

Everyone Who Wants a Good Job and a Good Income, Please Take Note

If everyone had a good job and a good income, no one would give a rap about bonuses or taxes.

Ex-service men would not have occasion to "riot" for a chance to ride on freight cars in search of a bonus. They would have many times as much money as a measly bonus amounts to.

Taxpayers would not have occasion to seek a lowering of taxation and a crippling of public services. They would have plenty of money so that they would not miss the money they paid in taxes.

The Socialist party wants to give everyone a good income and a good job.

It knows how to do so. In its national convention, held in May 1932, it showed again that it knows how. It pointed the way. It will do its level best to enlighten the people about it.

For, it cannot give good jobs and good incomes to everyone unless everyone will accept the same—or unless a majority of "everyone" agrees to accept the same by voting for it.

Up to the present time the people have preferred poverty.

They have preferred starvation.

They have voted to lose their jobs.

They have voted to lose their homes.

They have voted to become objects of charity.

They have voted to be worried half to death—and sometimes wholly to death.

The Socialist Party cannot force good jobs and good incomes upon them. It can only show them the way to get good jobs and good incomes, and ask them to be kind enough to themselves to vote for these good things.

There is no doubt in the world that it can be done.

It can be done by electing Thomas and Maurer for president and vice-president, and electing a Socialist majority in congress, the state legislatures and the local offices.

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Old Party Politics

Hearst is booming John Garner, the speaker of the house of representatives, for the Democratic nomination for president. The usual propaganda is going out. The candidate, many years ago, was a cowpuncher. The most will be made of that. But he is now a banker, a millionaire and a ranch owner. Like the other candidates for the nomination, he is conservative. He will be used for "stop Roosevelt" purposes, and he might conceivably get the nomination either for president or vice president. Neither he nor Roosevelt nor any other Democratic aspirant stands for anything worth while.

Hoover is almost certain to be the Republican nominee. There has been talk of Borah, Johnson and others, but they would be no better than the "great engineer", for they do not stand for any principles which would lead the country onward and upward. There will be unlimited effort to "sell" Hoover to the people again. Money and cleverness have performed seeming impossibilities before. They'll try to convince the people that Herbert has done everything humanly possible to stem the tide of a depression that was not of his making.

Look out for the propaganda of both old parties—and do not be taken in by it. They are no good.

Another Illustration

Sales in New York city department stores declined 22 per cent early this spring, as compared with last year. The monthly bulletin of the National City Bank of New York is authority for the statement.

And the administration professes to think it can cure a condition like that by loaning money to banks and railroads!

If the money already loaned in that way had been put into the hands of the jobless, they would have bought goods with it—and the jobs provided for them by the government would have created a demand for many kinds of commodities, stimulating industry along many lines.

But the administration insists upon beginning at the wrong end. Billions for the rich—not a cent for the starving.

—Milwaukee Leader.

The "non-partisans" are partisan on the wrong side—and the Socialists are partisan on the right side.

SEARCHLIGHT

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

Things are happening faster than we can keep up with them. There for instance is the great change that has taken place in Germany. An observer is inclined to believe that Germany is on the brink of another revolution. How they can get out of the mess without bloodshed is difficult to understand. Everything looks as if they want to re-establish the old German monarchical form of government and the maneuvers look distinctly threatening to the republican form of government. The depression has bagged the German people so low that anything is possible. With a promise of food and jobs even the old Kaiser would be acceptable. If a monarchy is restored it will mean virtual dictatorship with greater tyranny and despotism for the great mass of people. Germany the country of might and learning is tottering. Reason, logic and experience has given way to suppositions and wild talk. Can they avert the final catastrophe? It is doubtful.

Chile, along the Andes Mountains in South America, has established what the capitalist newspapers hail as a Socialist Republic. A glance at their proclamation makes us say that it sounds good and it is certainly hoped that they will be able to fulfill their pledge. But when we scrutinize the new cabinet we are inclined to believe that it's going to be a compramisario government because conservatives and democrats will not let the Socialists carry out a complete Socialist program. If they can give food and shelter to all, as they promise, they will bring upon the new government the wrath of the international capitalists. However they can, in giving food and shelter, receive the support and sympathy of the great mass of Chilean workers.

