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Back Of **Gold Bill**

Standards of Workers

The question as to how the Roose administration will raise the billion dollars which, according the budget, it intends to spend etween now and July 1 is anered by the President's revaluan bill. At least this is the opinn of Professor James Harvey gers, one of Roosevelt's inner netary advisers. According to onary possibilities of the bill is trial Federal Unions. m 7 billion to 17 billion dollars.

deral Reserve System, between al treasury, and devalue it beeen 40 and 50 per cent, make it orth in dollars between 40 and 50

By doing this the Government ll acquire several billion dollars. t devalues the dollar 50 per cent example, it will turn the 4 bilgold dollars into 8 billion. But d reserve for currency is now reernment issue dollar certificates

What effect will this have on the ekets or expect to have in our tion. ckets from the wages we are id? All past experience of govments doing this sort of thing ys that our present dollars will less and less food, clothing, etc. other words, prices will rise. A ent dollar, says Professor E. W. merer, conservative authority money, would mean a general e level ultimately 86 per cent

Wages Do Not

run, although the bill has not yet he submitted to the Senate. n enacted by Congress. This is Farmers' income, he asserted furbill for the gold program.

Of course the administration voerously denies any inflationary entions. Sound money is what are after, says the President. neuf A reading of the opinions the "experts" would indicate that re are just about as many kinds sound money as there are "ex-

work. Despite the billions of for the owning classes. ars poured into insolvent banks,

Federal Unions Plan Defense AWP Gets FLASHES CWA Workers Against A.F.L. Craft Unionism Ready For

sponse to a call sent out by Federal toward the forming of real national Labor Union No. 18872, the organ- industrial organizations in their ization of the Westinghouse Em- particular industries. During sesployees of South Philadelphia, dele- sions of the conference, word was gates from many parts of the coun- received that the Aluminum work try, empowered to speak for almost ers were organizing a national 100 Federal Unions with an estim- grouping of this kind. The Radio ated membership of 250,000, planned workers, claimig 70,00 members in a defense against the attempt of many locals, have established a na the American Federation of Labor tional council to coordinate their New NRA Move officialdom to split these industrial efforts. Similar steps are being organizations and force their mem- taken in other industries such as bers into the regular craft unions food, metal products and electrical

The delegates heard reports prov-Federal Unions was first begun, duction industries be renewed and in the American Workers Party that the Federation Executive was ed policy of the American Federa Saturday, February 3. This confer-

though the A. F. of L. convention shall not be separated or segregated had decided to leave the matter for into craft unions but shall be held | States in which the AWP is espesettlement to a conference of Inter- intact on industry lines." national Presidents later, the executive council has begun almost imessor Rogers the potential indiately to break up the indus petent and responsible official head speakers at the dinner will be:

A union of General Electric work-But specifically, what is this gold craft organizations. They refused, and apply for a national or Interinghouse group at South Philadel- mediately granted by the Execu-, own a little more than 4 bil- phia had also been ordered to give tive Council of the American Feddollars in gold. This gold is up its machinists to the Machinists eration of Labor." Union and refused. Leaders of the

A member of these local Federal January 24.

equipment. The main resolution adopted by ing that the promises of the Federa. the conference demanded that "the tion to organize on an industrial issuance of Federal charters to basis, made when organization of units formed with the mass pro were being ruthlessly broken, and aggresively continued as the adoptnot even observing the decision of tion of Labor. (Issuance of Federal their own convention on the matter. charters has been stopped in recent Hall Club, Friday night, at which Delegates testified that even months); that these Federal unions

> "That a bureau be established within the A. F. of L. having a comto aid in and stimulate the formation of such industrial unions";

Real Estate Interests Fight Petty Government Housing Program In addition to the above speakers, George S. Counts, professor of history at Columbia University will speak, and Sidney Hook and V. F. CWA Gets Ready To Cut W ages And Fire All Workers by May 1 Government Housing Program

When Comptroller-General Mc-Carl awoke on the morning of Jan. of slum clearance and low-cost h 17, 1934, with the brilliant dream ing would do more to start indusby law only a 40 per cent discovery that the Founding Fath- trial activity than any other of the ers living on farms and plantations NRA "cures." Not that the Ickes red, this 4 billion dollars, it has in 1787 had not thought of slum program of housing is a real one! n pointed out, could easily be in- clearance and low-cost housing Far from it! In the construction inused to 10 billion, should the when they wrote the Constitution, dustry which averaged over \$8 bilhe proceeded immediately to tie-up lion a year in the period be ween tion to be affiliated with the AWP has been spent for this purpose. Immediate layoffs are demanded few socally legitimate revival meas- which the Secretary of the Interior layout the secretary layout layout the secretary layout l e of the dollars we have in our ures of the Rooseveit administra- proposes to spend is ridiculously

Bosses Cut Wages As Profits Stay Up

Wages have suffered the most in the general decline since 1929, drop-The rise in prices has already and detailed ever omnlied" which

wn by the labor department's ther, dropped almost 50 per cent in od price index which shows a rise the same period of time while those an authority on housing problems. r six weeks' decline. Wholesale who were living on interest pays are also going up steadily. ments "suffered" a slash in income is obvious that unless wages can of about 2 per cent. When it is reforced up the workers will foot called that the cost of living fell in this same period, it is apparent that this latter class gained con siderably in real income.

> 6% billion in 1932. On the other hand the income of the public utility industry fell only 7 per cent. Dividends did not fall at all in 1930 sheds than houses. as compared with 1929, though in 1931 and 1932 these payments were says that three-fourths of the farm cut about 40 per cent. Landlords houses are without running water,

However, one thing is certain. 1932 the owning class took about 2 million people live in "Old Tenele National Recovery program has 10 billion from the national income ment Law" houses; that is to say been the howling success Gen- as compared with about 6 billion there are 250,000 rooms without dial Johnson and the other admin- going to wage-earners. In terms rect contact with air. At the rate ration ballyhooers have tried to of index numbers this means that they are being demolished legally, the us believe. Business has not the latter class saw their income before they are all down, 138 years wn any substantial revival. The slashed to 39.8 from the 1929 level will have gone by. imployed have not been put back of 100, as against the 96.8 equivalent

This report which was done by tration knows-is the Constitution roads and other business enterthe Department of Commerce in being evoked? Because banks, real the Machinists, Duffy of the Potcess by the RFC, American capiconnection with the National Buestate interests, speculators, and tery Workers and Tobin of the pecially in the South, cannot meet alism is still on the down grade. reau of Economic Research is the some contractors do not want to see slum clearance or low-cost hous- under the collar about the practices maintained till now by the CWA! ous what the Roosevelt administra- men who have been cut of CWA (Continued on Page 2) search.

A real and comprehensive project trades workers or the users of low-

If the government actually deworkers to payrolls.

Does the country really need a standards. By that she means:

They do not have inside running water: there is no water closet In the house for the exclusive use of the family; and the rooms are nei-The wages of workers dropped ther large enough nor sufficient in from about 171/4 billion in 1929 to relation to the number of occupants. Further, the amount of ventilation, sunlight, and garbage

The Department of Agriculture, received about 11/2 billion in 1932. a kitchen sink, and bathrooms with Summarized, it appears that in stationary tubs. In New York some

> Why in the face of all thiswhich even the Roosevelt adminis-

> > (Continued on Page 2)

Dinner on Friday To Be Followed by Conference of Field Workers

Many Groups of Workers

will be held in New York City, ence follows a dinner at the Town organizers from Ohio, Illinois, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, cially active at this time, will tell about what the Party is doing in mass organizations. Among the

Agnes Burns Weick, famous leadnd this, thinks the professor, is ers in Mass. was offered a Federal and "that where a reasonable and Illinois coal miners; Bill Traux, the of the major virtues of the charter—if they gave up the sufficient number of such Federal machinists and electricians to the unions form a national association League, having a membership of tion by the Anaconda Copper Minmore than 150,000; Arnold Johnson, sure? The Government and the rejecting the charter. The West- national charter, same shall be im- organizer of the National Unemployed League, just back from participation in a successful strike of CWA workers in West Virginia; Emphasizing its determination to Louis F. Budenz, veteran strike properties to be the base of the dorthin and refused. Leaders of the
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joined the AWP.

In New York City the work of the Party goes forward with accelerated speed. During the month Finnish branch of the AWP and workers who want information and each branch meeting.

sired to increase the purchasing fessional workers' groups, includ-tucky power of the mass of workers, is ing teachers, technicians, writers, Ohio. there a better way than re-employ artists, etc., have been meeting ing the six million workers who with members of the POC to work four million men working on CWA ping about 60 per cent from that were in the construction industry out ways in which they can most

> the past month, and in the demand Does the country really need a housing program? Dr. Edith Wood, for literature about the Party. Slashed to a maximum of \$15 a to the Navy for 1933. Hundreds of copies of the first brief statement of AWP program and can houses are below minimum principles have been sent out, while be slashed from \$13.50 a week to requests for the fuller statement an average of \$10.80. by the Party to be published in pamphlet form, February 1, keep pouring into the office.

NRA No Santa Claus

A. F. L. Interntaional Presidents Are Finding Out at Last

News from Washington, where the International Presidents of the unions have been meeting, indicates that the boys have found out that the NRA isn't Santa Claus. eral Hugh Johnson, several of the have risen, there is a marked loss to have raked him fore and aft with figures. criticisms of the NRA administration and policies.

It is understood that Wharton of of the Recovery Administration. These employers have complained tion has in mind.

Two-thirds of this year's 10 bil-Meetings | lion dollar budget goes to property owners, the People's Lobby estimates.

