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Kampanjski banket v Chicagu

Chicago, Ill. — V sredo 25. maja bo imela v Chicagu soc. stranka velik kampanjski banket, na katerem bosta govorila tudi socialistični predsedniki in podpredsedniški kandidati.

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Oh Well, Just so It Isn't Doles

By ADAM COALDIGGER

I'm right glad Congress ratified the moratorium. Brother Hoover had granted to Germany while Congress was out of town. Under that moratorium, Germany won't have to pay us this year what it would have to pay if it could 'a borrowed money from us to pay it.

For my own part, I have maintained from the beginning that Germany would never pay those billion fines the allied brethren inflicted on it for having allowed itself to get licked. Of course I'm no financial expert, but I have enough experience as a debtor to know that no creditors of mine ever got money out of me I didn't have.

Peter to pay Paul or vice versa, when it was all over, I owed just as much as I did before. So from my own experience, I say the best thing to do with that German moratorium is to extend it for ninety-nine years.

While on the subject of paying debts, by borrowing, let me say that in my humble opinion, there is entirely too much of these doings going on in high financial circles. First comes Brother Hoover with a plan to loan five hundred million smackers to the bankers because the poor fellows can't collect what they got standing out, and can't loan out what they collected in, because what they got belongs to their depositors who might call for it most any day.

Next there is a move on foot for the government to loan a thousand or fifteen hundred million dollars to building and loan associations

and mortgage companies who specialize in home and farm loans. These folks loaned about fifty per cent of the value of such properties. This looks safe enough, but ain't any more because folks who borrowed money on houses to rent out can't collect the rent in and many people who borrowed money on homes to live in have to move out because they can't meet the taxes and interest.

The farm loans are even in worse shape yet for the farmer who borrowed \$5,000 on a \$10,000 farm when wheat was a dollar a bushel owes now 20,000 bushels of wheat on a \$5,000 farm. While his debt quadrupled, interest and taxes remained the same. So now the big idea is to increase both by taxing him for enough more to enable the mortgage companies to increase his debt and interest.

This is a highly complicated way of farm relief, and I'm afraid I can't make it quite clear to you. But the way it looks to me, it works out something like this: The Government sells a billion three per cent bonds. Then the Government loans that billion to the mortgage companies at four per cent. Then the mortgage companies loan it to the farmers at six per cent and the farmers pay off the bonds and the interest in taxes. Save my life, I can't see how that will get the farmers out of the red.

four bushels of wheat for every dollar they had loaned on them.

The latest candidates for solvency by getting in deeper are the railroads. When the railroads made profits, they increased their capital stock, and when they lost money, they issued bonds to cover their losses. Thus, between making money and losing money, they finally managed to pile up a capitalization (debt) of some twenty-two thousand million dollars. To pay dividends and interest on that twenty-two billions, they had to raise freight and passenger rates to where by now it is cheaper to walk and transport freight by wheelbarrows. So what between shoe leather and wheelbarrows going down and rail rates staying up and most of the railroads glad enough to haul hobo's just to keep from getting lonesome, their stock and bondholders are getting leery of their investments.

So far as the stockholders are concerned, that wouldn't matter much because by now they are fairly well acclimated to no dividends. But with the bondholders, it's different. These bonds, some four or five billions of them, are held by savings banks and life insurance companies, and there's where you and me come in again. You and me entrusted our sweat-stained shekels to these concerns in the hope of having something laid aside for a rainy day or to save our loved ones the disgrace of a third class funeral. Now if the railroads go kaploo, our umbrellas and nice funerals go with them. So the railroads want to borrow enough money from you and me to protect our savings and save our loved ones from paying the undertaker by way of soap suds.

If this sort of thing keeps up, it won't be long before the Salvation Army will ask the Government to float a billion dollar bond issue to feed us and then sell the clothes on our backs to the scare-crows to pay our taxes. Oh well, just so it isn't doles. —The American Guardian.

Reports and Comments

Cleveland Girls to Sponsor Dance

May First still lingers in the minds of those that attended the May Day celebration sponsored by the Cleveland Socialists. Over seven hundred comrades and sympathizers assembled in the Slovene National Home and listened to the speeches of several prominent Socialists. The entire program was very interesting.