There goes Jimmy Walker, the dazzling young Mayor of New York with a million sins tied to his soul, the idol of the New Yorkers. It matters not how much money Jimmy placed into his safe illegally, or whom he cheated, because it's Jimmy Walker the New York crowd likes him and that's all there is to it. What gross ignorance and idiocy. The bus companies and cab companies, the contractors and all sorts of agents profited thru connections with Jimmy Walker and cheated and robbed the very people who idolize the Mayor, in order that the Mayor may fill his safe and accept bribes and gifts. Not a hundred dollars or a thousand but millions of dollars was the price placed on the transactions. And when Jimmy was put on the witness stand he sarcastically re-

buked the investigator and the crowd cheered and applauded. Amid all the evidence and proof of guilt Tammany is more confident than ever that it can carry the city in any election. This may not be true but it shows how little brains the New York workers have and how little Tammany thinks of the workers capacities to think.

We had a very good meeting of club No. 1 JSF on May 27. Numerous delegates to our convention, the three days following, were in attendance. We discussed Socialism and Religion which subject will be continued at the next meeting. Because we draw young folks from the religious field it is of the utmost importance that we adopt and follow the policy of least resistance and most benefit. The contention of this writer has been that religious members of the Socialist Party will gradually drop their religious affiliation and conviction once they learn the true message and meaning of Socialism. Until they learn Socialism they must be instructed in a manner which will not be painful or better stated in a tolerable manner. Several other phases of the question were brought up, all worthy of consideration.

The case of Mooney and Billings will be reviewed at the meeting of the English Division of club No. 1 JSF Thursday June 9. Many people speak of the Mooney case and are sympathetic to the cause of Mooney but do not know the entire story. Here is a good chance to learn more about it. Why not get interested in the case which the special Wickersham committee reports as being a gross miscarriage of justice.

They've been after Mussolini again, that is, if the whole thing isn't another hoax. What little unfavorable news gets by the borders of Italy makes us ask a serious question. What would happen in Italy if the Dictator had to flee? After being crushed so forcibly for so many years it is possible that the tempest might arise and the people crush the tyranny that has held them in subservience.

All of the delegates are now back home from Milwaukee with the lessons of the gathering firmly impressed. Above all, one element will determine whether we progress or not, whether we succeed or fail. That element is energy to do work. Everything that was said and done in Milwaukee on May 28, 29 and 30 will mean nothing if our comrades will not go out and work. While

Our Doings Here and There

By JOHN RAK

On Sunday, July 10, the Socialist Campaign Rally and Picnic sponsored by the Cook county Socialist party will be held at Elm Tree Grove. The location of this grove is at 6542 Irving Park Boulevard at the end of street car line. Music, dancing, ball games and speakers are scheduled on the program. The gates will be open at 70 A. M. and the admission price is only 30c.

About 70 delegates from different parts of the country attended the JSF ninth regular convention held in Milwaukee. It was the first time for years that the state of Kansas was again represented with a delegation. From Southern Illinois, the Springfield and Virden branches each sent a delegate. From the northern part of Minnesota came John Kobl. The states of Ohio and Pennsylvania were well represented. Another very encouraging sign was that the number of young comrades was almost doubled to that of the eight convention held in Detroit 2 years ago.

It was the first time in the history of the JSF that its convention was welcomed by city officials. Comrade Hauser, secretary of mayor Hoan, addressed the delegation in the opening session. At the banquet, senator Polakowski, John Ermenc, assemblyman, Max Raskin, city attorney, Al Benson, county sheriff, aldermen Seidel and Tesch, and Leo Krzycki, county and state secretary of the Socialist party of Wisconsin, gave brief speeches welcoming the delegation to

Milwaukee. News reporters and photographers gathered news and took pictures of the delegates at work at different times which appeared in The Milwaukee Leader and some in the Milwaukee Journal. All in all, this convention can be marked as one of the most successful and from its deliberations greater results will be achieved for the Socialist movement.

On Thursday, June 9, the English Section of branch 1 will hold its regular meeting in the east room of the SNPJ lower Hall. In the past all members have been notified of our meetings, urging them to attend in full numbers, although the results have not been gratifying. If we want to become active in the Socialist movement, we must attend meetings, plan our work and cooperate in every way possible to have results. For this meeting the committee has prepared a review of the Mooney and Billings case. Comrade Dorothy Plahutnik will give a book review and a report will be given on the National and JSF Socialist conventions held in Milwaukee. Invite your friends and assure us a good attendance.