A 100 per cent tox on all in

comes over \$10,000 and inherit ances over \$100,000, to allow the Activity Grows State to take over industry, and to create a farm products emergency CPLA Asks Perkins agency, was demanded of Gov Movement Toward Party by Schmedeman in a resolution passed by the Pierce County Farmers Union, which asks the governor to call a special session of the State A conference of active workers legislature to enact these reforms.

Local Patriot Convicted

Tom B. Boyd, former State Treasurer and well-known patriot of Topeka, Kansas, was convicted by a District Court jury of illegally removing \$260,000 of bonds from the State vaults last July.

Wins Recognition

After long years of bitter struger of the Women's Auxiliary of the gle, Butte Local No. 1 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and ing Co.

German Income Shrinks

In West Virginia **Down Their Tools**

Starting in Kanawha County Strike Is Spreading Throughout State Under Leadership of Fighting Unemployed League

To Fire McGrady Charge State Administrtaor For Interference

New York.—An emphatic demand that Edward F. McGrady, Assistant Secretary of Labor, be immediately ty-wide strike of CWA workers dismissed from his position was was suspended by joint action of sent this week to Frances Perkins, a large rank and file mass meeting the CPLA. Budenz severely de- immediately to be launched, the nounced the former A. F. of L. offi- amount of work is to be increased cial for his part in railroading Ben per man, and the CWA projects

representatives in international with a view to renewing the strike union disputes," said Budenz, "is a if the state and federal investigathe independence of the trade union meeting of the strikers' demands.

a suspended sentence by Judge Rod- lar bonds, awaiting trial. ney on the plea of his attorney, re-Germany's national income dur- ceived instead a 40-day term in jail ing the first half of 1933 declined when a letter from McGrady was about \$150,000,000, according to an introduced as evidence. In jingoofficial estimate of the Federal istic phrases reminiscent of Mat-Statistical Bureau. What's the mat- thew Woll at his worst, this former ter Herr Hitler? We thought the A. F. of L. official denounced Gold Jews and radicals in the "new Ger- not only as a trouble-maker and

speak, and Sidney Hook and V. F. And Fire All Workers by May 1

plans to drop one million men from the most active group of workers the Civil Works Administration ousness of the "living wage scale" in the Finnish Workers and Farm. every two weeks beginning Feb. 15, guaranteed by the NRA. ers Unity League have formed a as a result of "lack of funds," despite the fact that less than one the so-called iberal Roosevelt Adare organizing a Finnish Federa- half of the original CWA allotment ministration, comes not only from

sin, 20,000 in Arkansas, 1,500 in revealing that political parasites small. It is certainly not enough to literature about the new party and Maine, 1,500 in New Hampshire, make much difference to building new members are being taken in at 8,500 in Minnesota, 1,500 in Oklahoma, 45,000 in Texas, 1,000 in In addition to these groups of in-Utah, 10,000 in Washington, 18,000 dustrial workers a number of protucky, 16,000 in Michigan, 46,000 in

Government authorities estimate projects. At the rate of dismisal level by 1932. This was the conclusion reached by Wilard L. Thorp, industries depend in one way or Party.

were in the construction industry effectively cooperate with the planned—500,000 a week — they would again be unemployed by would again be unemployed by director of the Bureau of Foreign another upon building activities. A The growing interest in the April 15. In an effort to extend and Domestic Commerce in a report real housing plan would start the AWP, nationally, is reflected in the this period until May 1, the govdescribed as the "most complete capital goods market going and add more than 50 per cent increase in ernment has embarked on a program of ruthless wage cutting.

pecially in the South, it is planned to reduce the pay to \$4.50 a week! to close on May 1," declared Relief Administrator, CWA head, Harry L. Hopkins.

President Roseveit expresses the pious hope that with the coming of summer the four million men will be absorbed in 'normal outdoor work." There is no comment on the usual seasonal slack which takes place at this time. Nor is there anything to say about the American Federation of Labor figures released by the Labor Department which show that already the effects of the artificial stimu lant business has received has After listening to a speech by Gen- started to wear off. While prices big guns of the Federation are said in both payrolls and employment

Despite the government's com plaint of lack of funds, skilled of servers reveal a more fundamental

that the CWA was draining away

fect, additional proof of the fallaci-

workers on relief projects!

U. S. Prepares Navy

together with Henry L. Roosevelt,

by about 33 1-3 per cent.

By LEE HEWITT

The Roosevelt administration

week. Laborers in the large cities will

in the smaller communities, es-

At the latest, "the show is going

past summer, will take about of work. \$6,000,000 from this source again. measures will be reduced to only 10 per cent. Taken in connection with the article by Harry H. Woodring, assistant secretary of War, in last

asked that the Civilian Conservation Corps be organized into "eco nomic storm troops," a polite name

Demand More Pay

W. N. Beehler Is Playing

BULLETIN

Charleston, W. Va.-The coun-U. S. Secretary of Labor, by Louis on Jan. 25, as a result of partial Budenz, executive secretary of victory. A federal investigation is Gold, secretary of the Fur Workers are to be extended until May. The Industrial Union, to jail. League is organizing further mass "Such interference by government action, as the result of this success, riminal and intolerable invasion of tion does not lead to a complete Gunboat Smith and Hugh Fisher Gold, who was about to be given are out of jail, on five hundred dol-

> CHARLESTON, W. Va. (Special -Over 5,000 C.W.A. workers, members of the West Virginia Unemployed League, laid down their tools throughout Kanawha County on January 23 in a general strike which is spreading to other parts of the state. A shut-down was imme diately effective on projects in this rity, Paint Creek, South Charles Spring Hill, South Hills, Vandalia, the Blue Creek area, and ther places.

The strikers are demanding more money, better working conditions. and the discharge of W. N. Beebler, State C.W.A. Administrator, on charges of showing political favortheir labor power. This is, in efitism in dispensing relief.

Following a large mass meeting at the Reynolds St. showgrounds Criticism of this latest move of in this city, pickets were thrown around all relief projects and their lines have been maintained vigorously. The city and county authorities have called out extra police forces, while automobiles carrying squads of state troopers cruise about the city and county day and have collected fees for placing

Arnold Johnson, Secretary of the National Unemployed League, is in the city in connection with the con-For Impending War | vention of the state unemployed league, to be held here January 28. He addressed the mass meeting at War preparations were acceleratione showgrounds, and is cooperated by the Roosevelt administration ing in the strike. C. F. Seacrist, this week as the House of Repre- acting for his brother Walter, who sentatives was asked by govern- is president of the league, has taken ment spokesmen to pass a bill giv- direct charge of the strike in its ing \$800,000,000 to the Navy for the initial stages, because of Walter's next two years. At the same time illness. Edward Snyder, veteran Admiral W. H. Stanley asked a leader of many m ram of ruthless wage cutting.

Professional workers will be House committee to vote a deficien made chairman of the Strike Com-

> Among the charges made by the Repesentatives Vinson and Ayres league in calling the strike are: That politics is playing a prom-

assistant secretary of Navy, said inent part in the selection of men that this money would be used to for all kinds of work, from laborbuild 3 aircraft carriers, 11 cruisers, ers, timekeepers and foremen to 4 submarines, 32 destroyers and 2 supervisers.

gunboats. Ayres testified further That married men are being cut that this would enable the United off from the jobs, under a reduc-States to meet Great Britain on tion order by NRA headquarters in equal terms, and surpass Japan Washington, while single workmen are permitted to remain at work.

The administration having al- That there is no uniform scale ready taken about one-quarter of governing the wages of the worka billion for the Navy from the ers, all sorts of variations in pay Public Works Administration in the existing for the same specific kind

The strikers demand a minimum This will be used to build about of \$22 a week, on CWA projects, in 125 Navy planes. At the same time contrast with \$13.10 a week now it was made known that the 15 per being paid. They also demand the cent cut which the Navy and ma- 6 hour day and 5 day week on these rine corps took under the economy jobs, while they state that persons on direct relief rolls and not working receve at least \$13.50 a week.

The CWA rolls in the state have been ordered reduced 25 per cent by Harry L. Hopkins, national relief week's issue of Liberty, which administrator. A complete new setup in the relief organization "from Beehler on down" is insisted upon by the unemployed league. "Also,"

Inflation

Devaluation of Dollar Means Rapid Rise in Prices

To Drive Down Living of the Federation.

By HARRY A. HOWE

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By O. R. FUSS

New York:-New ways to exploit workers and consumers were the main topics of discussion at the convention of the National Retail Dry Goods Association held in this city last week. Speakers at this convention, which brought together the leading representatives of some 4,500 department stores, agreed that prices must be raised and costs cut if profits are to be assured and increased.

Delos Walker, general manager of R. H. Macy and Co., asserting that the present situation is a challenge to ingenuity and skill, said that many old approaches must be abandoned and new effective ones

In answering his appeal, Miss Marjorie Sidney, employment manager of Gimbel Brothers, suggested that New York department stores organize a joint bureau for the hiring of salesclerks. Such a bureau would necessitate less personnel workers in each individual store, and would present an effective method of blacklisting "undesirable" or "inefficient" workers.

Miss Sidney also supported a five-day week, for department store the future, the higher grade of workers would quit their jobs in view of the admitted injustices which the six-day week forced on them at present.

