh not divide up into craft unions, the workers provisionally placed in federal unions, was left hanging in the air. In spite of Johnson's utterances and other considerations, the general attitude was one of implicit faith in the N.R.A. and Roosevelt.

There were many criticisms of the way in which N.R.A. is working out, many demands for specific and "revolutionary" that we have changes in codes and their administration. The issue of industrial unionism was raised more definitely than in many years. There is in which had brought want in the the A. F. of L. a strong tradition against any government interference in the internal affairs of government was the agency to step unions which may yet assert itself. in and put a stop to it. "It is not As practical unionists, even A. F. a difficult problem" asserts the of L. officials know that it usually

Moreover, the officialdom does not by any means in all cases fully the move, striking.

Progressives and revolutionists must vigorously press certain meas-

1. All dual unionist adventurism must be given up in this crisis. We must strive for a united trade union movement.

2. The issue of industrial unionism must be stressed. If the A. F. of L. tries to divide up the workers in any basic industry into craft unions, they must be warned to

3. The battle against reaction. autocracy and racketeering in the A. F. of L. unions must be pressed more relentlessly than ever.

4. All must join in a great movement to protect the independence of the trade unions from government interference and control, and to preserve the right to strike, without which the worker is a slave. There are grave signs that many A. F. of L. officials are already so tied in with the Roosevelt regime, owe so many favors any real resistance against such moves as Johnson's to fascistize the unions and outlaw strikes. Such officials must be ruthlessly swept aside. Their compromising, fawnunions in the end anyway. Witness Germany

In fighting unionism is the work

FOREIGN NOTES

the same election the newly formed There were other discouraging Fascist party did not get even one the Labor Party will move for a ent bourgeois cabinet and attempt

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland proexperience an upward swing of posed to the Conservative Party

The Labor Party won 173 seats There may be no capitalist way November 2 in this year's munici-Labor Party won control of the municipal governments of many im-

> The Labor Party won every one of the recent bye-elections, cutting down in one of the Conservative

Despite the fact that most trade behave like gentlemen, talk things Anne Louise Strong, co-editor of

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ARE YOU BUMS?

SPEAKING over a nation-wide radio hook-up recently, President Roosevelt, in a desperate attempt to cover up the failure of the New Deal program and check the growing discontent of the workers and farmers, claimed that there are now only six million deserving jobless workers in the country. There may be a few hundred thousand additional who are not working, he admitted, but they don't count. They are lazy and don't want jobs.

Last spring, even conservative statisticians admitted there were east 17 million workers in the United States who could not find jobs. If Mr. Roosevelt is correct, then 11 million workers have been put back to work by the N.R.A., or more than half the work- racketeers was being tried by the

ers who were unemployed last spring!
You jobless workers who read this will know whether Mr.
Roosevelt speaks the truth. You will know whether half of the workers jobless in your community last spring, today have jobs.

Trumped up figures will not fool you.

You will also know whether the President speaks the truth

Mr. Capone who had succeeded in when he charges that large numbers of you would rather starve and see your children starve, than work.

WARNING TO CAPTIVE MINE WORKERS

R. A. "peace" terms for captive miner strikes in Western stitutions and held that radicals N. Pennsylvania do not satisfy the miners. "We will not return to the mines under any such conditions," declare local union officials, who charge that the President has "given in to the steel cor-

porations who own the mines."

The miners are right. Roosevelt did trick them. And the United Mine Workers' officials cooperated with him. What are

There are two definite clauses in the Appalachian agreement under which the operators "agreed" to open their mines, by which workers give up the right to strike. No matter what the reason to Mr. Capone. After all had he workers must not strike.

If they do strike, they are engaged in criminal poceedings. If convicted of striking they go to jail under clauses to which they themselves have agreed. Steel," magazine for steel operators, hails the Roosevelt solu-

tion in its October 30 number. It points out that the operators J. B. Morgan, Mr. Otto H. Kahn, did not give up anything.

In fact, check-off is to be decided by the individual miner. A

gross sum will not be deducted as a check-off-sum. For this right the operators were fighting.

THE decision rendered by Donald Richberg, chief counsel of the entirely clean of blood stains. And were not Mr. Morgan and Mr. 1000 for further militarization. 1000 NRA, in the controversy between the United Mine Workers were not Mr. Morgan and Mr. 900 for further militarization. and the Progressive Miners in Illinois is additional proof that militant unionism will get little support from the recovery administra-

This decision puts the NRA stamp of approval on the contract which John L. Lewis signed months ago with the Illinois operators behind the backs of the miners and against which thousands of

miners under PMA leadership have been on strike. What else is needed before Pearcy and Keck and the other PMA leaders are convinced that there is no use relying on anything except the solidarity and militancy of the miners, and that the fighting elements whom they are trying to put out of the PMA ought to be called back into action?

