

IS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ON ITS LAST LEGS?

The Democratic party has got itself into a bad mess. It never would have come back to power in 1932 if the Republicans had not made such a blundering failure of their three administrations...

In fact, the Democratic party was almost dead. It was all ready to peter out if it had been given half a chance to do so, but, between the futility of the Republicans and the backwardness of the workers...

The Republican party represents a cohesive group—the economic royalists as Franklin calls them. It represents the industrial and financial magnates who are the real rulers of this country...

The Democratic party is also a capitalist party, in the sense that all of its elements, including the Roosevelt element, avowedly believe in the continuation of the private profit system of capitalism...

These elements are not cohesive. The capitalistic element pulls one way, the bourgeois, although also capitalistic, pull another way, the middle class is at odds with the capitalistic element...

In these circumstances, the way is wide open for a big row in the Democratic party—a row which might cause its long and disreputable career to come to an end.

WHY ALL THE CRIME?

In most instances you will find help support their parents, but why are they not given a chance to work? Simply because some people are forced to do the work of two or three others by working 12 and 14 hours a day...

LOST YOUTH

Life was new and life was sweet Leaping joy made light our feet; Fair maidens lips a promise were, Night and stars the heart did stir.

Then came war, and we were swirled Deep into a gone mad world. We gave youth to grim god Mars, In exchange for thrill-filled hours?

We found war and lost our youth, When youth was gone then dawned the truth; Left like gleaming face to sky, On battlefield forlorn to die.

We, who came back from the war, Left our souls in eternal gore; Lost amid the flying shells, Screaming away to quieter hells.

—Henry Puharich.

WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE SILK INDUSTRY

The Industrial Commission of Paterson, New Jersey, recently made a report on conditions in the silk mills there as follows: Deficient illumination, inadequate plumbing, filthy floors and chicken wire instead of walls...

Child labor, coupled to adult unemployment and automatic machines, is incontrovertible evidence that men are neither rational animals nor feeling human beings.—A. Guardian.

WHAT PRICE GLORY?

The wrecks littering up the junk yards, gullies and dumps of the nation are the home, sweet home, folks didn't build, and the farms that got away from farmers since low-priced cars came on the market.—American Guardian.

EYE OPENER

Worker (to boss's stooge): You want to keep your eyes open around here today. Stooge: What for? Worker: Because everyone will think you're a damned fool if you go around with them shut.

WHERE TO GO

October 16, Branch No. 118, in Canonsburg, Pa., is sponsoring a picnic for the benefit of Proletarec.

Our Doings Here and There

By Joseph Drasler

Saturday, October 30, Branch No. 11, in Bridgeport, Ohio is sponsoring a picnic for the benefit of Proletarec.

Sunday, October 24, members of Branch No. 1, will put on the three act play "Jakob Ruda" at the SNPJ Hall.

WORLD'S SUICIDAL ARMAMENT RACE

Secretary of State Cordell Hull warns that the armament race is steadily driving the nations of the earth toward bankruptcy. "Statesmen" who shout "Socialism" when it is suggested that the state stand between its people and starvation squander billions on instruments of war.

At the end of the first six months of its new program of military preparedness, Great Britain reports that expenditures are now \$2,893,500 a minute, \$175,611 an hour, and \$4,166,166 a day. That's a lot of money in any man's country.

Elsewhere on this page is Comrade John Rak's report on the JSF Conference which was held in Library on August 29th. About 70 delegates and friends attended this Conference making it one of the best attended in a long time.

IN A COCKEYED WORLD

The bureau of agricultural economics reports that world industrial production, as measured by the output of 10 leading countries, including the United States, is now above 1929.

The American Federation of Labor finds that although employment increased steadily during the first six months of this year there are still eight millions out of work in this country.

"A part of the recovery in foreign industrial production," says the bureau of agricultural economics, "has been associated with increased military expenditures."

Unfediced people lose half their life; the energetic double it.—French proverb.

The race advances only by the extra achievement of the individual.

AT THE J. S. F. CONFERENCE IN LIBRARY, PA.

Johnstown, Pa. — On Sunday, August 29, Mr. and Mrs. John Langethorpe, Frances L. Rak and the undersigned motored to Library, Pa., where the JSF Conference was held. Library is about 65 miles from Johnstown but we arrived there just in time for the morning session.

Singing Society "Bled" opened the conference by rendering several selections which were well received by the audience. This chorus is not very large but has many fine voices and is a credit to the Slovenes in Library.

Comrade Terchel was elected chairman, Jacob Ambrozich, secretary of the Conference, outlining their work since the last meeting. The branch delegates reported about their progress in pushing the sales of The May Herald.

Among the fine delegation from Bridgeport, Ohio was Joseph Snoy and his wife. Snoy told us of the work being done in their district and that Louis Zorko from Cleveland will soon visit Eastern Ohio on an extensive agitation tour.