Code made unavoidable a slight increase in the dollar payroll totals, to organize and fight back. but asserted that, "The improvement in the morals of our co-work- suitable information, and to comers will make for more unified and ment on the articles as they apeffective personnel organization." pear. Names of correspondents will This was interpreted by Blooming. not be published, unless des

saying that more work and sale

most effective method of raising prices. Representatives of Martin Brothers, of Portsmouth, Chic Tepper Brothers, of Plainfield, Jersey, held that prices should be raised immediately to avoid accusation of profiteering later on. Mr. Eisenberg of the latter organization contended that the retail code "Would cost money," insisting that consumers should be made aware of this immediately.

Others held that consumers must first be "educated" to the necessity of higher prices under the New Deal, if they were not to be definitely alienated.

The convention ended with the election of David Owens, president of J. B. Ivey Co. of Charlotte, N. C., as head of the Association. He promised to follow the aims of the organization in so far as they af-

Millions of customers are gouged by high prices. Hundreds of thouworkers on the grounds that if employment prospects brightened in paid, over-worked employees. The with lucrative department store advertizing, says nothing.

LABOR ACTION will publish regularly articles dealing with the Michael Schaap, president of policies of department stores to-Bloomingdale's, agreed that the wards consumers and employees, and with the efforts of the workers

Militant CWA Worker Fired For Having Copy Labor Action

Toledo-The case of Paul Kote- | miserable condition. cki, militant member of the Lucas County Unemployed League, who tating among the workers," and having in his possession copies of Labor Action and an Unemployed refers to Unemployed League or-League leaflet, is opening the eyes of many workers here to the real who wanted to make soap-tox character of the government and

Kotecki, sole support of his mother and brother, was dismissed director of research for the Lucas from his job simply because he organization whose open and County are temporarily glad to get avowed purpose is to defend their \$15 a week, after the miserable reasked his fellow-workers to join an interests. The intelligent workers, lief they have been forced to ac here, know that. They also know cept in the past. But numerous that the government in Washington CWA strikes have already occurred has been telling them they have a throughout the country. The workright to organize. So when a fel- ers fired from his job by government prices and the vision of a minimum officials because he was exercising income of \$5,000 a year for everythis right they begin to have

The local Complaint Board, headpealed the case to Maj. E. O. vast majority, and not to that hand-

for ever," says League officials, farmers against the other half by Institute code, blasting the plea of dreaded disease. Last March Joe their report to the elimination of "whether it is a crime for CWA the simple device of waving a flag added costs advanced by the Edison Brown, a youthful workman, beand unemployed workers to organ- and shouting 'Un-American!' ize. If it is, then we intend to be criminals, for we are going to or- If the 'patriots' insist on placing gineers) receiving \$19.21 are ex- features-Joe is one of those who ganize. And the sconer the officials | the worker in a position where he empted from the entire code. Ac- didn't recover. know this the better."

Professional Patriots Wave The Flag

Toledo.-Patriotism, the age-old refuge of exploiters and their political henchmen, is being used here to fight the militant Lucas Conuty Petty Government Housing tives" and 20,000 workers in the Unemployed League, and to cover up official corruption and graft. Inspired by relief administrator, Col. John S. Shelter, "an army man bred and born," as a local paper adand "red" haiting have become the order of the day.

On one CWA project after another American flags have been housing, their own rent demands raised to the accompaniment of will have to be reduced. Other real military band music and spreadeagle speeches, delivered by members of professional patriotic or-

The effect of all this patriotic ballyhoo on politically undeveloped wil be lost. Contractors fear new workers is not much different from types of housing which will cut what you would expect; a lot of into their specialities; or even do them have swallowed it, and for the away with some of the grafting time being forgotten about their sub-contracting bids.

dale workers as a pleasant way of AWF Strike would be required.

Suggestions were made as to the 30,000 Workers Respond

Readers are invited to send us

(CWA) make a ritual of raising and lowering their flag each night," was fired off a CWA job for "agi- approvingly writes a reporter on one of the radical hating papers.

This same feeble-minded reporter

speeches." But the workers will not be fooled for long, believes Art Preis, County league. He says:

"The CWA workers in Lucas will not be satisfied forever one made easily possible by modern machinery.

filed a complaint with Administrator Harry Hopkins in Washington.
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must choose between the flag and cording to the 1930 census this The mill operator was ordered to keeping him from the bread, and the familiar executive joker has facilities for dressing, and proper despite the flag, he will grasp in been elaborated to include "at least places for the employes to eat.

Program (Continued from Page 1)

The banks hold mortgages based upon sky-high evalution of miringly styles him, flag waving properties. Areal housing program would wipe out their claims.

Real estate interests are afraid that if workers can get low-cost estate interests are bluffing, waiting for the opportune moment when they can unload upon the govern ment their slums at 1929 prices.

Speculators are afraid their profits

Call By S. L. SOLON

To General Strike

walked out in general strike on January 26 in answer to the call of the Amalgamated Hotel and Resjunction with the Waldorf strikers union, \$20 a week minimum wage, a 40 hour work week, and no split watches.

The blunt refusal of the bosse precipitated a gigantic out-pouring of workers from all the principal hotels' in the metropolitan area

At a strike meeting held at Bry ant Hall, hundreds of enthusiastic workers thronged the auditorium fect the six million retail workers to hear organizers tell them that their strike has received pledges of support from food unions all over the country.

A half hour after the 5 o'clock deadline set by the union, the streets in the hotel district were filled with strikers. Frantic bosses ssued statement minimizing the extent of the walkout, and attacking the union as a "red" organization. They brazenly declared that the strike would be broken with the aid of scabs supplied by the gangster controlled A. F. of L. union and the "guilds."

The direct cause of the strike was the militant walkout of 600 workers in the kitchen and restaurant of the Waldorf Astoria last Tuesday in protest against the disharge of Andre Fournigault, under-chef, for his activity as a member of the Amalgamated union. A mass meeting was held at the union hedaquarters Wednesday as a result of the Waldorf strike, and 3,000 members voted unanimously for a general strike.

A spirit of unity suffused the ranks of the workers as they voted to strike against the arrogant boss long in their industry. The general ganizers as "long-haired gentlemen opinion among the strikers seemed to be that only a militant general strike paralyzing the entire industry could crush the boss-dominated "guilds" and wipe out the intoler-

Wholesale Wage Cut

Washington, D. C .- In an attemp to continue their policy of wage cuts and high rates, the Edison Inlow-worker, whom they respect, is with \$15 per week in view of rising stitute submitted a code for the lowng adoption of their code, hope workers. to point to increased labor costs as "In this land, as in all others, at an argument against rate reduced by Col. S. Shelter, relief admin- least 90 per cent of the people are tions. The Brotherhood of Edison istrator, has already approved the wage-earners and dirt-farmers. Pa- Employees claims that on the condismissal of Kotecki, and the Lucas triotism, in its real sense, means trary the proposed code would put County Unemployed League has ap- loyalty to the best interests of this through a wholesale wage slash, with all that paternalism that Braught, State CWA director, and ful of exploiters who might feel week and hours running as high his workers out "within a reason-

> uncertain manner for the two members of their (the executives) immediate staffs." This loophole accounts for 12,000 "execu category of "immediate staffs."

The regular provision for hours completely nullified by a long list of exemptions. All plants in areas of or below 2.500 population (employing 38,000 workers) will not be amenable to this section of the code. The brazen proposal made by Edison Company officials to "leave the entire matter of hours to the good faith of the authorities or the recommendations of the Code Authority" has been bitterly fought by the Brotherhood as the worst form of industrial autocracy.

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Workers and Consumers N. Y. Hotels Lewis' Stools Break Up R.R. Report Gouged by Retail Code Crippled by Progressive Convention Omits Trust

By Special Correpondent

Three hundred men, said to be members of the United Mine Workers of America, invaded a hall in Charleston, W. Va., and broke up by force the first convention of the Progressive Miners, called on January 14, in the South. One hundred delegates of the Progressive New York, Jan. 27-Thirty thou-Miners, rival union in coal to John and waiters, chefs and bus boys L. Lewis' United Mine Workers, were clubbed and beaten by the old union crowd until they fled the hall in terror of their lives. Van A. the public money, and lots of taurant Workers Union. In con- Bitner, special representative of John L. Lewis, led the invaders. they demanded recognition of the When the hall was cleared of the union forces who rented it, Bitner urged the men he had brought, to break up the meeting, to ee to it that all representatives of to comply with the union's demands the new union were driven out of local coal camps.

After the Progressives had been driven from their hall they held a secret meeting and set up a district organization to bring the Southern field into the new union. P. S. Co., W. Va., said he appealed to both state and city police for protection when the U. M. W. of A. crowd began to interrupt the convention. Both police forces refused was elected vice president of the southern Progressive branch. S. H Thompson of Beckley, W. Va., was elected to head the new union in the state. In the convention riot Thompson suffered an injured neck. He was taken to a hospital and returned strapped onto his shoulders by a

onvention by Barney Flaherty, ex-Illinois, and Frank Keeney of went on the staff of the new union. Charleston, W. Va. C. E. Pearcy,

member from Bellville, Ill.

The Progressive Miners were or ganized in Gillespie two years ago, and ever since there hasbee n a bit ter struggle, shot through with vio lence and blood, in that state for control of the coal diggers. The extension of the new union to the Southern field comes late, after the United Mine Workers had gained best complete control of the field hrough the NRA.

When the new union was launched, W. Va. was non-union. The dying W. Va. Mine Workers, headed by Rock Frank Keeney, then attempted to secure the cooperation of the Profiedls. President Paercy and his it, he further asserted. executive board decided then to deafter peace had come to Illinois.

the new union.