Several young girls, members of singing society Zarja of branch 27 are sponsoring a dance on Saturday, May 28. It will be held in the Slovene National Home in room 1. Dancing will start at 7.30 P. M. with music furnished by Jackie Zorc. This dance will be something different from the ordinary dances given so you can feel assured of a good time. The admission is 25c. Everyone is welcome!

Roster of English Divisions of Branches JSF.

Branch No. 1, Chicago, Ill. — Secretary John Rak, 3639 W. 26th St. Meets every second Thursday of the month at the lower SNPJ Hall.

Chicago Campaign Banquet

The banquet in honor of the Socialist candidates for president and vice-president, which will be held in Chicago on Wednesday, May 25th, will bring out another overflow crowd according to present indications. In addition to numerous individual reservations which have been made, the following unions will be represented: the joint board and all of the locals on the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; the joint board and all of the locals of the International Ladies Garment Workers; the waiters, carpenters, bakers, typographical union, joiners, turriers, cap makers, millinery workers, musicians, and news writers. In addition the League for Industrial Democracy and the Farmer-Labor party are cooperating.

Reservations should be sent at once to the Socialist Banquet Committee, 549 Randolph St., Chicago. The banquet will start promptly at 6:30. Reservations are \$1.25.

Father Cox and His Followers

The good book tells us about a miracle the Lord performed when he fed 5000 people with three loaves of bread and five fish. Some Pennsylvania admirers of Father Cox believe that he could perform a similar feat for the unemployed, merely by a little blessing. No such miracle can happen today. It is for the unemployed to decide whether they will accept adequate relief directly from the government, or stick to the old parties and Father Cox and depend on charities which are leading us to starvation. Like all prophets, Father Cox has a great army of followers who believe he is the saviour in this depression.

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But just as there are mistakes made by believing in prophets, it is hard to believe that the Reverend can rescue this country from the depression and bring it back to normalcy. Just begging the capitalists to do something for the jobless will bring no results. We need action and a program like that of the Socialist Party. Let's agitate, spread its propaganda and vote for all Socialist candidates.

Our young comrades should write more in Proletarec and Prosveta, the only papers which represent the working class and its struggles among the Slovenes. We have a few young women comrades who seem to have more courage in this respect. There are some young men that write, but we believe there should be more of them. Comrades, more action is expected from you. Let's do our duty! Frank Barbach Sr., Cleveland, O.

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## Two Party Shows Will Soon Arrive

Hoover will be renominated to succeed himself. He has the delegates and the party nobles cannot afford to fight him as that would be to admit that he is a failure. In the Democratic camp Roosevelt's brokers will try to repeal the two-thirds rule of Democratic conventions in force since 1832. Meantime the Happy Warrior, Al Smith, is making Roosevelt unhappy by blocking the latter in a few states.

The Democratic show will prove the most amusing. The main problem of the Republicans is to drag out the convention a few days to permit hotel and other business men to cash in. Old party conventions are like the old time circus. The lemonade and peanut concessions must have time to realize on their investments.

In Oklahoma "Alfalfa Bill" pulled a boner when he refused to request the release of Tom Mooney on the ground that it was "part of a plan of a league of my enemies". Senator Huey Long of Louisiana kicked over the Democratic apple cart by resigning his committee assignments and the following day making a hot speech against Joe Robinson, Democratic leader of the Senate. He nominated Hoover for the Republican and Robinson for Hoover's running mate. The suggestion is a good one. On Tuesday he placed in the Congressional Record a list of some forty-odd corporations for which Robinson's law firm is counsel.

Finally, Hoover is said to buy five mystery books at a time. He apparently wants to learn what has happened to the capitalism which he piously worships.

—The New Leader.

## Wanted: Horse Sense

By loaning money to railroads, the government will boost the prices of railroad stocks and bonds.

In that way it will make the roads more valuable so that it, itself, have to pay more for them when it wants to take them over.

Nearly everything the administration does strikes a sensible and reasonable person as the limit of folly—and so does this.

The government could use the money to go into the market and buy up the railroad securities at rock bottom prices.

In that way it could make itself the owner of the railroads.

In other words, it could make the people the owners of them.

An then run them for the benefit of the people.

No such horse sense as that is abroad in Washington these days.

The people could have put horse sense in Washington—at the time when they voted for president and members of senate and house—but they made asses of themselves instead.—The Milwaukee Leader.