From all the reports given it was evident that our comrades and sympathizers are active and work in unity for Socialism among Yugoslav workers. The JSF, its Educational Bureau, Proletarec, The May Herald and The American Family Almanac were their chief concern.

It was mentioned that Pittsburgh was well represented at this conference and someone remarked "It's about time." I hope that the Conference enthused those present for more activity than heretofore.

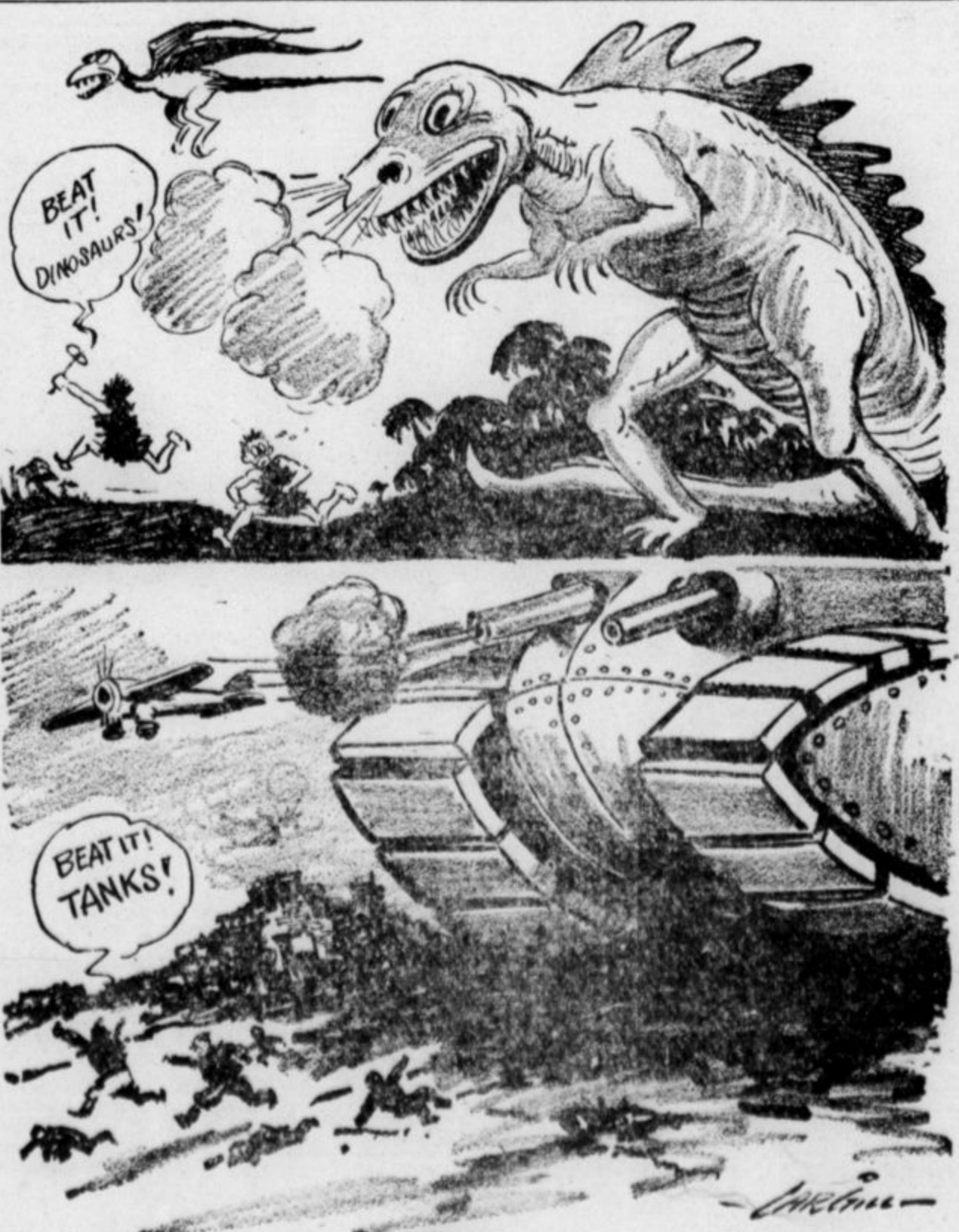
LEWIS GIVES C. I. O. ENROLLMENT FIGURE CLOSE TO 4,000,000

John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, in a nation-wide broadcast September 3, hailed the growth of the C.I.O. to a membership of almost four million and warned that the corporations responsible for the killing of 18 steel strikers...

Pointing out that the steel industry generally has accepted collective bargaining and negotiated wage agreements with the C.I.O., Lewis cited the record of contracts covering 510,000 workers and signed by 393 firms.

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Fifty Million Years of Human Progress!



Our English Page has taken on a new complexion, which to my taste, is greatly improved. Particularly happy we can be over the assistance we have been getting from new contributors. Mary Grubish reporting the CIO strike activities from South Chicago makes us feel that progressive Yugoslav elements are right in the thick of battle between capital and labor.