In the meantime unionism died in W. Va. Then NRA and John L. of lending money to the railroads vention. Both police forces refused to interfere, he declared. Burkett belt in Washington, D. C. National cases where it is extremely obvious M. W. of A. set up its house agian and overmortgaged. In these cases, in W. Va. Frank Keeney, discourhe he holds, the railroads should be aged by the inaction of the Gilles- forced through bankruptcy and inpie union, recommended, in the solvency courts so that the fixed public press, that West Virginia miners return to the John L. Lewis reduced. home with his head union. The coal diggers did so.

In Illinois, NRA threw its weight to Lewis and the Progressives, to The Progressives were led at the gain national importance, then at tempted to organize the South. cutive board member of Gillespie, Keeney reversed his position and

president of the new union, with that the Charleston convention asheadquarters in Gillespie, who was sembled. The atmosphere was tion, did not show up. He was rep- which brought it to a chaotic end.

Hoover Goes-But Hooverville Remains For "Forgotten Man"

By JOHN T. GODBER

Philadelphia-Eighty ramshackle built about 1789. Leaky roofs. No mind saying that the community is NIRA deck. roofs. No sewers. No running water. Lights in perhaps a dozen of the 80 homes.

their bread and butter.

The man who owns the mill also said Mr. Sack. ommonwealth" of Pennsylvania.

Hasn't he just ordered them all to vacate?

The State Department of Labor looked into Sackville after an outbreak of anthrax, a deathly disease wages falling as low as \$9.50 a marks the lord of the manor, orders able time.

officials. All professions (drafts- came ill with the disease, Joe "But the game plays out in time. men, junior accountants, junior en won't go through life with scarred

bread, eventually, hunger may group numbers 15,000 of the 200. improve the general sanitary conmove him to regard the flag as 000 employed in the industry. Als), dition in the mill; provide better

> The orders for the general cleanup were issued by Charlotte E. Carr. head of the State Department of

Labor, after she had concluded an all day tour of the community. "This was my first visit to Sack-

unbelievably medieval."

Sackville has always been a problem to health authorities; but then . located in the "great liberal years. We have always been in R. H. Sack, the mill owner and fore I married I lived down here promises, is engaged in doing. also the owner of this feudalistic and boarded with the family of one town, like all mill barons, takes a of our workers." Sack forgot to here last week. Edison officals, folgreat interest in the welfare of his add where he has been living policy is the danger of currency

means unique. There are the tex tense self-destructive and mutually tile mills in the south with their villages; to which northern operators always refer when slashing wages. In the coal fields in northern and western Pennsylvania will be found other Sackvilles. Even in new sort of maneuvring with money the hearts of great cities thousands and credit ' " A prelude, he mght of such slum communities exist.

President Hoover's comm social trends devoted a good deal of villages of this type. President Hooved did nothing. Roosevelt hasn't done anything. Sackvilles are only going to be eliminated by the workers themselves. No one else is going to do it for them.

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Washington. - Public ownership and operation of railroads is the means of abating the evils which afflict that form of transportation, Joseph Eastman, Federal Coordinator of Railroads, said in a report filed by him with President osevelt. But the present moment is not opportune for obtaining government ownership since the credit gressive Miners to unite the two of the United States could not stand

Apparently forgetting his previlay extension of their union until ous reports in which he pointed out that a few holding companies dom-This decision caused the split in inate the railroad situation in this the Progressive ranks and led to country and that ownership of their an awful shock when delegates the expulsion of Gerry Allard, who stock would mean control of the then edited the Progressive Miner, railroads, Eastman limited himself and to the bitter struggle between to the assertion that under the Agnes Burns Wieck, first president present circumstances the burdens Burkett, a miner of War, McDowell of the famous Woman's Auxiliary resulting from nationalization in Illinois and the Pearcy forces in might be disproportionately severe.

He asks, however, that the government continue its liberal policy contracts were signed and the U. that the roads are overcapitalized charges which they must meet be

Inflation Purpose of Gold Bill

(Continued from Page 1) mers and small business men of the ountry are still cheering the NRA. their cheers have not the same volume or quality they had last summer. Revolt is brewing in many

This means that the situation confronting the President is a desperate one and requires desperate Revolt must be kept down. But revolt can be kept down only if the conditions which cause revolt are remedied. The President believes these conditions remedied only by putting big business back on its feet. The gold 'Dwellings" built about 1789. Leaky ville," said Miss Carr, "and I don't measure is just another card in the

The increased purchasing power which NRA was to give to the masses has not been forthcoming. A mill stands neaby. Here the oc- textile barons run Pennsylvania The inexorable logic of the NRA cupants of the "dwellings" earn and not the health authorities. "All of the attempt to pump life into this has been a great worry to me," the dying capitalist system, is the "My family has driving down of the living standwas the houses. This is Sackville owned and operated these mills for ards of the workers. And this is what the Roosevelt administration, close touch with our workers. Be- in spite of all its fair words and

In addition to the danger of inflation involved in Roosevelt's gold Sack and his village are by no nations now are carrying on an indestructive warfare beyond vast tariff barriers," says H. G. Wells in an annual edition of the Annalist "They are also carrying on a cruel and disastrous financial warfare, a have added, to miltary war.

> NEWS **British Labor Movement** WEEK BY WEEK

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Silence! A million hungry men Seek bread to fill their mouth again.

Company Unionism

Officials of the Lake Carrier Assn. - monopolistic steel trus shippers on the Great Lakes-go elected to set up a yellow do mion for the company, revolted voted drastic demands, refused t give the secretary of the L.C.A the floor, and recommended tha "if the executive committee is u able to come to terms with the L.C.A. it is instructed to turn it authority over to officials of the International Seaman's Union (A F. of L.). . . . From Flint, Michi gan, comes word that company mions in plants of Chevrolet and Buick are controlled by member of the United Auto Workers Union and that they are ready to demand dissolution of the company union and direct affiliation to the A. I

On the other hand, the Nationa Industrial Conference Board re ports a gain of 180 per cent in co pany unions since NRA, with an ncrease of regular union agree nents of only 75 per cent. "Labor, organ of the railroad unions, re ports that the Pennsylvania Rail coad is working under cover to re stablish its company union. The Brotherhood of Pullman Car Porters claims the Pullman Con pany is firing porters and maids or joining the union. The com pany claims it's different . . . NRA and the Emergency Railroad Act loesn't apply to it.

for Negroes

Under the New Deal, Negro workers have been displaced from jobs, and discriminated against in wage rates to as high as 30 per cent says Walter White of the Na tional Association for Advancemen of Colored People. Tuskegee In stitute reports 28 persons lynched in 1933 in the U.S. This is 20 more than 1932, 15 more than 1931

the Word

The California Imperial Valley began 1934 right with a walkout of 5,000 vegetable pickers. The police were tough as usual and martia law is in effect with no more than three people allowed to congregate

In Scranton, Pa., 32 school teachers went out on strike, de manding part or all of the six and a half months back pay due them

. Women again proved their met tle in battle out in Shelby County Iowa, when the Women's Auxilliary of the Farmers Holiday Asso lation gathered for a forced sal of household goods of widow Carlson. They explained the situation to prospective buyers, bid in the goods themselves by the "penny auction" method, took up a collection and returned the goods.

On the political field, Labor united and won in Hibbing, Minnesota. Led by Arthur Timmerman, member of the Typographical Union and candidate for Mayor on the Workers' Party ticket, Labor pulled a 300 majority in a total vote of 7,500.

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mine catastrophe of the Cessker ter for Public Welfare admitted that the legal requirements for the prevention of coal gas explosions

Premier Stauning informed the leaders of the important parties that the government is about to present a bill strictly forbidding the creation of or participation in political organizations of a military character.

During a demonstration of unem ployed workers in Calais, a clash etween the unemployed and the police occurred in which eight po licemen were more or less seriously wounded. Two of the demonstrants were arrested. The permanent Executive Board of the Socialist Party has decided to negotiate with the directors of the Comnunist Party and of the Independent Socialist Party concerning the establishment of a United Front.

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ABROAD

In the city of Barna a monster trial is being conducted against 47 a Board consisting of Nesko, Count sailors and 10 civilians for Communist propaganda and revolutionmunist propagation and the accused and the state attorney moved death. The state attorney moved death The Social Democratic Party Our ultimate aims is to do away with what is commonly described. heavy prison sentences for the rest. The sailors were charged with maintaining radio connections with Communist propaganda centres of the Soviet Union on board their

142 men lost their lives in a coar Nelson mines; only the bodies of 13 were recovered. The shaft was sealed up since the danger of gas poisoning continues. In reply to an interpellation by social-democratic deputios in Parliament, the Minis-

Denmark

The Professors Bossert and Dr. German - Nationalists, were condemned to 3 and 4 months in prison respectively for "circulating more than probable. false reports" about the Reich government and the National Socialist Party The Special Court of Dessau, according to the Press Service Bureau 'Infa', ordered the steriliza tion of two workers charged with repeated anti-Hitler Propaganda and gave them a six months jail term. Ernst Torgler has been sent from Leipzig to Berlin and there placed in the custody of the Secret State Police. The three Bulgarians also officially acquitted by the Nazi courts in Leipzig, "remain for the present under protective arrest." The Los Angeles attorney, Leo Gallagher, who was sent by the Inter national Labor Defense to repre sent the interests of Dimitrow, has been ordered out of the country

According to the 'Voelkische eobachter' "Wuerttenberg is view ing with alarm the new formation of Communist Organization." Recently 26 Communists were arrested. The former editor of the social democratic "Volksstimme" in Schmalkalden, Ludwig Pappenheim, was "shot while attempting to escape" from the concentration camp in which he has been indorf near Berlin the worker Vesper was arrested and has not been up. The handle was warm. her husband had been delivered into the morgue. His skull was shattered and his body bruised and broken as if it had been trampled

