

It Must Pass Away

The capitalist system has had its day, and, like other systems that have gone before, it must pass away when it has fulfilled its mission...

Roster of English Divisions of Branches JSF.

- Branch No. 1, Chicago, Ill. Secretary John Rak, 3639 W. 26th St. Meets every second Thursday...

Thanks, M'deah! The young wife was heartbroken. "What's the matter?" asked a friend...

THE GROWING CRIME SITUATION



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- CANADA. East Windsor: George Matesich. CALIFORNIA. Los Angeles: Frank Novak. San Francisco: Joseph Kocnig...

- Soz Air: Peter Bukovec. Braddock: John Rednak. Bridgeville: Joseph Toms. Claridge: Joseph Hren...

Silly Dabbling

Our dabbling friend Richard Zaveritnik discovered rather late that we live under a capitalist system which exploits workers and is responsible for their enforced idleness and conditions as they exist.

than because they believe in independent action of labor. Their meetings are held at the place from which some months ago Mr. Cermak and his Democratic party were urged upon the voters of Slovene nationality.

THRU PENNSYLVANIA'S COAL FIELDS

In my recent visit to the Pennsylvania coal fields I saw such conditions existing that I could hardly believe myself. The first small town in which I stopped had a small factory employing men only two and three days a week.

Reports and Comments

of Socialist Club No. 45 JSF. of Waukegan for the splendid attendance. Mayor William J. Swoboda of Racine, Wis., then spoke of the overcrowded warehouses full of the needs of everyday life and emphasized that it is a rotten system that permits the warehouses and granaries to remain filled while millions need them but haven't the money with which to buy them.

Enthusiastic Manifestation

We went to Waukegan, Ill., last Sunday expecting to find the Labor Sunday Manifestation and Outing of the Educational Bureau JSF. another of those ordinary picnics. But it was not. To our delight the attendance was a great deal better than we had dared to expect, for, we have often been told that the capitalists and bosses of Waukegan's industries blacklisted and "fired" any one participating in any Labor Manifestation.

Many came to watch the well played baseball game between two Slovene Waukegan aggregations, the SNPJ Sports Club and the KSKJ boys. At the end of nine innings the score was tied at 4 all so they had to go into extra inning. Our Waukegan people have become great patrons of their teams and delight in spending a couple of hours out in the sun rooting for their favorites.

The Milwaukee delegation brought along some delicious refreshments in addition to their singing club Naprej and a new instructor Frank Mikek. Sheriff Benson has a lot of support in our husky Comrades of Milwaukee. Chicago contributed its share too.

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Gandhi in London

England and India have smoothed out the differences which were preventing Mahatma Gandhi from going to London to attend the round table conference. Undoubtedly the British lion has apologized for some of its misdemeanors. The understanding is not made public.

With his presence assured, the conference will be far more likely to be successful.

This Indian question has been a sore spot on the face of the globe for years. It seems quite clear that India must sooner or later become either a separate nation or one of the independent dominions of the British empire, like Canada, Ireland and Australia. The latter arrangement might be better than complete independence. Nationalism can be overdone, as the world knows to its sorrow. For India to become a genuinely self-governing part of the empire might be a step toward the federation of the world, which must come. To make it a separate nation would be likewise, provided it did not become jingoistic.

—Milwaukee Leader.

THE COMING WINTER

President Hoover, who has been consulting John Barton Payne of the Red Cross and Secretary Doak about the relief of unemployment next winter, appears to be somewhat troubled by the unanimous reports from all those in a position to know, that the plight of the millions out of work will be desperate, while local sources of relief are drying up. The community chests, the American Federation of Labor, and the mayors of many cities have testified to this effect. So far, the only result of these conferences appears to be renewed declaration from administration sources that the responsibility for relief is local, plus a statement that the president is "co-ordinating" federal unemployment activities. Co-ordination is a good word, but it is no substitute for money, meat and bread.