In Imperial, Pa., branch 31 has arranged for a picnic to be held on Sunday, June 19, at Usnik's farm. A good time is assured, therefore all comrades and friends living in nearby vicinities are asked to reserve this date and join the merry-making crowd. Everybody welcome!

The JSF executive committee met last week and discussed the national presidential campaign of the Socialist party. A sub committee was elected to map out plans for speakers to tour through the country and address public meetings. The recommendations for the Youth movement submitted by comrade Klarich and other delegates at the convention were referred for clarification to a committee composed of Filip Godina, Fred Vider, Chas Pogorelec and John Rak. Out-of-town visitors present at this meeting were comrades Frances Langerhole and John Tercel.

A very good attendance was had at the last meeting of branch 1. After a short business session a report about the Socialist party convention was given. Then a lecture on Socialism vs. religion, introduced by comrade Zaitz, provoked considerable argument pro and con in the discussion that followed in which several out-of-town delegates to the convention of the JSF present that evening also participated.

Insulted

She came to her husband in tears. "I've been insulted," she sputtered. "Your mother has insulted me." "My mother?" he exclaimed. "But, Alice—she's miles away." "I know. But a letter came for you this morning addressed in your mother's handwriting—and I opened it."

He looked stern. "I see. But where does the insult come in?" Alice wept all the more. "In the—the postscript," she answered. "It said: 'Dear Alice, don't forget to give this letter to George.'"

Americanism: Erecting tariff walls to keep out alien goods; begging other lands not to ruin us by keeping out our goods.

A Crazy Property System

That the depression is becoming worse is apparent from the changing view of Congress. Except for a few members that body has never exhibited any deep concern for the suffering masses. It has displayed more concern for big capitalist enterprises that are plunging into the red but even many of the half-wits now recognize that it is five minutes to twelve. They understand that something must be done to feed, house and clothe the starving masses. So we have bills in Congress that are intended to bring some relief to the workers and farmers.

We have now reached a stage in the decline of capitalism that even Socialists never foresaw. We never anticipated that owners of important forms of property would deliberately destroy them. This is actually occurring. There are many instances of owners of buildings and factories who are having them torn down. Not old structures but substantial buildings. Unable to pay taxes on this property and unable to sell it the owners have it destroyed so that it will not continue to be a white elephant on their hands.

So here is a new phase of the most remarkable depression that has occurred in the history of capitalism. Socialists have been charged with desiring to destroy property and capitalists themselves destroy it! Who would have ever predicted that? Imagine this continuing on an ever expanding scale and we could forecast the capitalist class destroying its own buildings upon which its rule of society is based. If there is anything more insane than this we would like to have it called to our attention.

To this may be added the fact that farm property and much middle class property is passing into the hands of upper sections of the capitalist class. In many instances this property is useless to those who receive it. The bank that takes over a farm cannot sell it and cannot farm it. The property becomes a burden, a useless incumbrance which saps the vitality of the new owner. It is merely further evidence that capitalistic property has difficulty to survive in its own regime!

Let the apologists of capitalism defend these absurdities if they can. —The New Leader.

Side by Side

A Pittsburgh, Pa., daily newspaper places the number of destitute families in the Pittsburgh district at 11,000. These families are facing acute hunger. In the same paper there appears a story that the Mellon family has accumulated \$8,000,000,000 in property—banks, railroads, public utilities, etc.

Maybe you like this kind of a picture, but I do not, and that is one of the reasons why I am a Socialist. If only the men of these families, many of whom voted for Mellon's chief—Hoover—four years ago, had to suffer, I would say they got exactly what they voted for. But along with them must suffer the wives and mothers and sweethearts and children making up these 11,000 families. Their dire need and their suffering is the concern of all of us. We can't escape the consequences of this situation, which does not exist alone in the Pittsburgh district, but is to be found in every community in the United States.—Fred Warren.

Which?

"Which," asks an eastern financial newspaper, "is best able to take care of itself—idle labor or idle capital?"

Let's see: Here is an idle factory—once the pride of its capitalist owner. What can it do for itself? Not much. In the first place it requires coal to make heat and power. Coal requires labor. Score one for labor. Next the idle factory can't operate without raw material. Raw material comes from the earth as the result of applied labor. Labor and raw material, combined, produce the finished product. Score again for labor.

