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HOW TO WIN THE WAR

Business Talks Recovery Through Principle Which It Opposes in Practice

But Neither Free Private Enterprise Of Earlier Capitalism nor Present Trust Systems Can Bring Prosperity

BY SCOTT NEARING... Full recovery is the phrase that is being used. Busy factories and mines, crowded trains and stores, steady work, good wages, and high prices, not to mention profits, are all waiting just around the corner, ready to be...

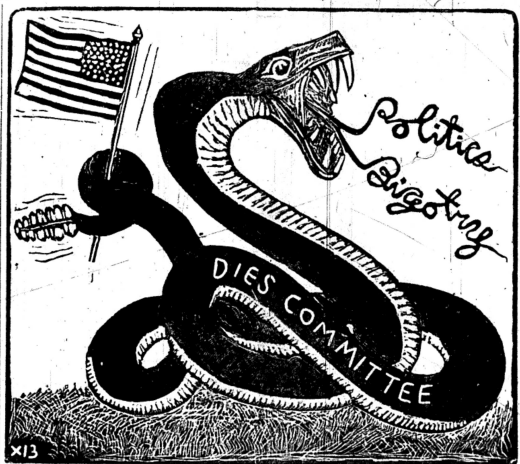
Dr. Laidler Points Cheerfully Counting Mythical Gains Won't Put Fat on Labor's Ribs

NEW YORK—Despite progress made in the U. S. in the world at large, retrogression was the order of the day, Dr. Harry W. Laidler, executive director of the League for Industrial Democracy, said in the organization's annual report...

It's easy to make a case for "progress" in any country. Spokesmen for the ruling class in Germany and Russia, too, have found it a simple matter to "prove" that the lot of the people is improving...

Frisco Waterfront Farce Shows Up Phony Leaders

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11—(WNS)—After 53 days of ballyhoo, Frisco's closed port is to open again—this is conceded in advance by both the unions and employers. Whoever the tussle may have had to accomplish, it added one more wonder to the "seven wonders of the world."



WOMEN WORKERS WORST EXPLOITED, LOWEST PAID

WASHINGTON—The Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor points out that in many city streets and rural areas American women are laboring at "industrial homework"—making garments, cheap jewelry, lamp shades, and the like for cutthroat manufacturers—and drawing unbelievably low wages.

SOCIALIST CITY BOSSES PREFER CHEAP LABOR

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Pretending its inability to compete with the cheap labor, used on municipal building projects, the Bridgeport Building Trades Council is rapping the Socialist city government for awarding to contractors using east and out-of-town labor.

To Arbitrate Philippine Strike

MANILA, P. I.—Secretary of Labor Jose Avelino today was named arbitrator in the strike of 5,000 sugar workers in Pangasinan province. The situation was quiet but tense after week-end violence resulting in one death, the wounding of two men and the burning of a plantation and 500 tons of sugarcane.

16 Killed In Action During '39

NEW YORK—Sixteen persons were killed in labor's front line trenches during 1939, according to reports from various unions.

UNCLE TAKES CARE OF JOHN FARMER

The 1929 cash income for John Farmer was estimated at \$7,625,000,000 by the Department of Agriculture last week. This was declared to be a 63 per cent increase in seven years.

Largely Met' Is not Individually Fed

The unemployed of Ohio, Pennsylvania and elsewhere, who are waiting for army kitchens to assuage their hunger, can find little comfort in the President's statement that "as far as the Federal Government is concerned," their immediate needs for food and clothing "have been largely met."

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WON'T LIKE IT

TORONTO—Governments that sponsor broadcasts on labor unionism shouldn't be surprised when their own citizens get ideas.

SUP Follows Suit

Now it begins to appear that the SUP picked up where the Comrat left off when they found another ally (Hitler).

THIS BABY GETS PLENTY OF MILK FOR MEDIATING

NEW YORK—(PP)—Arthur S. Meyer of the State Mediation Board, who helped negotiate the recently signed union agreement for 15,000 milkmen, has been appointed impartial arbitrator for the industry at \$18,000 a year. The contract, most recently signed in a field, was signed with milk distributors last October by three leaders of the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters: Steffen, Stablen and Helgers (AFL).