RECOGNIZE SOVIET RUSSIA

THAT Soviet Russia will be recognized by the United States is suppression—these are the meth- born against the foreign born now almost a certainty. Maxim Litvinoff, Commissar for ods Al Capone employed to gain here, as in Germany? Foreign Affairs, will arrive in this country in a few days. He will and hold power in the Chicago un-Foreign Affairs, will arrive in this country in a few days. He will be received by Washington with all ceremonial honors usually be received by Washington with all ceremonial honors usually accorded a visiting statesman. He thinks that it will not take him accorded a visiting statesman. He thinks that it will not take him hold power.

The capitalists, faced with a copies sold each day, make a mighty derworld. And these are the methods accorded a visiting statesman. He thinks that it will not take him hold power.

W. R., Pittsburgh.

And so forced to pay their own movement of CPLA." Perhaps it would remind us of our "Jimmy subscription offort for their particular parts. The NRA more than "a half hour" to reach an agreement with President hold power. Roosevelt.

That the Roosevelt administration would take this move has long been predicted by Washington correspondents and by close advisers of the President. That it has been greatly desired by the Soviet government is plain from the manner in which it is greeted by the Moscow press.

| Creep and one's blood boil. That hu books prove it was the large capi man beings could become such talists of Germany and France—in the end.

Confronted with the necessity for finding a market for United State surplus goods to put over the NRA program, Roosevelt could not possibly ignore this largest potential market in the world.

State surplus goods to put over the NRA program, Roosevelt could not possibly ignore this largest potential market in the world. Les creeces at the London Roosevelt could not possibly ignore this largest potential market in the world. In a speech at the London Economic Conference Litvinoff assured the United States representatives that recognition would mean at It is hard to believe that one is a minute, when necessary, to hire for Labor Action. I'm pleased how the Office States representatives that recognition would have to be stated the least a billion dollars worth of business with Soviet Russia within living in the twentieth century; in killers and perverts to destroy the this paper get this way. I give the

The workers' government needs the machinery, etc. which lieve is the most advanced and en-United States industry produces. In addition Soviet Russia also lightened age in human history. desires U. S. recognition because of the influence it will have on curbing hostile action from Japan. This is why the Soviet press hails Roosevelt's move as a step toward peace.

If Soviet recognition is so desirable to the United States business interests today why was it not desirable years ago? There have for the Victims of German Fascism been two chief arguments by defenders of capitalism against recog-nition. 1. The question of the debts of the Czarist and Kerensky truth of the horrors described here. governments owed to wealthy Americans. The Soviet government has contended that since it did not incur the debts of these govern- insane, the pervert, the moronments which it overthrew, it was therefore not obligated to pay them. 2. The question of Communism. Is not the Soviet government an integral part of the world communist movement? Will not by the terror, are herded into conrecognition, therefore, encourage the growth of Communism within centration camps, rotting in foul

These questions will undoubtedly be put to M. Litvinoff when He will have to give a satisfactory answer to Washinghe arrives. ton. Evidence indicates that the question of the Czarist and Kerensky debts will not be so important. Soviet Russia is undoubtedly prepared to make concessions on this point. Neither will Washington be too insistent here.

The second question is more complicated. Will Litvinoff, for instance, admit the close relation existing between the Soviet Government and the Comintern and therefore agree to a restriction of Communist propaganda in this country, as many powerful American capitalist elements are demanding.

Or will he argue that there is no actual relationship between the Soviet Government and the Third International and that therefore he has no authority or power to decide or influence policies of the Communist Party of the United States?

Whatever answer M. Litvinoff makes to these questions, United States recognition must be hailed by the working class as a

victory for the first workers' republic. All hail to the heroic workers of the Soviet Union!

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

The Brown Book of the Hitler Terror and the Burning of the Reichstag. Prepared by the World Committee for the Victims of German Fascism. Introduction by Lord Marley. 348 pages. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. \$2.

Nazi Culture: The Brown Darkness Over Germany. Matthew Josephson. New York. Number 33. The John Day Pamphlets. 25c.