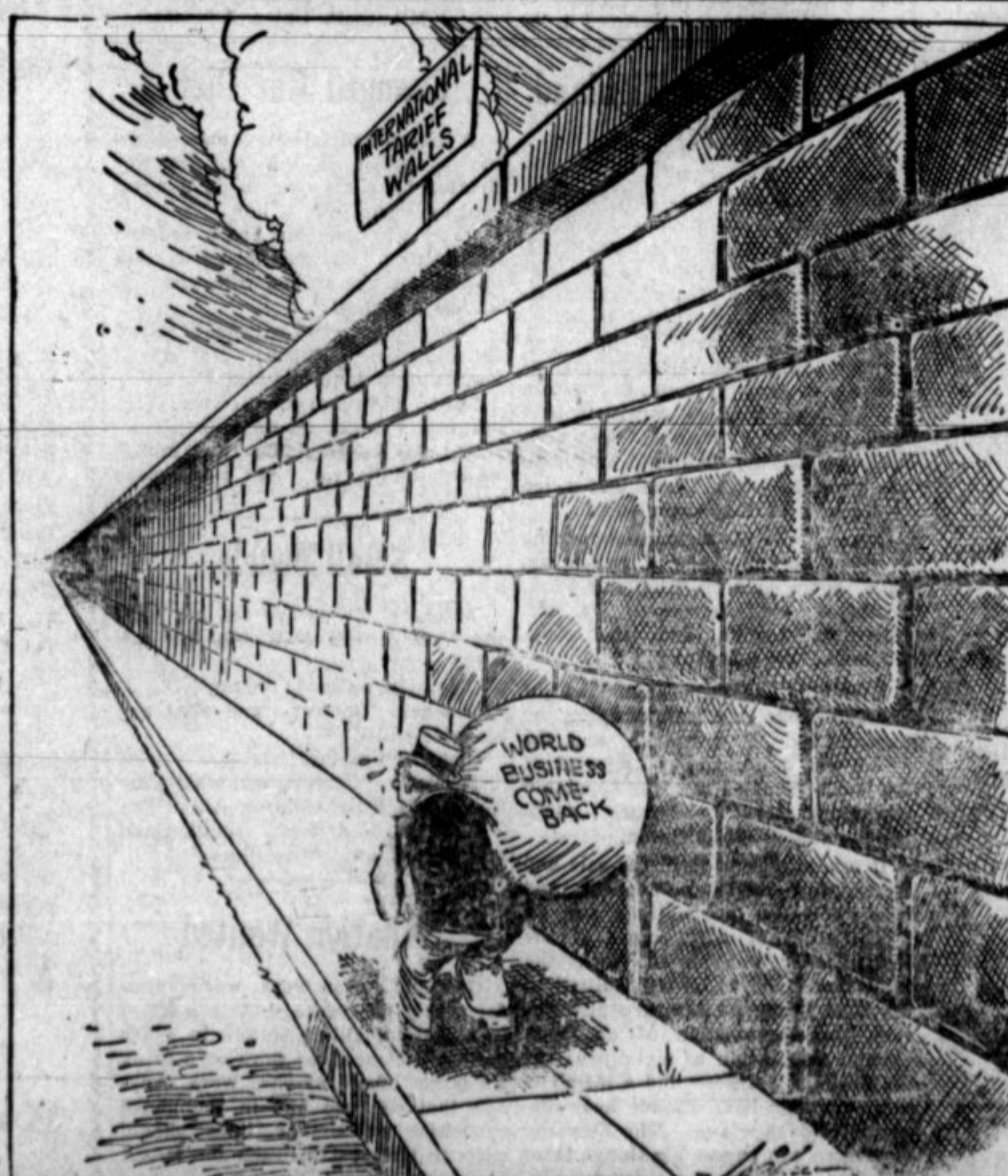
But the finished product cannot be moved out of the warehouse without labor. Nor can it be placed on the shelves of the retail store, nor delivered to the homes of those in need.

And finally, this product can't be disposed of unless somewhere some laboring man has been paid wages with which to buy. Labor lived a long, long time before the factory was built—before we had what we are pleased to call civilization, and he lived! Which is more than a lot of laborers are doing now. And if all capital and all capitalists were suddenly removed from the earth and only the ground and labor remained, labor would immediately get busy and provide for its wants out of the abundance of resources.

Yes, labor could get along very well without capital. But no capitalist can get along without labor. —The American Freeman.

An American journalist has learned his grade when he can interpret a fall in the exchange rate of the dollar as merely a rise in the rate of the British pound—which it is, from one way of looking at it.

JUST AROUND THE CORNER



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