IWW Union Explains War Stand in Open Letter to Sailors Union of Pacific

Pseudo Radicals and Liberals Fall in Line with Propaganda of Pay-riots; IWW Endorses Only the Class War

In the past several issues of the West Coast Sailors a very dangerous trend is becoming evident. In a resolution calling for boycott and embargo on Russia (with which we agree) there is one clause which should not be there:

Pipelines Carry Flow Of Profit

Oil Companies Make 200 Per Cent on Pipeline Investment

CHICAGO, (WNS)—There are more than 80,000 miles of pipelines carrying petroleum from oil fields to refineries in the United States. Pipeline transportation is cheap, it being necessary to keep only a few miles open for maintenance and operation.

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British Machineists Ask Wage Raise

News from England advises that 125,000 engineering workers (machineists) will be involved in an application for increased wages to be placed before various engineering employers by unions at a conference in London on January 10. Shipbuilders also are asking for a raise of 10 shillings a week.



ABOLITION OF THE WAGE SYSTEM

EDITORIAL

ONE BIG UNION OF ALL THE WORKERS

Industrial Worker

"An Injury to One is an Injury to All" ONE UNION—ONE LABEL—ONE ENEMY

It should be understood by members and others who read this paper that it is the policy of the I.W.W. to designate as OFFICIAL any group or organization designated in this manner...

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DIVIDING THE WEALTH

The top one-half of one per cent of the nation's population, the real cream of the upper crust, collected nearly 10 per cent of the 59 billion consumer income in the year 1935-36.

To most of this lowest income group, \$780 would have been comparative prosperity, the average income in it having been only \$471.

These figures of the National Resources Committee released in its 1936 report on Consumer Expenditures in the United States...

In the year just past, the parasites did even better for themselves and if their expectations are realized, 1940 will be still more satisfactory.

RIGHT TO LIVE

We maintain the people have a right to live because they want to live. The plutes, on the other hand, have a stubborn conviction that those who own no property are entitled to life and pursuit of happiness...

We are under no delusion that the right of the unemployed to live and to live better can be maintained by bombarding the politicians with pleas or demands for larger relief appropriations.

What makes the master class hesitate to clamp down the iron heel is action by the workers on the industrial field—organization of the unorganized into a militant union, strikes both on and off the job for shorter hours, better wages and conditions.

Now, as always, the workers will have to organize industrially to live like civilized human beings but now, perhaps more than ever before, they are confronted with a great danger as well as with a great opportunity.

of the capitalist system. If the masters succeed in propping up their tottering system with a dictatorship, the present opportunity for the workers will be gone and their struggle for life and freedom will continue from then on under less favorable conditions.

In this country we still have at least a half-recognized tradition that everybody has a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Even theoretical recognition of this ideal is absent where dictatorship is in the saddle.

PREPARATION

It is often asserted that workers are not prepared to take over industry and to manage it effectively. Undoubtedly there is truth in the charge.

The workers must have something to take over with—they need an organization of their own to do the job. The one big task of the workers today is to build such an organization.

In their every-day struggles against the masters, the workers challenge the authority of their bosses and proclaim their own right to determine conditions under which they work and produce.

Conservative unionism asks for little. It wants compromise with the bosses on the basis of a few concessions and a few improvements. Revolutionary unionism such as advocated by the I.W.W. also fights for small immediate gains; but it recognizes that these day-to-day struggles are merely skirmishes in a class war which can end only in the final overthrow of all systems of exploitation.

REFORM

If it is helpful to name it, we may as well call the ten-year period just passed "the decade of attempted reforms." At least the past seven years have been characterized by strenuous efforts to make a sort of capitalist system work a bit more smoothly.

We note, for instance, the Herculean efforts to make an end of strikes but without improving job conditions or the buying power of workers' wages; the struggle to eliminate soup kitchens without putting the run on poverty; the attack on the unemployment problem without drastically reducing the hours of labor.

There has been a lot of talk, too, about saving democracy but with practically no mention of and certainly no intention to extend democracy to industry. In short, it has been a treasure hunt in a dime store—an effort to pry open the pockets of the masters without taking a single crack at the causes of industrial unrest.