## Light and Power

Astounding profits from the municipally owned and operated light and power plant of Pasadena, Calif., have made it possible for the city to construct, within a three-year period, a million-dollar civic auditorium, a \$200,000 police station, a \$125,000 golf links and a branch library. Thus, the light department has been correctly termed "Pasadena's civic loan bank".

This unique light plant, established twenty-five years ago on such a slender shoestring that it was necessary to use pie tins for street-light reflectors, has now earned in net profits as much as \$708,025 in a single year, while maintaining the lowest rates in California and one of the three or four lowest rates in the entire United States.—William Sidney in The Nation.

## Drinks All Around and Not a Bite to Eat!

It looks as if there is a fair chance of repealing the Prohibition Amendment. Lestways, the Literary Digest poll indicates that all states but Kansas are for repeal.

And doesn't it beat all, just when the mothers of this country had learned how to make fairly good home brew, and red eye was getting so cheap that even the country parsons could afford it, and the prohibitionists had more prohibition than they had bargained for, and everybody is getting hungry, they're going to vote for drinks?

We were taught to believe that capitalists create employment and now we are learning that capitalists create unemployment. Oh, well, experience is the best teacher.

## SEARCHLIGHT

By DONALD LOTRICH

The Lindbergh baby to whom the newspapers of this country devoted thousands of complete pages since he was supposed to have been kidnaped two months ago, was discovered dead. Again, thousands of pages have been devoted to eulogies of the child. Some time ago, we wrote that this whole scheme was a publicity stunt. Since that time we haven't changed our feelings any except that an innocent child paid the penalty for the stunt. For, surely, had the newspapers been more cautious about what they were printing and printed less of the usual bunk the chances of returning the child alive would have been much greater. In cases where wit and good judgement is needed and more so in cases where the law wants to catch up with the criminals the greatest service our wise clap traps can give would be to keep their traps shut. But no, they wanted to exploit the kidnaping incident in banking the people to buy more of their clap trap extras and more monetary gains. We are severely opposed to all kidnapings and urge severe laws to punish any offenders. While they will be enacting a new code of punishment we urge them to include the newspaper publishers whose sheets blaze with unimpeached knowledge of the case, thereby misleading the agencies working to make recoveries.

This kidnaping again illustrates how inefficiency of our secret service and detective agencies and how often the rascals themselves give out misdirections. Presumably great minds worked on the Lindbergh kidnaping yet didn't even reach first base although they searched the ocean and everywhere but the spot where the child really was, and this makes the case more "fishy" every day.

Thirty Yugoslav comrades and friends are already listed to sit at the Yugoslav table at the great Socialist banquet on Wednesday, May 25, 1932, at the Stueben Club. Our quota is 48. We therefore need 18 more. We must know by Friday May 20 of all the others who will attend. The Stueben Club Building is located at 188 W. Randolph St. Donald J. Lotrich has the tickets and is looking after the reservations for our group. It will be a rare treat to sit among the great throng and listen to Norman Thomas, Mayor Hoan, Heywood Brown, Morris Hillquit, B. C. Vladok and others prominent in our movement. The tickets are selling \$1.25 (per plate).

It is gratifying to note that our Milwaukee comrades who have taken over the reign of the city a month ago are in there with all the vim and vigor to fulfill their election promises. Mayor Hoan is quoted more often than heretofore, while the city attorney is unusually active in forcing the issue of reduced rates on utilities and commodities. One of the Socialist campaign pledges was to have the price of coal and coke reduced. A reduction of \$2.50 per ton on this commodity was effected last week. Given the power, the Socialist because of their principles cannot help but make astonishing records if they follow the Socialist program.

Chicago broke the heat record for all time for May 15, last Sunday. It was sweltering hot, but that did not prevent a splendid attendance for the Pioneer May Festival at the SNPI Hall. The program made up of two parts was pleasingly applauded. In the first part the students of the Pioneer Juvenile Slovene School produced a play and the

## But What a Man!

A woman rushed into a police station with a photograph in her hand. "My husband has disappeared," she sobbed. "Here is his photograph. I want you to find him." The sergeant looked at the photograph. "Why?" he asked.—Tit-Bits.

## College Exam Brings Out These Strange Answers

Examination papers of the current events class at Ohio Wesleyan university brought out these strange replies:  
Tom Mooney is a high Democratic leader.  
Huey Long is a Chinese general.  
Francis Duquesne is the French premier.

second part was given up to an amateur circus.

