

Izid splošnega glasovanja za sedež XI. rednega zbora JSZ

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Sledeči klubi so poslali izid splošnega glasovanja o sedežu prihodnjega zbora...

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ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED

THE FINAL STAGE

For Women Only

The Issue Between the America That Is and the America That Was

The organization of the unorganized is the command of the hour, the most urgent need at this time. Of course, this is not new. Labor papers and labor assemblies have been re-sounding with this issue ever since the labor movement came into being. But the realization of the need is keener now than it was in earlier years. Failure to meet the need now is not unlikely to cause a greater tragedy than we dare contemplate.

While there are today more workers organized in unions than there were at any previous time of our labor history, except for the short span of time after the conclusion of the World War, the insufficiency of existing union organization is most compelling. The danger to labor standards and labor rights are greater today than they ever were before. The powers of reaction that banded together in 1919-20 to "deflate labor" were child's play as compared to the sinister designs against labor and democracy of the Liberty League, of the National Association of Manufacturers, and their allies in the reactionary encampment of 1936.

We need economic improvement to live. We need political freedom and democracy under which alone labor can wage a successful battle for industrial status and advance. "Labor must organize its nonunion millions to survive in this battle of the century. The danger to our economic safety will lessen in proportion to the increase in the total number of unionized workers in the automobile, steel, textile, radio, and other large industries. Political reaction will not readily take issue with a labor movement capable of massing ten million union members for political action as well as for economic action. Three million is less of an obstacle to reactionary arrogance.

A labor party, that is a party of and for labor, not a parlor discussion venture, is to all practical purposes an unattainable ideal, at least on a national scale, so long as we remain no better than ten per cent unionized. On the other hand, it would be almost absurd to think that labor would fail to organize politically if the millions in the mass production industries were solidly organized into effective unions.

The reactionary concentration in this country may or may not assume the appearance of fascism, but whatever its face and title it tends to go in much the same direction. And the first step in a fascist direction is an attack on labor standards and on the labor movement. It needs scarcely be argued that fascism in face of 10 or 15 million unionized workers would tend to remain the reactionaries' pipe dream, while with one-fourth or one-fifth part of that number, the danger is too real to be ignored. Can we remain academically cool, in face of all this, while discussing the issue

of industrial organization? Of course not. We cannot forget Italy and Germany.

It is in the nature of things that the public press and meetings of workers should single out names of persons as they discuss the issues of organization. Personalities dramatize issues, and leadership comes to expression through persons. But the significance of the present organizing movement far transcends and exceeds the significance of the individuals in the limelight. Mr. John L. Lewis is a man with a genius for drama. Due to his powerful and magnetic personality, the issue of industrial unionism has been kept at a high boiling point. The movement which he now heads has received wider and greater attention in the three or four months since the launching of the Committee for Industrial Organization than was achieved through years of agitation in the past. But the real strength of the movement comes from the deep dramatic conflict which brought about the present move, and which lies deeper than persons and personalities. Through this move comes to a head the issue between the America that is and the America that was. The rise of the issue to its present potency reflects the coming great struggle for power in the United States. And hand and hand with it goes the issue of political action by the workers.

For years small advanced groups of workers discussed the need of independent action in politics. The discussions were of no particular consequence. And in the several years which followed the World War and

preceded the depression, under the so-called New Era of capitalism, many leading labor people maintained that workers did not need to bother with politics at all. No special laws were required to secure for every man a car in his garage and a chicken in his pot. The bosses were sure to provide it all, the preaching ran. It was considered quite enough that a worker had a union of his craft, or sometimes just a company union in his plant, and that he kept a Mr. Coolidge or a Mr. Hoover in the White House to do the trick. The industrial collapse in 1929 and the depression in the years which followed cured many people of these nice illusions. It is now evident to all thinking workers that unless the workers take part in the government through legislation and administration, and that unless they do that with a workers' program in view, nothing will change, except possibly that instead of millions on public relief, tens of millions will take the dreadful road: a nation of "clients."