Any person desirous of learning just how ineffective the sum total of all these "reforms" has been needs only to step out anywhere among the workers and keep his eyes and ears open. It is true that unemployment has fallen off since 1933, but it took the stimulus of a couple of ways to give the capitalists courage to let production speed up a little; and even now they have their hands on the throttle ready to choke it down at the first sign that accumulating goods can't be disposed of at a good profit.

About all that these years of reform have produced is a catchy phrase: "a floor under wages and the ceiling over hours." Actually, of course, we have neither. At any rate the so-called floor under wages is a movable one. Workers' wages go up and down according to rise and fall of prices as well as with the number of dimes in their pay envelope.

As for the ceiling over hours, they set that so high that it means nothing to anybody but a few employers in backward areas. Certainly it means nothing to the workers who long since, through their own efforts, have established more severe hours workday than the maximum graciously provided by the legislators.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

ATTENTION BRANCH SECRETARIES AND DELEGATES

The 1940 job delegate credentials are now ready for distribution. All delegates wishing to keep their present number should write in for the new credentials at once.

There will be no change in color of the stamp for 1940, but all convention and C. N. T. stamps should be turned in, either to this office or to branches, when applying for the 1940 credentials—Joe Wagner, Gen. Sec'y-Treas.

CANADIAN ADMINISTRATION

The new 1940 credentials for job delegates can be obtained by writing in and giving a complete statement of supplies on hand. No credentials will be issued unless a statement as above accompanies the request for credentials.

There will be no change in color of stamps for 1940, any delegate having covered stamps on hand can turn them in either to the branches or to main office. James Heney, Sec'y-Treas. Can. Admin.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the auditing committee, elected by the Chicago General Membership, have audited the books of General Headquarters, the Industrial Worker, The General Federation of Laborers and Clearing House from August 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939, and have found them correct.

Arthur Hopkins, 22919-191, Treasurer; Herbert Kuslick, 22319-64, Secretary

J. U. 310-330

By referendum ballot the monthly dues in J. U. 310-330 have been set at \$1.00. Effective January 1, 1940. Members and delegates, please take note.—Joseph Wagner, Sec'y.

SEATTLE

On and after January 1st address all mail intended for Seattle Joint Branches A. J. Farley, P. O. Box 365, or 207 Main Street, Seattle, Wash.

CHICAGO

Regular Chicago General Membership meeting will be held at 2422 N. Halsted St., Friday, January 12 at 8 p. m. Chas. Velek, Sec. Sec'y.

BUSINESSMEN TRY TO BREAK OYIE'S CO-OP

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—Two hundred eighty-five Okie families whose address is the Shafter Fire Agency, Bakersfield, have been permitted to maintain their cooperative store if the Kern county unit of the Associated Farmers has its way.

CONNECTICUT BARS BENEFITS TO STRIKERS

HARTFORD, Conn.—Strikers are not eligible for state unemployment benefits. Unemployment Compensation Commission, Frank R. O'Donnell, Dec. 30 in a test case. Involved were 2 of the 270 members of CIO's Textile Workers Union (CLO), who had struck in July 1939 at the plant of Cheney Bros. Co., Manchester, Conn.

O'Donnell ruled that they had disqualified themselves by participating in a labor dispute which their own interests were involved.

The petitioners were William Duffin, one of four weavers ordered to operate four looms in the factory, the customary two, and Henry Tedford, who did not report for work when he learned of the walkout. Cruz of the dispute was the stretchout from two looms, to four.

5 COLLEGES UNFAIR TO PROFESSORS

NEW ORLEANS—Charges that five colleges had denied their faculty members academic freedom were made here by the American Association of University Professors. The institutions cited were Montana State University, St. Louis University, University of Tennessee, State Teachers College of West Chester, Pa., and John B. Stetson University of Florida, Fla.

Montana State University was blacklisted from the fringe by the professors, including Prof. Philip D. Keeney. No reinstatement after a court fight conducted by the American Federation of Teachers (AFL). Keeney was dismissed for organizing an AFL local.