Unemployment figures published cheeks. for December by the Labor Ministry show a decrease in the number of unemployed since the previous month of 55,000 and an improvement of 429,800 over the figures of the corresponding month of the previous year. . . . The National Council of the Independent Labor Party met in London and decided to write to the Executive of the he roared. "Oh, ho, ho, ho, ho! Committee of the Third interna- I'd burn 'em up. I'm telling you." tional putting a series of questions as to the conditions of association I stammered. "They are like my and stating what, in the view of father, they are not farmers, but check myself I came down on his against it. That is what Wees the ILP, is the necessary basis of they are workers, just the same head.

a revolutionary Socialist International they are workers." I was mad and How tinoal. The ILP council suggests trembling. changes involving the extension of the right of criticism within the Communist International, the preparation of important decisions and dropping my eyes I went out through international discussion and left him laughing. I was angry and the replacement of the supremacy of the Russian Communa collective international leadership. The council requested a reAnd to tell the truth I knew perRussians in the
But it's funny. Back in Midway
heard him pray. That is why I like
American scene.

consultation with the branches.

movement in Hungary have now united in a National Socialist Party

the "political situation" and the "Discussion of the Referendum on Old-Age, Unemployment and Invalid Insurance" will be the outstanding subjects of discussion. The Intiative on Social Legislation inaugu rated by the Social Democracy received 200,000 signatures but was voted down by Parliament. It is hoped, however, that a referendum will adopt the proposed law over the head of Parliament.

To relieve its crowded prisons the government shipped 240 political prisoners to various Portuguese penal colonies. The punishment of these prisoners who are now exposed to various tropical diseases, is greatly increased thereby. . . The government announces a de cree that will change all trade unions into corporate organizations.

Soviet Union In accordance with a motion made before the Moscow city soviet Dimitroff will be made the Honorary Citizen of Red Moscow. As soon as—and if—the liberated Bulgarians enter the Soviet Union, in their honor and against Fascism. have been appointed in their stead. we will worry later. According to information published in the Soviet press, Tschadschikise held on February 10 and 11 in Maksum, Chairman of the Council thing. The real thing. of People's Commissars in the auonomous Soviet Republic of Chodschibajew were removed from office Nemmenschneider, two Protestant because their work had shown

ference of the ILP at Easter after

called a special party convention to as the capitalist system. Under this Riga on whose order of business system the nation's wealth and re-

Well, we want to do away with

The next convention of the SP will tan, the Chairman of the CC and labels don't matter. We want the

But how is this all to be secured? Well, for one thing: it won't be delivered to us on a silver platter Their expulsion from the party is fighting for what we want is in store and we may as well prepace

More About The Kind of Party We Are Building

By J. B. S. HARDMAN

What Do We Stand For?

sources are either owned or con trolled by a greedy, unscrupulous and reckless minority. The majority of the people are forced to live on the crumbs that the rich leave behind them. Mighty little is being left after the rich and the powerful take their pickings. The depression years have reduced this little to next to nothing. In consequence nearly every third person of our population is thrown on private or ublic charity or is left to shift for himself the best way he knows how. Labor, even when employed, is exploited to the bone. The farmers and the men and the women in the services and in the professions fare no better.

all done away with very soon. But The other part is to establish a social system based on the organized the healthy and able persons in the eventual great struggle for power. community and in the nation, for garians enter the Soviet Union, the common good. The leading huge mass demonstrations will be principle of this cooperation should arranged in the entire Soviet Union be: take from everyone the best he or she can give, and give every one have worked in the Soviet Union comfortable, healthy, useful, and in YES. All economic and social of rendering them purely auxiliary relief or publicity services.

operative run of things.

fight is the best preparatory training school for acquiring strength. Hence, the preparation for the eventual great struggle for our up or kept in cold storage: It will grow out of the day-in, doy-out struggles of the workers and all of the other socially-militant and waging battle against the capitalist labor-exploitation, against the abuses of power by the organs of all this. What's more, we want it capitalist authority and the encroachments of the system upon that is but one part of the job. the social and human rights of the common man.

Through fighting militancy we and all-inclusive cooperation of all shall accumulate the power for the

> Do We Need A Party for That?

for its apparatus of national de- telligent living. When we get that resistance of the political powers of fense have now been dismissed and far we might think up something the present system. No basic American and French engineers else we would want, but about that change in the social order will be brought about unless control of po-This program is often described litical powers will be shifted from as socialism or communism, but the class of the "best people" who now hold power to the revolutionary bourgeois nationalist tendencies, just because we want it. Some hard telligent defenses; the press, the the world's business. The Ameriand wealth, and we want that control taken away from them. The workers, the farmers, the professional and the technical people, the white collar men and women, all want and fight for a redistribution of income and wealth. In this they meet with the resistance of the powers of the political state, and cousequently every industrial and economic struggle, as well as every attempt to free the intellectual life present possessors of wealth, must take the form of a struggle for political power. A political party alone can unite all the so-called underprivileged and give unity and direction to their forces and purposes. They must organize in a political

How Does the A.W.P. Differ from the Other Parties?

THE difference between the American Workers party now in progress of formation, and the older parties of political radicalism, goes went in. My Uncle Abner and far affeld and in many direction At was arrested and has not been heard of since. A week ago his wife was notified that the body of Abner almost leapt from the chair.

What are you doing?" Uncle Maxine were in the bed. Their faces were lit up by the lights dient the many direction At this time it will be sufficient to in-

> "Watch out," I said. "I'm going don't understand it, but I think you are a bad man, very dangerous

So it looks like we are up

for such fight. Thus we stand for The oldest party in the field is the Socialist Labor party, founded 1. for putting an end to the capt- about half a century ago, and at talist rule of this nation and the one time a significant factor in the establishment of a cooperative eco- development of American radical nomic and social order where only thought and organization. This Sothe socially useful workers in all cialist Labor party has, in the fields of human endeavor will run course of years, become a propathings and everybody, the people gandist group living in practical isas a whole and every individual olation from the immediate strugwill be the beneficiaries of the co- gles of the workers, and the broad American Workers party hopes mass movements of the day. It does eventually to become both the party ing organs of capitalist authority. 2. for an effective fight for this not attempt to play an active part in of the American revoluntionary great change, which, we may as the struggle of classes in the counlimited significance.

> related to the forms known as peti- lect. tion and protest, are about all the the political and the economic latter to the exclusive jurisdiction of the trade union movement which is nearly always narrow and is at best only "betting on the bosses," or even corrupt. The Socialist party takes cognizance of the workers' industrial struggles only to the extent large political purposes will ever be accomplished by the advanced most significant manifestation, the industrial struggle.

The Socialist party has implicitparty of the real people. The exist- ly and explicitly abandoned the ing political order and its major revolutionary objectives of its organs of authority: the govern- earlier days, and that just about the ment, the armed forces, the judi- time when revolution has been ciary, the police, as well as its in- placed on the immediate order of church, the school system and the can Workers Party proposes to be universities, are all bent on uphold- a revolutionary factor in the evolving the present control of income ing American economic and politi-

The Communist party holds title to preeminence on the point of pro-Its program is very radical indeed. However, in the fifteen years of the party's activity, it has been anything but successful in winning the recognition of the American working class. The party arose to life, to a large degree, out of the impact of the nation from control by the of forces released by the revolutionary events in Russia, Germany, Hungary and coincident upheavals practically everywhere in the Old party appeared as the carrier of the principles of the great workers' republic, the Soviet Union, and basking in its glory, it secured a ready and generous hearing and, for a time, a substantial following in the American labor world. But soon enough, the party dissipated this unusual opportunity. In fact, it steadily lost out in the several important positions it had acquired in 1922-24, in the trade union movement and in various other mass organizations.

dicate the major differences, and all for the success of the movement, were just good and nice and the ure prescribed. hence the reasons for this new and the advantage of the spiritual boobs were putting their dollars kinship with the Russian Revolu- into stocks and bonds, domestic, dividuals of the working class or tion, the Communist party all but foreign and "blue-sky," and the of the farmers, or in the profesme and I don't-I almost said I destroyed itself because it embarked manipulations were turning paper sions and white collar groups, are upon a suicidal policy of sectarian-ism and partisan exclusiveness. graded political action into plain party will enter, not for purposes Perhaps it was the party's intellec- and so very often entirely mean- of mechanical domination, or to tual dependence on the Communist ingless electioneering, or partcipal break them up, but in order to accourse in the U. S. A. The Com- French, the American revolutions munist party has been functioning in this country with utmost diseconomic conditions, for the tions is viewed as only one form specific qualities of the human of activity, and not necessarily the material, for the historic set-up and most important form. The scope party must take cognizance if it from presentation of petitions to ful in a given country and among numbers of citizens and mass presa certain people the Russian Com- sure upon car didates, to every kind ican "line" as it was preparing for issue of social, economic, cultural Russians in the movement in the

succeed in the United States.