Sometimes we plan hard but are not rewarded for the energy expended. Comrade John Rak has been working hard to keep the young Slovenes together in the English Division. Somehow, the interest of the young folks has been lacking. Sometimes we take to much for granted but notwithstanding all that we are taking the job more seriously and hope to have a good flourishing group together before the year is up. Alice Artach made a splendid book review on Martin Eden by Jack London. The review was as good if not better than those made in High Schools. Jack Groser made his first attempt in explaining Henderson's "The ABC of Socialism" and this writer spoke on current events. The attendance was better than at the April meeting.

Draping themselves in the flag of the United States, officials of the terrorized Kentucky Counties refuse to permit lawyers and officers of the American Civil Liberties Union to enter their counties and hold meetings. We have said before that the smell must be mighty bad and that something was radically wrong in Kentucky when they fear clean and honest citizens. We will add that every action of the state officials to thwart and muzzle investigations will hasten the day when Kentucky will again become a State of the Union. Now it is an outcast. Kentucky officials say that it is their own business how many poor miners they shoot and kill and place in jails for wanting to organize an industrial union. It is their business how miserly the coal diggers live, they add. And the rest of the States have said nothing; only a few brave men and women have dared to challenge the unprecedented rule of force.

We are all concerned with the cases of Kentucky for, if we permit this horrid dragon of force to loom up their lives and make conditions intolerable for them, what assurance have we that this horrid dragon will not expand into Illinois or Ohio or any other State in the Union after they tighten their noose in Kentucky? We have no assurance and because of that we are equally as much concerned as any other group, be they in or out of Kentucky. We must support the American Civil Liberties Union and hasten a show down.

## Our Doings Here and There

By JOHN RAK

An interesting review of current events was given at the English Division branch meeting last Thursday by comrade Lotrich. A talk on Socialism was made by comrade Groser and Alice Artach gave a biography of Jack London's book "Martin Eden". For the next meeting the Mooney and Billings case will be reviewed and a general discussion will follow.

As the result of a recent public mass-meeting sponsored by the newly organized branch in the Clearing district, Chicago at which comrades Oscar Godina and Dr. R. B. Green spoke, seven new members were accepted. Joseph Zore, a member of branch 1 JSF who was the organizer of this branch says that greater interest for Socialism is shown at each meeting.

Comrade Lotrich tells us that he has already 30 reservations for the banquet to be held at the Stueben Club, Chicago, in honor of the presidential candidates of the Socialist party. A table for the Yugoslav group has been reserved, seating approximately 40 people. Anyone planning to attend can make reservations at the office of Proletarec or with comrade Lotrich.

Considerable discussion has been stressed by the Cleveland and Milwaukee comrades towards moving our official organ to one of the two cities. This matter will come before the JSF convention. It is important at the present time to increase its circulation and give it strong financial support, to carry it through this depression. Other problems such as the Educational Bureau, organization among the younger folks, our cultural activities and the presidential campaign are equally as important. With due consideration on all issues

and with united co-operation we can feel assured that this convention will be one of the greatest of them all.

Friday, May 27, comrade Zaitz will lecture on "Catholicism and Socialism" at the meeting of branch 1. This question is often talked about and should provide an interesting discussion. As it will be our last meeting before the convention, all members are urged to attend. Friends and sympathizers are also welcome.

A series of programs will be given by branch 37 of Milwaukee during the week-end of the JSF convention, reports Anton Kamniker in the last week issue of Proletarec. Upton Sinclair's 3 act drama "The Machine" will be one of the presentations. It is a very fitting drama for the times and describes the corruption and graft of gang leaders and politicians. No one should miss the opportunity of seeing this performance.

The executive committee has inquired about transportation for out-of-town delegates to the JSF convention. From Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Detroit there will be special reduced rates of one and one tenth fare, round trip to Chicago. All delegates that can be urged to take advantage of this week-end excursion wherever possible.

The Socialist party of Illinois has just issued petitions for its candidates on the state ticket. All branches and comrades receiving them should do their utmost to secure signatures of all qualified voters that have not voted at the last primaries. We must have at least 30,000 signatures to place our party on the ballot this fall.

Marriages occur in hard times, indicating that some people just can't be happy without a boss.