Why is the responsibility for relief local only? Industries are not local; the disorganization of the system which produces unemployment is not local; profits are not local; and local communities do not tap profits and large incomes with the income tax. There is only one credible reason for the administration's attitude—its desire not to increase this tax. To further his political prospects, the president is blinding himself to the coming emergency just as he has blinded himself to other aspects of the depression. We expect that he will continue to do so until it is too late. The only chance of adequate relief for the unemployed is a strong opposition in congress.—The New Republic.

Insurance Business

New York employers may take out workmen's compensation insurance with the state or with private companies.

Last week, the state announced that it would increase to 25 per cent the discount which it allows its customers.

At the same time, the private insurance companies raised their rates on such liabilities 15 per cent.

The net result will be that the state's rates will be 25 per cent below those of stock and mutual companies after Sept. 1.

The state of New York is the largest carrier of compensation insurance in that commonwealth. It should be the only such carrier. Organized labor has always held that the state should have a monopoly of compensation insurance. Wherever the private insurance concerns are permitted to participate in this business rates go up and workers are unmercifully gouged in the settlement of claims.—Labor.

Founded on Waste!

One Socialist criticism of the capitalist system has received justification from the Hoover administration. The suggestion that every third row of cotton should be plowed under, as a means of restoring prosperity to southern farmers, proves that the capitalist system can be kept going only by a policy of wholesale waste. If we are to continue the policy of permitting a few people to grab the products of machine production, the only way in which the rest of us can be kept busy is by teaching those few to be more riotously wasteful than even before. Non-Socialists, in particular, ought to be made to understand that fact; the quicker they do understand it the sooner they are likely to become disgusted with the insanity of it all and seek a more sensible system of planned production for human welfare instead of this battle royal of private industry for private profit.

—Reading Labor Advocate.

SEARCHLIGHT

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

So much has been written about Milwaukee in the past months that some of our readers may not like our frequent references to the governing factors of that great city. Another commission has gone to Milwaukee to study their system. This time it was the commission on safety that went from Chicago to learn why Milwaukee has so few automobile accidents compared with the large number in Chicago. Upon return the commission gave out the report that the people of Milwaukee have more respect for their laws and a better system of traffic signal lights. But why send these commissions to Milwaukee? The changes they should recommend upon their return are never included in their reports. It is as plain as day that Milwaukee would not be what it is if it were not for the officials in power. We must repeat once more that Milwaukee is governed by a Socialist Mayor and a great number of other Socialist officials, who take pride in being honest and efficient and who have the respect for themselves and their citizens. It is about time that the voters in other cities and municipalities look into the real and true reasons why Milwaukee is the best governed city in the United States and why they come to Milwaukee to study Milwaukee's system of finance, traffic, safety, and every other system used in running public affairs.

Our readers and Comrades should use Milwaukee as an example in their conversations on political questions. Use the question: "Why do all these commissions study and praise Milwaukee's systems? Why don't they praise New York's systems?" You have all the facts and evidence in your favor. Make good use of them.

"Some of you unemployed can take consolation in the fact that the family of the King of England only expends \$3,525,000 per year. The king and his entire household are nothing else but parasites living on the taxes of the inhabitants. At the same time the average unemployed man with a family receives \$374.40 per year, but the employed workers contribute regularly to the fund from which they draw when out of work. They are going to reduce wages, increase payments into the insurance fund but they are also going to decrease the benefits of the unemployed. Why put up with a king? Of course it is hard to get rid of him, but 9415 producing families could be fed on the money appropriated for the king and his parapitic family. The world is still "looney" to put it into mild words.