Someone has described life in Hitler Germany as life in the United States with Chicago gangsters elevated to power. Just why Chicago gangsters and not New York or St. Louis gangsters were thought of is not plain, but no

It will be recalled that while the king of Chicago gangsters and evasion the newspapers of the country quoted him in an interview on Americanism. Responsible for scores of murders and shootings, assing a fortune by thumbing his nose at the law, claimed to be a good American. He was a firm believer in our great American in

Many people at the time were surprised to learn that Mr. Capone could hold such respectable and commendable views on American ism. Quite a few accused him of insincerity. He was only playing not done very well by "our great American institutions?" It did not seem to me that there was any more reason for doubting the patriotism of Mr. Capone than of Mr. and many other very respectable and wealthy men. Perhaps these but no informed person will contend that Morgan's millions are further armaments ("lifted" from mately five billion two hundred this is given in the recent figures at Henry Ford's defiance by the Kahn and a number of others investigated last summer and found to have committed the same crime she did in 1913. The great powers, seen. for which Mr. Capone was sent to =

what we have been taught to be-

But it is true. There is no es caping it. Whatever other criti- God. cism one may have of this book prepared by the World Committee In Germany today, the criminal, the these are the rulers. The sane peo their bodies floating in canals.

ler to power. It is in the interests war." of these people that millions of dollars worth of food and clothing States today, while millions of ditions in your section. gry and ragged. Are not workers to sell to your friends, being shot down in Peansylvania, and fellow workers!

Seventy-seven million dollars for excluding Germany (until now!) modernization of ships; \$39,000, spend 85 per cent more for arma- builders, steel kings, and profes-000 for airplanes; \$90,000,000 for ments than in the year preceed-sional pacifists justify these exmotorization of the Army; \$6,000, ing the World War. The total an-000 for munitions; \$37,000,000 for nual cost of the armies, navies and penditures on the ground that It Marches On new naval bases; \$297,000,000 for air forces of the world is approxi- provides employment. The lie to

But what does all this have to the Morgans, the Mellons, the do with a review of the above Rockefellers and the Fords? Are books? Just this. As their titles not the same kind of lies about happenings in fascist Germany to- being spread in this country as little grains of sand, make a mighty day. What we learn from them is were spread in Germany? Are not ocean and a pleasant land?" Al- ing 50c for my subscription."—A Bloomers" an advertisement reads. that the German people are being the white workers being stirred up ways sounded a bit far-fetched to professor at Yale. ruled by the methods of Chicago against the Negro workers, the gen- me, but it really states the case, I gangsters. Murder, torture, brutal tile against the Jew, the native suppose.

The horrors described in the ple will stop at nothing to save see how fast the tin box fills up organizations of the workers and to stir up race and religious bigotry. The capitalist class is not The best wishes for your paper." swayed by sentiment about culture, or art, or humanity. Profit is its

As Mr. Josephson says: "Thus when the small class or group of secretive and coldblooded men who deal with the sheer dy namics of political-econmic force in vinced that the decisive hour has come to break the workers' movesound reasons, when there shall be prisons, tortured by maniacs, or a political change or war. Germany, in her economic blind alley, is confronted with two objectives. But why? How did this thing in the view of the cold-blooded inhappen in Germany? Is it be- dustrialists: to overcome the mencause, as jingo patriots are now acing proletarian movements, and maintaining, the German people drive the workers toward a stanare fundamentally inhuman, and dard of living even lower than that glory in murder and brutality? Of of the depression years. The seccourse not. That is a damnable lie ond objective is to erase the Ver sponsored by the same people who sailles Treaty and gird the nation furnished the money to bring Hit- for patriotic, that is, for imperialist

WORKERS, FARMERS! are being destroyed in the United Write LABOR ACTION about conworkers and their families go hun- Order Bundles of LABOR ACTION

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in Illinois, in West Virginia by gangsters and criminals hired by the Mellons, the Mellons, the Do you remember in the third copies of Labor Action which I indicate, these books deal with radicals and workers' organizations grade the "little drops of water, have seen so far. I am ordering it is your Patriotic Duty to buy and for the Yale Library, and am send- wear our cut price Panties and

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to continue.

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LEAGUE NOTES

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The trip to Chicago cost me 90

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Cara Cook.

cited it once a week to this effect,— even better. Please apply the \$1.50

A check-up recently on the bun-

paper to some farmer, but I get no chance to meet the feller again yet. a report to make which will banish Cultural

We think this is stated simply and clearly, and we are looking for a new sub. when he meets that farmer again!

A worker 67 years old, unem ployed for three years, writes from Lawrence, Mass.:

"Send me five copies and I will pay out of my own pocket, and give the papers to some I meet. The pa- ers in the unemployed leagues give per is O. K., but the workers are hard to interest because they dislike so many different parties. They want a united labor movement."

Which is just what the CPLA wants and Labor Action urges, although it isn't achieved just by wanting and urging.