## It Pays to Vote Socialist

It is only a little over a month since the city election. It is less than a month since the newly elected officials took office. Yet there are already some very tangible results. We need not claim that they are wholly due to the election of Socialist officials, but we believe them to be chiefly due to that cause.

There is, for instance, the drop in the price of coal. It has happened since the results of the election came known. The price had been discussed during the campaign, especially by the mayor.

The price of milk has dropped also. The Socialist had been talking about a dairy owned and operated by the public.

The city attorney, while a candidate discussed utility rates, and so did other Socialists. He was elected. There is something doing along that line. It necessarily can't be done in a minute but taking time. Yet there are rumors already of a voluntary cut in some of the utility rates.

Yes, it pays to vote Socialist. There will be many other results, all indicating the wisdom of casting ballots for Socialist candidates. Locally, the wisdom of this is already evident. We hope the voters can see that the same logic holds good nationally, and in the various states.

For, if the voters of the states and the nation want to show their good sense at the ballot box next fall by voting the Socialist ticket, the gains would be readily apparent, and they would begin at once after election, as they did here.

So long as the voters docilely vote the Republican and Democratic tickets, those parties don't have to do anything for the people. Why should they when they can get the people's votes without doing anything? But just let the voters vote the Socialist ticket in tremendous numbers, and then see how the old parties will fall over each other to do something for the people, in an effort to win the voters back!

—The Milwaukee Leader.

## Mr. Woll's Noose

If press stories are reliable Matthew Woll in the name of the National Civic Federation, has sent an amazing document to the Judiciary Committee of the House and Senate. It includes press clippings of forest and oil well fires, bombings, the destruction of buildings and other alleged crimes. What is extraordinary about this letter is that he admits that he has no evidence that "any of all of these outrages are the direct result of Communist" activity.

Not one item of evidence! Despite this admission he adds that many of the incidents "point clearly to such origin". He asks if these news items do not prove an "organized effort under the control of master minds". Then his conclusion. He asks the committee members to support pending legislation to give the Department of Justice power to deal with "subversive movements".

Have there been forest and oil well fires without malicious origin? Certainly. Have buildings collapsed before there were Communists? Plenty of them. Any bombings? Yes, by gangs and even by politicians in primaries. What of the Chicago Plausible Primary of blessed memory?

What Woll apparently wants is a procedure like the Law of Suspects during the French Revolution. He wishes Communists; so we do, but any man who makes such a proposal reads himself out of the company of civilized human beings. The very procedure he urges could be employed against striking workers and prove a deadly weapon in the hands of their exploiters. Woll helps to weave a noose that would eventually strangle the whole labor movement.

—The New Leader.

## Equitable Distribution

This depression is world-wide to an extent never before experienced in the history of this old globe. Machinery in Europe as in America has been perfected to a high degree. The world is over-machined—that is, it is over-machined so long as capital prevails. The law of capitalism is that a man should produce a value in dollars double that which he receives in wages. The law of capitalism provides that this surplus product must be sold by the owners of industry before they will reopen their factories.

These facts, plain to the Socialists of 50 years ago, are just beginning to be understood by men and women today. This is a hopeful sign. This underlying law of capitalism must be understood before one can make much progress in untangling the affairs of the nations. Once this fact is recognized, the next inquiry is: "What can be done to remedy this situation?" Carrying the thinking process a little further along, the inquirer makes the discovery that to prevent this congestion of undistributed goods, the man who works must receive for his labor a sum equal to the value of the goods he produces. Labor is then able to buy what it has produced, leaving no surplus to clog the wheels of industry.

—The American Freeman.

## Fascist Italy Shaken By the Depression

Mussolini's Black Shirt regime is in a bad way with a deficit of \$75,000,000 facing it. Wages are being cut and demonstrations have been held against this policy. Secret literature is being circulated denouncing Fascist officials, one proclamation to the workers ending with, "Let us defend ourselves! Long live liberty!"

Recent secret correspondence from Rome to the Brooklyn Eagle also states that the Fascist leaders have even considered amnesty for political prisoners as a "strategic move in view on hunger pangs". Moreover, the exiles abroad have done considerable harm to the Fascist regime by their constant exposure of it as a brutal slave state. The overthrow of the Black Shirts would inspire the working class movement all over the world.—N. L.

To those who delight in "inside stuff" The newspaper boys at Washington call the Reconstruction Finance Corporation the "election Romance Corporation".