But Why Not a Farmer-Labor Party?

that the task ahead of us, at ing a party of an outspoken social revolutionary orientation. The

well realize, won't come otherwise try, and in the workers' battles for two developments obviously won't unless by way of a true, thorough power. However useful its propago together before the situation will and all inclusive social revolution. gandist work may be, its place in have become fully revolutionized, socially-directed movement, may And we also want to add this: the political situation is only of and the task ahead of that of revolutionizing the minds of the vari ous workers' groups, in the fac-The Socialist party, the largest tories, the mills, the offices and in of this wide, truly revolutionary in the field, has definitely limited the field. In the realization of this nature. its program to social reformist act task, the efforts of a party like tivity and has confined its outlook ours, if intelligently, devotedly and to what can be accomplished within energetically carried on, may equal the strict constitutonal limits of the force that objective developpolitical activity. Electioneering and ments will lend to the movement. those forms of pressure upon legis- It is an historic task that they who lative bodies which are exclusively want to count canot very well neg-

> mers awaken to political consciousers, in the several states or even nationally and we do not commit that for the present, with the gov- theoretic associations. state capitalism, and simultaneous- particular tactical lines. ly and actively playing ball with the constituted labor and farmer they will stay out of the movement's leaders, independent farmer labor formations are not in sight. The Farmer-Labor Federation as yet rtmains a mere label. Its programatic vagueness has not been rewarded by practical achievements. The Farmer-Labor party of Minnesota remains the one outstanding unit of this type of movement, and its political course has been of declining value. Parties in other states have not come into being save some very small and, on the whole, nconsequential local efforts.

Just What Is Political Action?

International and the domination tion in elections. Yet political activize these groups and to cooperof the latter by the Russian Com- tion, in its wider meaning is the munist party, that crippled its stuff of which the Russian, the of the people against capitalism were made.

practically for all the other circum- of political action properly includes stances of which a revolutionary every form of mass demonstration. revolution in old Czarist Russia. and political life. Economic and in-

extra-legal institutions and assem blages, such for example as a lay congress, or lay city councils of workers in the various industries and the services, to parallel the regular legislative bodies in a fight for political rights, or for economic this time, is primarily one of build- issues of the masses and who dem onstrate by their activity the fallacies and the anti-labor, or antifarmer class character of the exist-

Political action is the name for forces and a mass party. But the the practically endless variety of means and ways that the people, organized and led by a purposive bring to bear upon a situation which they want to affect. The

What About Allies and Unity?

It is not at all inconceivable or We use the term working class to party is inclined to do. It draws impossible that in the course of include all those who work for their events, as the workers and the far- living, and their dependents. A revolutionary movement set upon the ness, there will come into exist overhauling of the social order must ence parties of labor and of farm- be based solidly and deeply in the social class which stands to gain most by the proposed revolution. ourselves in advance either to un- However, there are in the politicequalified support or to uncondial, industrial, agricultural and protional opposition to such forma- fessional fields numerous parties, tions. It is, however, fairly certain groups, trade union movements, and They all ernmental forces leaning toward a claim their special jurisdictions, inweak and much diluted variety of sist on special purposes and defend

To achieve results in a situation so complicated and difficult, we need allies. The AWP will endeavor to cooperate with all other genuinely advanced and militant groups when cooperation will tend to strengthen the major cause of the labor movement. In all questions of unity, primary considmeration is to be given to the one paramount issue: whether or not co operation will help the workers achieve results and tend to increase their power in the ultimate struggle against capitalist mastery and for the establishment of . The sure-to-come failure or the thoroughgoing and complete work-Roosevelt administration's effort to ers' democracy. In all cases, corestore the capitalist profit system operation is to be approached sinto sound continued functioning is cerely and exercised honestly. The ot unlikely to lead, among other AWP proposes to work in the trade probabilities, to a political activiza- union field, with all those progrestion of great masses of workers sives who are willing to do their and farmers, and there will then share in making the movement as much talk and some action in gressive, socially militant, to free the direction of forming farmer it of bureaucratism, and of course, labor parties. The programs and all forms of graft, corruption, disthe course that such parties, if and honesty, racketeering. Upon the powhen formed, will follow would de litical field the AWP will endeavor pend very largely upon the circum- to enlist the cooperation of all the stances attending their formation. groups anl parties of the left, if The active existence of a revolu- such cooperation will tend to clartionary party in such an eventual- ify social issues, unite large numity, is certain to be of great and bers of workers in pursuance of positive value to the movement. these issues, and strengthen a The AWP is rightly organizing massed workers' opposition to cap now to be prepared to be a con- italist control. In the direction of structive part in whatever develop- theoretic orientation the AWP will ment the future holds in its wake. seek to develop a base for the movement, free of dogmatism, sectarian outlook, and revolutionary romanticism. In these efforts at unity, every willing individual is a welcome ally, proviled he otherwise ment and in various other mass organizations.

CERTAINLY more than the mere business of naming dog-catchers welcome any, provide he doller wise qualifies. Every party is a possible feilow-traveler, as long as joint purposes can be defined and a mumembership, ready to stake their them into office. While all things tually acceptable course of proced-

Non-political organizations of inate with them in the great battle

The unity of revolutionary forces, esential to final victory, will When the AWP refers to politic grow out of the needs of the evolvregard for domestic political and al action, the participation in electing revolutionary upheaval, rather than out of vain and insincere appeals to "united front" unity. The AWP addresses itself to the task of unifying the purposes of the groups rather than their politics. Thirty million American wage and wishes to be effective and success. Congress and legislatures by great salary earners and the many more millions of professionals, farmers, and those in the services are the munist party would not for a mo- of popular action which may be depository of dormant energy and ment think of carrying on an Amer- developed around every significant social unrest. We propose to take our stand with the major aims of the masses as against the petty am-The American Communist party, at dustrial stuggles may under prop- bitions of political cliques. An a total cost to its effectiveness, has erly coordinated circumstances aroused mass movement for social persisted in out-Russianizing the take on a distructive political nat regeneration and revolution will ture. Political action may further, roll over factions, sects and in-under favorable circumstances, and triguers who will dare to place The A.W.P. wishes to live and to with a revolutionary party in the their small selves in the way of nucceed in the United States.

My Uncle Abner

WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE

The country lad who tells the story witnesses the murder of a neighbor by soldiers and deputized thugs sent into his county to break the milk strike called by the farmers against the large milk distributing companies. His father, one of 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, the boy decides to appeal to him for help. With his Uncle's address and a few dollars in his pocket and a bundle of food the boy starts out for the big city. After witnessing much misery wandering about the city the boy at last finds his Uncle Abner who appears to be sympathetic. "I'll see what I can do, I'll certainly see what I can do," promises Uncle Abner as he leaves for his beat, swinging his club. The boy goes to the fur district where his Uncle has told him there is to be trouble. Here he sees his Uncle Abner beat up workers with his club just as the thugs back home had beaten up his father. Now read on. WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE

"Just looking for blood," I said. "This is the club you hit that man with today."

My Uncle Abner frowned and ing up at the club. looked at me angrily with narrow eyes. He began to pull at his

"Do you find any?" he asked. Then without any reason that I he began to laugh.

"No," I managed to say, "no blood. But Uncle Abner, someday you'll be hit with a club and you won't like it."

roared. "Ho, ho, ho, ho!"

I put the club down on the table but I didn't cry or feel silly until everything was all over.

ply by Feb. 5 so that a decision feetly well what I was doing. I my father is in jail, too. may be taken by the annual con- stood by the table listening. Then That's what is queer about it to

When I got home the angry window and pulled back the curspell had grown. I saw my Uncle tains, which were blue, and looked Abner's head over the back of a out in the street. I sat there a plush chair and all at once I long time. I thought of the farmthought about picking up the club ers and soldiers that morning at which was on the table and com the river crossing. A woman went ing down on his head with all my by, her heels tapping on the sidemight. How would it feel, I won- walk. And then feeling that I dered, startled at myself. I stepped might change my mind I went to terred since March. . . . In Mahls- to the table and picked the stick the bedroom door, opened it and coming in through the window.

"Wake up!" I said. Uncle Abner's eyes opened, star-

I meant to scare my Uncle. I Anyway I forgot the pistol.

for the gun under the pillow. I was so frightened at that that "But they — they are workers." I got right dizzy, almost turned

"Oh, ho, ho, ho!" my uncle me and said I had almost killed gether and not expect any help my Uncle.

So I am in this place for the cop is always a cop even if he is time being looking at the slick and your uncle. I have found that out. dirty fron bars and it's good The thing that makes me so mad enough for me as I ought to have

to hit you and you'll see how it I do. I think you can hit the heads of all the farmers or fur workers you want to, or even shoot them, meant to hit him a little tap on and it is all right if you are a cop could see his belly went out and the head. I intended to make him or a soldier or one of the sheriff's think I was going to hit him like men. They will give you a new he bit the young speaker and like uniform to wear and give you exthe fat hulk hit my father. May- tra money. That's the way it looks be I was plumb mad. I guess I was. to me. But if you hit a cop on the head with a club it will get Uncle Abner yelled and jumped you into trouble. They put you in jail and the newspapers all say

said. But wait till I get out. When How I got out of the house is I get to Midway I will tell the like a bad dream. The cops found farmers and workers to stick to from anybody. To tell the truth a now, though, is that out in Midbetter sense. A fellow can't do way my father and mother are The next time I picked up the much good by hitting people on praying. Wess sometimes cusses held off the hinges, but I never

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NEW HEADQUARTERS

THE expanding activities of the American Workers Party and the Conference for Progressive Labor Action required a new headquarters. We have moved a few blocks away from the old quarters, and are now at 112 East 19th Street. Besides half a dozen offices there is a large room in which classes, meetings of the New York branch, union meetings, etc., can be held.

We hope that the workers, trade unionists and others who have in large numbers become acquainted with our old headquarters, will have no difficulty in finding the new one. We hope and expect that large numbers of new comrades and friends will join with the old in the many headquarters activities

The larger and more efficient National Office is symbol of the greater responsibility we have undertaken in building the American Workers Party as the revolutionary expression of the American working class and of our iron determination faithfully to discharge that responsibility.