A lot of propaganda is being sent into the United States from Great Britain against unemployment insurance, termed the "dole". Big business interests fear that the prevailing conditions have ripened the minds of many workers for unemployment insurance and now they are making a desperate attempt to use the British crisis as evidence that unemployment insurance has brought about the critical conditions in England. It is not true, however, and the propaganda is firmly denied by prominent men. They tell us that "no one has starved" yet because charity has done its duty. Henry Wales, the Chicago Tribune correspondent from London is one of the strong propagandists. But when we recall his recent visit to Russia and his prejudiced reports from there we can't expect anything else from him. After all unemployment insurance has saved the hide of the English king and perhaps it would be best not to have any. If that's the price the workers must pay to get rid of their parasites, then I'll say we don't want unemployment insurance.

More good news, brethren. Corporate dividends for the first nine months of 1931 have been greater than the corresponding period of 1929, a supposed to be prosperous year. Now figure that one out if you can. Only about one-half of the workers employed in 1929 were employed in 1931 but the dividends went up. Naturally enough, the money ordinarily used for salaries was conserved and used for corporate dividends. I'll bet the seven million unemployed will live easier now on the corporate income.

You Socialists and sympathizers

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The Democratic Dogma

It has long been a popular pastime to hold diplomats, kaisers, kings and potentates responsible for the evils from which men suffer, particularly the evil of war, and to picture the average man as an injured innocent. This dogma of democracy, which undoubtedly had its basis in the natural human tendency to self-righteousness, was true in the sense that the man in the street has no particular malice toward foreign nations until his leaders arouse it, and that the leaders do sometimes serve ulterior purposes in their diplomatic and military ventures. Nevertheless, the total picture was not true, and modern events are beginning to reveal the fact that wars spring from a lack of imagination and social intelligence on the part of the average man as much as from the conspiracies of politicians.

There are few intelligent bankers who believe that the war debts can be paid. Nor do the leading statesmen suffer from such an illusion. But they are afraid of the ire of the average man and therefore refrain from making any bold suggestions concerning this problem of international finance. The insult which we offered Japan in our immigration legislation was not desired by Secretary Hughes, but he was not brave enough to defy the public prejudice that had been aroused, the flame of which sprang from the embers of race prejudice in the heart of the average man. European diplomats would like to organize some kind of tariff union to save the continent from anarchy, but it is doubtful whether they will succeed. The feverish nationalism of peoples only recently emerged from a great conflict prevents effective international co-operation. It is probably wrong to

attribute this lack of imagination, which makes international intercourse so difficult and which is bringing modern civilization to the edge of an abyss, to the average man without discrimination. There is, after all, no average man. There are classes in society which profit from international conflict, and there are others which are below the average international intelligence. These two may force a nation into disaster even though the majority of its citizens desire peace. It remains true, nevertheless, that the majority which desires peace does not know how to get it.—The World Tomorrow.

A Promising Trend

The workers in the full-fashioned hosiery industry are the latest recruits to the idea of independent labor action in politics. The matter was placed before the membership of the American Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers in the form of a motion by the Milwaukee Branch No. 16 of the union. In accordance with constitutional procedure, practiced in the organization, the motion was submitted to a referendum vote and, as Secretary-Treasurer Smith announced the other day, over thirty branches of the organization in six different states unanimously voted in favor of the motion. While this vote has no formal binding power and not every local union is obliged under the vote to engage in political action, it shows the sentiment that prevails among the members of the organization. The Philadelphia branch, the largest in the union, has taken the next steps and it has named candidates on the independent labor party ticket which was recently launched in that city. Just recently the party held a conference attended by 500 delegates and members of hosiery, textile and other labor organizations, including the Amalgamated. The independent labor party candidates were also nominated on the Socialist Party ticket. It is interesting to note that representatives of the United Textile Workers' Union actively participate in the movement. Pinched by the depression and faced with the insufficiency of industrial action, even conservatives are turning to independent political action.

Welcome Guest

A preacher's family was entertaining a missionary. In honor of the guest the wife served a more bountiful breakfast than their slender income usually permitted. Six-year-old Ruth was asked to "return thanks," which she did in the following words:

"Lord, we thank Thee for this beautiful breakfast. We're so glad the missionary came. Please have him stay a month."