Organizing the unorganized is the command of the hour. It has got to be done if labor is to retain the economic standards we have attained and make further progress. Organization is needed if the millions on relief are again to become self-supporting independent workers. It is needed if we are to continue in peace, and not be plunged into war, and if democracy and not fascism is to determine the run of our living.

We must organize the unorganized into a strong labor movement, if we are not to relapse into barbarity. Organize the millions of unorganized workers. — The Advance.

SOCIAL STUDY CLUB ACTIVITIES

Chicago, Ill. — Friday, March 12, the regular meeting of our Social Study Club will be held at the Slovene Labor Center. All members are urged to be present as there will be various reports and plans submitted for future activities. A general discussion will take place after the business meeting. Comrades Anton Garden and Mary Jugg will give a review of their opinions on the Draft Program for the Socialist Party which is published in pamphlet form. These pamphlets are available from our literature committee. Members of the senior branch are invited.

Within the next two weeks the drive to increase the circulation of Proletarec will be under way. A house to house canvass will be made among prospects that we hope to get to subscribe to our paper. All branch members are asked to cooperate with us by submitting names and addresses of their friends. Comrades Frank

Bizjak and Frank Podlipec have already turned in a few. We expect more. You can leave the names at the office of Proletarec or with comrade John Rak.

Our Social Party recently held for the purpose of raising funds for the Slovene Labor Center was a financial and moral success in every respect. Also there were two other affairs held that same evening, approximately 80 were present. The proceeds thus far enabled us to purchase another share in the Slovene Labor Center. This makes two shares that our Social Study Club has purchased within a short time. A more detail report about this affair will follow.

Pub. Committee.

"Now Money is King. Business is our God. Commerce rules. The destinies of nations are discussed from economic angles; we are told that the questions settling the destinies of the human race are purely economic and can be settled only by the bankers and on the floors of the world's exchanges. The captain of industry is the man of the day, the captain of the souls of peoples and their futures. As much as hint to the modern capitalist and industrial executive that business may topple as did the monarchy, the church and the throne, and he is as incredulous as were the leaders in the earlier periods in the world's history. 'Business must rule, he will tell you.' 'Money is King. Nothing else talks in the final analysis.' But so said they of the monastery, of the church, and of the throne! Unlimited power first commands interest, then attention, then scrutiny, then distrust, then questioning—and the fall of the house is not far off."

The above paragraph was written by the late Edward Bok, over 10 years ago.

Since then the powerful kingship of money has passed through another stage. In the course of a century or more it has passed through the stages of "interest, then attention, then scrutiny, then distrust." Now it surely is in the last stage he mentions—the stage of questioning—and the fall of the house is not far off."

Moneyed men have for a long time monopolized nature's treasures and the products of industry, charging the people enormous prices for what they should receive at cost. A great struggle is going on—here and in other countries, between the private profiteers and those who would turn the natural resources and the products of industry to the comfort and happiness of the people.

Collectivism—co-operation—industrial democracy—Socialism—these are the synonymous words which point the way forward to the time when nature's bounty and the products of industry will be distributed in such a manner as to increase the happiness and well-being of all. This is the issue—the real issue. All else is of minor importance.

The Milwaukee Leader.

After seeing the way the movies are barring his book, It Can't Happen Here, from the films, Sinclair Lewis must feel that he should have named it You Never Can Tell.

West Allis, Wis. The regular meeting of our English Section of branch 180 JSF will be held Thursday, March 12, at Kral's Hall. All members are urged to be present. Cards will be played after the meeting.

The Wisconsin News strike still goes on. Heywood Brown, president of the Newspaper Guild spoke at a large mass meeting of strikers and sympathizers. He told his audience that years ago when reporters were sent out to cover strikes they wrote funny stories about the strikers and now the same men and women are organizing through-out the United States. The strikers slogan is, "Don't Read the Wisconsin News till the Strike is Over." The workers that understand the class struggle should never read it. In this locality we have a labor paper which is recognized through-out the country. If all the workers would patronize a paper that fights their battles we wouldn't be bothered with newspaper strikes.