A West Virginia miner asks for a bundle of 25, although he cannot I want to say, Develop leaders." pay "because we have scarcely enough bread and butter down here. The paper is good. It can be improved though by adding a column on Religion and Labor, the Women's Home Column, and a Reader's Forum."

Someone else objects to giving valuable labor news space to such frivolous use as the Manager's column,-so what shall we do, West Virginia?

"I am enthusiastic about

INTERLUDES By LOUIS BREIER Social Criticism

in the Movies

In "Gabriel Over The White House" a bad president is made into a good one by cracking his skull. After this logical introduction the country is turned into an armed camp as the only sensible procedure for the elimination of war and racketeers. Armies of unemployed are put to work planting trees everywhere, the inference being that when every available inch of space has its tree the unemployed will be put to work chopping them down. Incidentally, the four or five bars of not very good music heard now and then throughout the movie are meant to represent the Archangel Gabriel who is Hollywood's heavenly Hitler behind all the high pressure recovery.

A schoolboy who hunts a diamond cuff-link at midnight in the room of a notorious gangster is shot when discovered by the not unnaturally peeved gorilla. All this is very convincingly portrayed in "This Day and Age" which is not. however, an ordinary thriller but a Movie With a Mesage; one which makes an honest attempt to do away with the annoying red tape of normal legal procedure. The chums of the murdered schoolboy kidnap the gangster and try him over a rat pit in a deserted barn. The gangster confesses amid cornet solos, football vells and three rousing cheers for Judge Lynch-

A hard-boiled Railroad Executive with the proverbial heart of gold is the hero of "The Power And the Glory." There is a great strike during which some three dozen railroad workmen are killed.

"He was a beast!" cries the wife of the Executive's private secretary. "Oh, no!" replies the private secretary, "You just don't understand him. You see, he was in

The Administration strikes back The U.S. now spends 237 per United States leads in the greatest construction labor receives only 37 son again warns industrialists to cent more for war supplies than armaments race the word has ever cents. The other 63 cents goes for comply with their codes or suffer a drastic slap on the wrist-Silk Mill operators in Pennsylvania prove it is unpatriotic to strike "because half a loaf is better than none" and "because strike agitators receive thousands of dollars a month while strikers starve." "It President Roosevelt makes an ad-"Sorry to hear that Labor Age is dress in which "chiseller" is eleno more published, but from what vated from slang to proper speech For instance, if each of us re- I see of Labor Action it will be for the benefit of the striking farmers. Publicity is still hot and plen-The capitalists, the bankers and "Little subs. for three months, for 78 issues of Labor Action."— tiful. All newspapers that have not and farmers and small tradespeo- Higgins" duties. And if you could any real promotion effort, for there is explained for the movie-going was no extra money. If we can public by the following economic count on this coming in volunexperts: Zazu Pitts, El Brendel and tarily, what could be done with a Jimmy Durante. In short everylittle extra effort! That would thing is under control and Recovery mean more subs, hence more is by this time almost around the money, more postage, more appeals, corner. It only remains to house more subs, more money, etc. ad the evicted, send the children back to the schools, recover the millions Let's make a special two-weeks of tons of sheriffed furniture and pre-Convention campaign effort, so household goods and feed the hunwe may, on the first anniversary

for good and all any lurking fears that Labor Action may not be able

Ministers in Allentown, Pa., are saying that "Depression-mindedness" must cease. The unemployed are cautioned not to give way to "undue pessimism" but to trust in God and wait for the Light.

And just to show that the old Says a letter from Illinois: "For crusading spirit has not entirely crying out loud why don't the leadvanished from among the lattermore attention to developing some day bible bawlers they have recently decided that all "isms" includof us guvs into leaders. Is it because they unconsciously think ing Communism, Technocracyism, they are the only ones who can be Nudism and Buchmanism are works leaders? The big need is for more of the Devil. Anyhow this spares and more leaders and many of us the Levestoneites.

As one worker has said: "Reliand we cannot do it without we gion is not the opium of the peo are given the right kind of chance. ple in Allentown. It is the preachers themselves who are narcotic "Transportation is not a prob- pills."

is busy among the unemployed Apology leagues. "I can make my way al-

If a serious note is seen to permost anywhere without expense. vade this column mark it up to the Farmer-Labor Party political camcents. I don't feel that people who paign this month in my bailiwick. are in the labor movement should Debating with Democrats, Republicans and Socialists is humor for the gods and irritation for mortals. Incidentally, the vote for the Farm-LABOR ACTION TO SELL er-Labor Party will not be a laughing matter.

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