.... DRIVE LEWIS OUT!

OHN L. LEWIS in his report to the national con-NRA to Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the confidence of all elements in Cuba, including adds that "dissension, bloodshed and cutthroat com- presumably the sugar and banking interests, and petition have been eliminated" from the mining in- could maintain 'law and order." American battle-

So far as the cuthroat competition is concerned, excited conferences are even now going on because price-cutting threatens to break out in a virulent form in the soft coal fields. As for the elimination came president and was immediately recognized. of dissension and bloodshed, that will be news indeed to the 50,000 members of the Anthracite Miners immediate withdrawal of all U. S. warships from Rights of Man was issued (Declara- who could invent a strong-handed Union of Pennsylvania who are on strike against Cuban waters. We must build a powerful revolubad conditions, with the U.M.W. joined with the tionary workers' movement in the U.S. to unite operators in fighting them, and to the thousands of with similar movements in Latin American countries members of the Progressive Miners of Illinois, many to put an end to imperialism, exploitation in every of whom are still on strike against Peabody-Insull interests while members of the Lewis union scab

We are for one united organization of miners. We have no illusions about the shortcomings of the in dependent miners' unions. The P.M.A. has taken a leaf out of Lewis' own book and expelled its own Some at least of the leaders of the A.M.U. of Pennsylvania are czars of the Lewis type. However, these unions exist and have mass following because the miners have scores of grievances and the U.M.W. under the Lewis leadership is not meeting their needs. When these miners sought through the constitutional machinery of the U.M.W. to protest, Lewis and his henchmen did not consent to argue; they clubbed and shot the opposition.

It is not surprising that the Lewis outfit hail the The Roosevelt administration took Lewis when he was utterly discredited among the miners and had lost practically his whole organization, at least in the bituminous fields, and made him a hig figure again in the labor movement. Now when the P.M.A. or the Anthracite Miners Union go to the government with their grievances, they have to deal with an NRA agency on which Lewis is the "labor" representative! This business of government using its power in intra-union disputes is a step toward Fascism. It is a crime against unionsim. It means the end of real unionism.

The miners of the U.S., to whatever union they may belong, have a common interest in keeping up the fight to drive Lewis and Lewisism out of their midst and in building one strong fighting industrial union for the whole country.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

REBRUARY brings the anniversary of Washington's and of Lincoln's birth. The occasion will be used by the "sons and daughters of the revolution" to urge that out of loyalty to the memory of these national heroes, we must keep things as nearly as possible as they are and above all must avoid doing anything revolutionary. Sons and daughters of revolutions often have a horror of being fathers and mothers of revolution themselves!

The American Workers Party calls upon the work ers, farmers and intellectuals of the United States to reaffirm the right of revolution laid down in the Declaration of Independence. After speaking of the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit to happiness," that instrument declares: "Whenever any form of paules, employing 678,141, with company unions—an government becomes destructive of these ends, it is increase of about 180 per cent. Some 232 companies, the right of the people to altar, or abolish it." Abraham Lincoln in a great Inaugural Address reasserted "The country with its institutions belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow

There have been three great struggles in American history. The first culminated in the Revolutionary That struggle decided that this was to be an independent nation, not an agricultural colony to be exploited by British landlords and capitalists. Washington played a part in that struggle. That is the basis for his claim to a place to history.

The second struggle in American history culminated in the Civil War. That struggle decided that the resources of this country were not to be owned and controlled mainly by a slave-holding feudal D. C., on February 14th at the Arlington Hotel Hall, aristocracy but were to be exploited under a capital-ist, competitive economic system. Lincoln played Labor Lyceum.

his part in deciding that issue. It is the basis for his claim to a place in history.

Today the third, the mightiest and the most 1m portant struggle in American history is going on This struggle will decide whether the modern lords of industry and finance will be allowed to retain farmers into want, insecurity and slavery under a ABRAHAM LINCOLN frequently Fascist regime; or whether the masses shall collectively own and control the vast resources of this continent and its productive mechanism and so at last and labor, employer and employe realize the American dream of a "nation conceived This is natural since the principal in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal"-a nation of free men and slavery, had to do with this relaequals, knowing no oppressors, no oligarchy of birth tionship. or wealth living off the toil of the masses, no class

The present task is even more fundamentally revo lutionary in character than that of 1776 or 1863. ent age from ours. In that period Let the workers, farmers and intellectuals of today be true to the revolutionary tradition in American history by courageously performing that task!

HANDS OFF CUBA

THE Roosevelt administration has recognized the and financial interests, by the sys-Cuban government under the presidency of tem of private ownership and priv-Mendieta a couple of days after the latter took ate profit. Lincoln was the saint The course of the administration in this and symbol of the forces which matter is a good illustration of how, despite declara- gave chattle slavery its death-blow. tions to the contrary, the U. S. does intervene in In that very act, they opened the Cuban affairs.

The unspeakably vile tyrant Machado was kept in office for years by American bankers and indi- which now means want in the rectly by the Coolidge-Hoover regimes. At last midst of plenty, insecurity, and Cubans revolted. At that point Sumner Welles, Roosevelt ambassador in Cuba, worked hard to see Marx on to it that it would be a "safe" revolution. A former The Civil War Machado henchman named de Cespedes became president. It looked as though the U.S. would promptly recognize him.

The Cubans were disgusted with the fake, revolted and put Grau San Martin in and a government considerably farther to the left. This time the Roosevelt administration became very cautious. They had vention of the United Mine Workers likens the to be sure the Cuban government would command coln in 1864 he writes, therefore: ships rode in Cuban waters. The Grau San Martin government had to do without U.S. recognition. It collapsed. Mendieta, representing more conservative elements, and considered safe by Wall Street, be-

If this is not intervention, what is it? We demand

.... WORKERS' EDUCATION?

FRANCES PERKINS, Secretary of Labor, and George F. Zook, U. S. Commissioner of Education, have called a conference on workers' education. "The Federal Government through the Federal Emergency Relief Administration is aiding workers' they state, through a grant of funds to education." pay the salaries of unemployed teachers for adult groups. It is necessary now to formulate a definite program."

We do not attempt an exhaustive or final appraisal until we know more about what this "definite program" is. But one or two observations need to be immediately. Any "workers' education" scheme which is an agency for "putting over" the NRA, the administration point of view, etc., is not workers' education. Workers' education must be under the control of the workers' own organizations if it is to be genuine.

Secondly, the Roosevelt administration "has a way with it," a way, e.g., of putting liberals, progressives, even near-radicals on some job and thus putting them in a position where it is hard to criticize. That was done with the trade union leaders in the NRA. As is pointed out elsewhere in this issue of Labor Action, even conservative A.F. of L. leaders now know that they got their fingers burned and that the Roosevelt administration is not Santa Claus. We suggest that workers' education leaders heed the danger signals and consider carefully what road they should take.

OTHERS SAY

COMPANY UNIONISM

According to a survey just completed by the Na tional Industrial Conference Board, company unions have grown nearly five times as fast as trade unions since the enactment of the Recovery Act. The Board sent a questionnaire to 3,314 manufacturing concerns, picked at random. These companies employed 2.585,000 wage earners, or 27 per cent of all employed in manufacturing and mining industries. The report shows that 223 companies, employing 365,937 workers, had employee-representation plans in effect before the NRA; at present there are 400 more comemploying 106,690, had trade-union agreements before the NRA, while now there are an additional 174 with 137,272 employees under such agreements. Thus, of the workers orgaized into unions since the NRA 678,000 are in the company variety as against 137,000 in the independent trade unions. If this survey is a fair sample of what has happened in industry generally, it suggests that Section 7a has not given the independent unions any such advantage over the company unions as was hoped .-- From the "New Republic."

AWP Meetings

Mass meetings at which A. J. Muste, Louis F. Budenz and V. F. Calverton will speak on "A New Party for America," are being arranged in Washington,

Lincoln On Capital and Labor NRA IN ACTION

By A. J. MUSTE

and private letters to the subject of the relations between capital issue with which he dealt, chattel

In discussing these utterances of Lincoln it is important to remember that he was living in a differthe question that pressed for settlement had to do with the exploitaton of slaves by ther owners, with a feudal, slave-holding system. Today the question that demands settlement has to do with the exploitaway for the development of capitalism, of the economic bystem war for the masses

Karl Marx realized that this was

"When an oligarchy of 300,000 slaveholders dared to inscribe for In fact, it is, in some sort, deemed the first time in the annals of the a misfortune that laborers should armed revolt, when on the very heads are regarded as explosive spot where hardly a century ago materials, only to be safely kent the idea of one great Democratic in damp places, as far as possible Republic had first sprung up, from that peculiar sort of fire whence the first declaration of the tion of Independence), and the man without a head, would receive first impulse given to the European the everlasting gratitude of the Revolution of the eighteenth cen- 'mud-sill' advocates." tury, when on those very spots counter-revolution, with systematic mind, was that of the "free labor constitution' and maintained 'slav- sons and daughters-work ery to be a beneficial institution.' great problem of the 'relation of the whole product to themselves capital to labor,' and cynically pro- and asking no favors of capital on

BOOKS

What is Marxism? By A. L. Williams. Published by the N.C.L.C. Publishing Society, Ltd., 15 South Hill Park Garden, London, N.W.