Spreading the Oil

Customer: "To what do you owe your extraordinary success as a house-to-house salesman?"
Salesman: "To the first five words I utter when a woman opens the door 'Miss, is your mother in?'"

WILL THEY ACT IN TIME AND IN EARNEST?



Shoemaker in The Chicago Daily News.
"President Hoover is making a desperate effort to get a Wall Street Committee to raise from the rich in charity enough to keep the workers from demanding more from them in taxes as justice, not charity. And the dreadful winter comes on apace while our rulers fiddle."—Norman Thomas.

FRAGMENTS

There is one kind of unemployment that would be of immense help to the workers of the United States. If we discharged all capitalist politicians in this country and let them do other dirty work that may be needed they would be following their usual occupation, although in a different field, and the working class would be holding powers which are needed for their own interests. Discharge the agents of capitalism with a Socialist ballot.—The New Leader.

The trouble with the workers under capitalism is that they follow the slogan of war time, "give till it hurts." They give all they produce above wages to their capitalist exploiters and now it hurts.

By all means let's nationalize the banking system and employ the bankers as clerks, but let us not forget their powerful pals, the great magnates of industry who are in need of the same treatment.

One pastor last Sunday emphasized the need of a joyous religion for all who are gloomy. Referred to the women and children in the mining sections who have been compelled to eat grass.

Another big merger of trusts is in process of organization and it will not be founded on craft or trade lines as big capitalists believe in industrial organization for their class.

Wanted to learn: The exact location of the corner around which prosperity is waiting.
—The American Guardian.

In this country the working class have generally supported every class but their own in politics and they might try the experiment of supporting their own just to see if it will bring any disaster to them. A Socialist ballot is recommended as an experiment.
—The New Leader.

The Socialist movement grows out of capitalist society, the one being the offspring of the other, but the child is destined to destroy the parent because of its criminal incapacity and the misery it has brought to the world.

You Tell It

Can't the Germans pay their debts because they lost the war? Or can't we pay ours because we won it? If a moratorium is a good thing for the creditor nations, why shouldn't it be a good thing for creditors nationals?

What are the chances of collecting on—
a.—exploded explosives,
b.—burned fingers,
c.—spilled milk,
d.—last night's drunk,
e.—war loans?

If everybody saved their money, who would do the buying?
What's the difference between A. Mellon and A. Lemmon, and Y? Gosh, that's deep one.

If six poker players poker until the house has all money, is the ensuing business depression due to,
a.—frozen assets,
b.—too many chips,
c.—over-production of cards,
d.—buyer's strike,
e.—loss of confidence,
f.—Russian dumping?
x, y, and z.—How many moratoriums does it take to buy a stack of poker chips?

What's the difference between—
a.—exploded explosives,
b.—insects and bugs,
c.—cows and bovines,
d.—balls and carbuncles,
e.—skunks and polecats,
f.—the Republican and Democratic parties?
Why do those who work the most have the least, and those who work the least have the most?
—The American Guardian.

Coal Problem in England

The conference of the British Miners' Federation has pronounced unanimously in favor of the nationalization of coal and minerals.
This resolution is more than a merely pious wish. Its application would only be the last step in a process which, in the view of most unprejudiced experts, must be adopted if the whole of the British coal mining industry is to be effectively reorganized. Only if this last step is sooner or later taken, will it be possible to put into practical effect, with a prospect of a definite increase in the efficiency of the industry, that concentration of the coal industry which was initiated last year when the coal act was passed.—International Federation of Trade Unions.

Unreasonable Ukase

Capitalism tells the workers: You slave and produce and we will gamble with it for our own amusement and enrichment and for your degradation. Not only that, we will use the great loot to get into foreign money and investment entanglements and use your bodies to settle it in a fool war. All we will have to do is appeal to your "patriotism" and you will whoop it up for the flag.—The Socialist Campaigner.