Saturday, March 21, a dance will be given by the youth group of branch 37. Let's reserve the date and plan to attend.—B. Y.

THE REAL VICTOR



The Consumers' Counsel of Washington, D. C., offers a service by way of the Consumers' Guide, which is issued regularly. In the last copy the topic "Are food prices too high?" was discussed, and in addition, all the latest reports on food products were listed.

Attention, members of the JSF. A letter has been sent to your secretary, asking that it be read at your meeting, with the idea of getting women from different parts of the country to write in to this column. The aim of this column is that it be a center for exchange of opinions, for news of interest to women in your locality, in general, a medium for assimilating data of interest to all class-conscious women.

Chicago.—Women of JSF Branch No. 1 are planning an enjoyable evening for you the night of March 28 at the Slovene Labor Center, 2301 S. Lawndale Ave. There will be plenty of activity for you throughout the evening and an interesting feature towards the close. It will be for the men folks, too. The notice is placed in this column with the hope that the women will be active in promoting the sale of tickets for the affair sponsored by them.

A strike is on against the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company in the states of Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee. It has been endorsed by 8 labor unions. Women, now is the time for you to prevent these stores from being patronized until the workers succeed in organization.

SEARCHLIGHT

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

The world is aghast again! This time from the western end of the European Continent comes the news that Hitler has discarded another important treaty and that he has sent his army into the Rhineland, a hitherto prohibited territory for German military occupation. France cries out, "stop him!" All the rest of the European capitals are aflutter and official circles are planning and shaping all sorts of conferences and meetings. Thruout the world public opinion is firmly convinced that the World was never closer to war than right after Hitler's defiance of the powers which signed the treaty. Most all people abhor war; they hate it and despise it. Yet, against their own will the great mass of humanity, who has all to lose from war, is being whipped into preparations for a new massacre. And the only reason for this hypnotic power of a few militarists to lead a great mass of people, against their very will, into war is the stark reality that the mass is not conscious of itself, its power and its class. The mass of workers have blindly followed the bluffers, the fools, the conceited thieves and scoundrels who lead them into slaughters, heartaches and agonies.

Four main points stand out in Hitler's proclamation and everyone should know them. They are: his fear of bolshevism; long preparation for his action; need for strengthening his support; and, a new peace proposal. Destroying one treaty while offering another is the logic of falsifiers of crooks and robbers, of pick-pockets, of dishonest men. There is no assurance that the next pact would be kept any more than there was assurance that the former treaty would be kept. Expressing fear of bolshevism is such a feeble excuse as is the Franco-Russian mutual assistance fact that one would laugh were it all not so pitiful. Of all the things to blame for his military occupation and the destruction of the treaty, that's the silliest in view of the fact that he has been preparing for over 25 months to do what he had done Saturday. He doesn't deny his long planned occupation. Just as he doesn't deny his attempt to crush bolshevism. As for his heroism, it is being acclaimed by all thoughtless Germans and he has, again, rallied public opinion to his support and thus bolstered up his regime. Again, "his people" will have a chance to say "yes" to his question of support at the next forced voting.

Now, comes the question. Will the League of Nations dare to apply sanctions on Hitler? And, if they are applied, will that mean war? Though I am doubtful that the League will declare sanctions, I do believe it will bring the clash of armies for which Europe has been waiting, if applied firmly and completely. The test will be made soon and if it comes the position of the American Socialists will

Waukegan, Ill. — Friends of the Falcons in this city will be interested to know that the group is planning a party for the older members, parents, and friends. Their party will be held on March 14 at the Slovene National Home. Tickets are 20c for adults and 10c for children. They plan many surprise features. Do not disappoint them in their first venture of this kind. They will appreciate your cooperation.

Reports say that the former Barbara Hutton's illness may cost \$600,000 since the birth of her child. At the same time the United States Health Service reports that illness is 56% higher among the poor than among the better-salaried families during this depression.

There is first-rate irony in seeing young boys from families on relief earning a few meager pennies by peddling Hearst's papers and magazines.