CCORDING to Plebs, organ of A CCORDING to Fless, the National Council of Labor Colleges, the British Daily Worker has refused to publish an advertisement of this pamphlet, "until their experts have passed on it." and the Workers' Bookshop in London has "instituted what is, for all practical purposes, a boycott" of it.

The present reviewer has read the pamphlet, and in his humble opinion, which he admits would not perhaps be called expert by the managers of the British Daily Worker, it is a simple and plain explanation of Marxist theory, writ- says: ten in such language that workers. unacquainted with the vocabulary understand it.

Marx himself, and other chapters ment increases. on historical materialism and the class struggle, Marxian economics, thor thinks is largely responsible workers will read it. for German Labor's collapse under

the working classes of Europe understood at once . . . that for the What Has Happened men of labor with their hopes for the future, even their past con- Of course if space permitted it in the left three months. Left space permitted it in the left three months. Left space permitted it in the left three months. quests are at stake in that tremend-

The "Mud-Sill"

Theory
Lincoln, whenever he commented for example, in his address before the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society at Milwaukee in September, 1859, laid it down as a basic principle that "Labor is prior to and independent of capital; that, in fact, capital is the fruit of labor holds "that labor is the superiorgreatly the superior-of capital."

He waxes sarcastic about those who think that it is "natural" for the mass of human beings to be either "hired or bought" to labor for others. This, he says, is "the mud-sill theory." He realized clearly that any genuine democ racy, any advanced civilization, was impossible under such conditions.

According to the "mud-sill theory," and nevertheless understood he said, pointing out in striking lan that it was to the interest of the guage what has happened to the workers, an essential step in eco- workers under capitalism in a manomic evolution, that chattel slav- chine age, "A blind horse upon a ery be abolished. In the address treadmill is a perfect illustration of the First International to Lin- of what a laborer should be-all Our Job the better for being blind that he could not kick understandingly.... Today

Capitalism has become an obcould not kick understandingly. . .

on the banner of have heads at all. Those same which ignites them. A Yankee

The ideal condition, in Loncoln's thoroughness, gloried in rescind- er" as distinct from the chattel ing 'the ideas entertained at the slave and the wage slave both. time of the formation of the old "Men, with their families-wives, themselves, on their farms, in their indeed, the only solution of the homes, and in their shops, taking claimed property in man 'the cor- the one hand, nor of hirelings or slaves on the other." He describes a typical experience under such a regime. "The prudent, penniless beginner in the world labors for wages awhile, saves a surplus with which to buy tools or land for himself, then labors on his own ac count another while, and at length

the hammer of Hitlerism

"In face of Fascist and other dic tatorial forms of government," he points out, "revisionists' arguments appear to have no relationship to reality, while the growing move-Marx is an indication that those ideas are charged with life and are ment. . . . Class conflicts are not being blunted, but are becoming keener than ever before in his tory. . .

In a final section dealing with

of the professional "theorists," can tionately less as the number of cap. in any of those states. But they are grumble ominously against the italis countries which openly dis- the only black spots, and wheever ruthless drive toward monopoliza-The pamphlet has a chapter on card democratic methods of govern. returns any of tehm to favor, will tion.

As already said, it is the opinion of this reviewer, that this pamphlet Marxism and politics, and winds up is sound; that there is nothing in with a discussion of Revisionism, it that can be interpreted as counwhich was born in the German La- ter revolutionary. He recommends bor Movement and which the au- it and hopes that thousands of

DINNER MEETING

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nerstone of the new edifice,'-then hires another new beginner to help

ous conflict on the other side of point out how in an earlier day mer we winessed the strange specthese "free laborers" were exploited in the U.S. by means of class violently opposing an ecotariffs, land laws which favored nomic program which was wholly speculators, etc. However, we can in their interest. The bogy of big on the capital-labor relationship, as accept Lincoln's description as a business sabotage, cleverly invoked sufficiently accurate one of the ex- by the "New Deal" press agents, perience of many millions in this aroused that great mass of the 'land of opportunity" in the period "public" who rally to the support after the Civil War. We can also of any cause which Wall Street opunderstand how he might wax en- poses. The intense patriotic ferthusiastic, as Jefferson had in his your with which the workers and day, about the possibilities of such middle class greeted "labor's bill and could never have existed if a system: "This is free labor—the of rights' can in great part be atlabor had not first existed; that just, the generous, and prosperous tributed to the legend of the "dead labor can exist without capital, but system, which opens the way for cats." that capital could never have ex. all, gives hope to all, and energy. isted without labor." Hence he and progress, and improvement of condition to all."

But under capitalism it has developed that those who "saved a surplus" have turned out to be "suckers" who lost it as likely as not in bankrupt banks, or in some other way. Obviously, also the average worker cannot now buy his own tools-an automobile factory or a multiple loom or a coal miner Even the farmer who happens to own his land is virtually a wageworker, and a poorly paid one at that, for the disposal of his product depends upon the railroads, the commission merchants, the packing companies, the banks.

stacle to well-being and progress, just as surely as the slave-holding economy in an earlier day. "A just. and generous, and prosperous system" today means one in which the workers of all kinds own and manage the nation's resources col- surgents. The moving factor in lectively, in a cooperative commonwealth.

There can be no compromise today anymore than two generations half-slave and half-free." When we have fought our battle through, by whatever means may prove necessary, and have removed the barons of industry and finance from all power, then we can take the forward step required of our genera tion and build an economic system which will give "hope to all' and energy, and progress, and improvement of condition, to all."

The Manager Speaks - By CARA COOK -

The subscription chart in the LABOR ACTION office continues to mount steadily. We have been averaging three subs every day for the past month. Does that sound like a few? Multiply it by 365! However, LABOR ACTION should begin now to get blocks of subment back to the political ideas of scriptions from whole groups of pousal of the big industrialists, the workers, unions and unemployed A. F. fo L. has given voice to proleagues. In such cases we are pre- test by advocating "amendments of full of meaning for the labor move. pared to negotiate special low rates the National Recovery Act and in for the entire membership. Myabe particular to Section 7-a." After you can interest your group in a block subscription.

Do you know which are the most backward states in this nation? and automobile the trade unionists dictatorship and revolution he LABOR ACTION nominates Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, South Carolina, "The possibility of gaining social. Utah, Vermont and Wyoming, be by Senator Borah and other middle cause we have not yet a subscribed receive special mention in our col-

> LABOR ACTION also goes to 15 foreign countris including China, Australia, Ireland, Japan, Spain and Turkey. The U. S. S. R. leads in foreign subscriptions.

> Nineteen subs from one comrade is the record of recent time. Who will better it? Several are running close seconds to George McGrath of League.

Bundle agents: You are falling Please let me hear from you!

From Mississippi a "live wire" sends several subs and says, "Many of Technology have scheduled him subscribers will be found in these parts after we have shown them an ly. A combined meeting of the issue or two." The best agent for Community Church and Fellowthe paper is the paper itself. It is shop of Reconciliation will bear simply up to you to see that it gets him on the evening of the 8th at

"Gentlemen; I wish to subscribe the Dorchester Shoe Workers Club to LABOR ACTION, and I hope to has a meeting that evening. Sevhell it means something . . ." H. eral other meetings are being P. Coshocton, Ohio. ,

-By RAYMOND ROBBINS

Under the impact of NRA failure would be easy and necessary to in the last three months. Last sum tacle of the upper strata of the boss

> The economic ideas advanced by the Administration were universally accepted as the collective product of the liberal minds assembled in Washington. However, years before the affairs of the state were left in the charge of the professors, the Chamber of Commerce was agitating for the suspension of antitrust laws and the re-establishment of what is called "self-rule in industry." Big business has always had a firm faith in the depressiondispelling virtues of trade association control of industry, price-fixing and the limiting of production. Little wonder that the first members of the Industrial Advisory Board were such sweet babies as Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey; Gerard Swope of the General Electric Co., and Myron Taylor of the U. S. Steel Corporation.

But after their program was adopted the bosses overnight found themselves in the camp of the inthis turn of events was Section 7-a. Thousands of workers hailed this section of the act as their economic white hope. The A. F. of L. "This nation cannot endure praised the Administration for its pro-labor attitude, then proceeded to organize the eager masses. The osses were forced by the terrific onslaught of unionization to adopt the role of enemies of National Reovery. The Administration worked n cahoots with the "enemies" to stifle the growing unionization.

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Now that the breakdown of the NRA grows more evident every day the "dead cat throwers" are returning to the Rooseveltian fold. Henry Ford, who stared as the deep-dyed villain of the Recovery Drama, has recently announced his whole-hearted acceptance of the 'ideal" of the NRA. He slaps Roosevelt on the back for doing "what I wanted to do twenty years ago." Eugene Grace, Bethlehem Steel Co. magnate, declares that the old idea of the greedy steel baron is buried forever due to the beneficent influence of Recovery policies.

In sharp contrast to the loud essuffering defeat after defeat in the collective bargaining struggle in such major industries as steel, coal have begun to turn against the New Deal. The small business men, led class prophets, are beginning to

Muste to Speak In New England

A five-day speaking trip in New England is being arranged for Chairman Muste, Feb. 5 to 9. Workers, students, liberals and trade union leaders will have an opportunity to hear about the the Alliance, Ohio, Unemployed American Workers Party first hand.

The Worcester Peoples Forum will have Comrade Muste on Feb. down on payments. How about it? 5th on the subject "Controlled Capitalism: a Solution or a Delusion. Classes at Mt. Holycke College, Tufts College and Mass. Institute on the 5th, 6th and 8th respective-6 Byron Street, Boston. The Boston Student Council has a supper Brief and to the point is this meeting on Tuesday, the 6th, and scheduled