Why is it that federal relief always discriminates against women? Why do more men stand in breadlines than women? Is it because there are fewer women in need, or because they can stand starvation better?

All of the city newspapers carried a picture of Miss Zara DuPont, 67-year-old cousin of Irene DuPont, marching in a picket line in the Boston strike of 4,600 garment workers. Was that a publicity stunt, a sympathy wringer, or an act of friendship?

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Although the weather was ideal for outdoor travel last Sunday, a goodly number of people came to the SNPJ Hall to witness a program which gave them more enjoyment than they have had for many years. A twin act comedy "Two Vagabonds" produced by the Waukegan Drama Group put everyone into joyful spirits. Several talks, songs, a recitation and a one act English play completed the program. The proceeds will go for the support of our paper Proletarec.

A Draft for the Socialist Party will be discussed at Friday's meeting of the Social Study Club at the Slovene Labor Center. Every member is urged to attend. A report on the proposed debate will also be made. Since the April 10 meeting date shall be given up for the debate it might be advisable to secure national convention delegate ballots for the young comrades at this meeting.

At last Thursday's meeting of our Unemployed Club the question of consolidation with the Unemployed Councils, a Communist controlled organization was discussed, quite thoroughly. We finally agreed that in

Membership Meeting

Chicago, Ill. A caucus meeting of all Socialist Party branches located on the West Side will be held Sunday, March 15, at 3 p. m., at the Slovene Labor Center. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate candidates for the fall elections. All members of branch No. 1 JSF living in this district are asked to attend. Bring your membership cards with you.

NOTE

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WHAT CAUSES INFLATION?

By Maynard C. Krueger

There is hardly a country in the world that has not gone through a period of inflation since the World War, and there has never been a war of any size in modern times that has not been accompanied or followed by a considerable amount of inflation.

Inflation means an increase in the price level but not every increase in prices is inflationary. Inflation may be defined as an increase in the price level growing out of an increase in expenditures more than proportional to the increase in goods available for purchase.

Deflation Means Decrease

Deflation may be similarly defined as a decrease in the general price level resulting from a decrease in expenditures more than proportional to the decrease in goods available for purchase.

In other words if spending increases faster than selling, then prices go up. Such an increase in the price level is called inflation.

There is no difference between inflation and deflation except that some people use the word deflation to mean bringing the price level back to where it used to be. In this sense, a sufficient amount of inflation to bring back the price level of 1929 might be called deflation, while more would be called inflation.

WHAT IS PRICE?

Price is simply the ratio between two things. One is the money that is surrendered to the seller, and the other is the goods obtained by the buyer. If the money is great in proportion to the goods, we say the price is high.

The price level is an average of all prices. When the price level increases all prices do not go up together or in the same proportion. If the supply of a commodity can be rapidly in-

creased at a low cost, the price of that commodity is not likely to rise very much. The prices of commodities the supply of which cannot be quickly increased, however, are likely to rise quite rapidly. The change in the price level is an average of the changes in all of the individual prices.

Of course most people are not purchasers of everything that has a price. A worker does not buy railroads or diamond-studded dog collars. When we calculate the average price of those things that are purchased by the ordinary person, we call it the cost of living.

When Prices Rise

When prices increase, the value of money declines. When prices decrease, the value of money increases. When the prices of goods go up twice what they were, the purchasing power of the dollar goes down to half what it was, because it takes two dollars to buy what one dollar previously bought. When prices go down to half what they were, the value of the dollar goes up to twice what it was, since 50 cents will buy as much as could previously be bought with a dollar.

The Ups and Downs

If prices rose to ten times what they were, or 1,000 per cent, the purchasing power of money would fall to one-tenth or 10 per cent. If prices rose to almost infinite heights, the purchasing power of money would sink almost to nothing, as it did in Germany in 1923. When the American price level in 1920 rose to 250 per cent of what it was in 1913, the value of the dollar fell to 40 per cent of what it was in 1913. The 1920 dollar was worth only 40 cents in terms of 1913 money, because in 1920 \$2.50 was required to buy that which could be bought for one dollar in 1913.