St. Louis University was nominated for ousting Dr. Moyer S. Fleischer, for 23 years of service, for sponsoring a Spanish relief meeting in May 1937. His discharge was recently condemned as unjust in a report issued by the A. U. P.'s committee on academic freedom and tenure.

The University of Tennessee dropped a professor over the heads of the board of trustees merely because the university president said he was not a good man. Two professors were dismissed by the West Chester State Teachers' College; they cause the president thought they were not "efficiently cooperative."

Stetson University eliminated three faculty professors and demoted the dean of the faculty because of inter-departmental politics.

COMING EVENTS

CHICAGO Saturday, January 13: IWW affair. Hear an IWW speaker on current events. Lecture to be followed by dance at 333 W. North Ave. Lecture starts 8:30 promptly; dancing from 10 to 7 Admission 25 cents.

NEW YORK

Friday, February 16: Friends of I. U. Proletarian will hold a grand festival for the benefit of the Italian language organ of the IWW at Irving Plaza hall, Irving Plaza and 15th St., New York City. The MTW, IU 310-340, the Finnish (Hungarian groups plan to cooperate. Admission 40 cents—New York I. Proletarian Group.

COMPANY UNION INDEPENDENT COURT RULES

PHILADELPHIA—The third appeals court decision in recent weeks to hold a company union independent has been handed down by the Philadelphia circuit of appeals in the case of the Swank Products Corp. of Attleboro, Mass. The other two rulings were made by the New York appeals court in the Ballston Millwater Knitting Co. case and in Richmond, Va. court in the L. Grif and Bro. case.

The ruling voided an NLRB order calling upon the company to discontinue the Swank Product Employees Assn. The NLRB acted on the complaint of Local 18, Intl. Jewelry Workers' Union (AFL), which pointed out that leading figure in the company union was Thomas Stevenson, a foreman and production superintendent.

"The national labor relations act does not purport to prohibit plant or so-called 'company' unions except when they are linked with the employer," Judge Francis Biddle wrote in his opinion, which was concurred in by the other two judges. "No evidence in this case, shows, we think, a genuine if true attempt on the part of employees to form their own intramural union."

BRITAIN STILL HAS UNEMPLOYED IN SPITE OF WAR

Even the strain of immense wartime production isn't great enough to create employment in England. There are today, according to the New York Post, 1,400,000 adult unemployed in that country. "A nation which is saving bits of old rubber tires, scraps of bone and waste paper to win the war has no use for 1,400,000 human beings," says the paper.

If this many workers together with their families are "surplus" even in time of war, when will there be a place for them? Not until a sane policy of society establish the right of people to live because they want to live, not just because they are useful as slaves to a handful of masters.

Should Share Equally in All There Is



There is something of uneasiness in my fellow conspirators that finishing talk with Kew-Forest and they will not know that they should join the IWW and regain some of their composure and they have reason. In these days of scarcity, which is peculiar to the working class in particular and general, it might be well for government to step out and secure a few manufacturers for the hungry minorities—it is not out of the question.

In view of the fact that snow is getting deeper daily and grass and roots are almost difficult to discover, it is not appropriate for government to lend a hand and ease the burden on the poor.

I think he is a donkey, but I must confess that it has come to my notice that the government have not completely that of their bird-like maple veneered desks and watched the industrial overdrive run us down to skin our bones.

Mind you, I do not expect governments to reform; I merely want them to step out and make a few hamburgers for us, to kindle a map for their use of common sense and of derelictions—no derelicts should stick together.

Should Share What There Is A great gratification is about to impinge the results strength and horsepower of our hunger? Not so dumb an idea at that. But I would suggest that before you splash into the pool you give a look first to first principles that the people deserve a substance here and their investigation to your heart's content; the people want, just so long as they are eating. You don't have to do that; nothing compulsory about it, you have perfect freedom—so long as you are responsible and willing to accept the consequences which will be laid before you.

First principles ordain, among other things, that all hands shall share of the work equally, little or much. All hands shall live on the fat of the land or die on the man-made sterility together. No man is better—it's a question of shoddy ideology rather than high enterprise. Reason would seem to indicate that a shorter workday will remedy the unemployment situation instantly, even though it may have to be subsidised if I think. Reason would seem to indicate that it will bring things into the open and the problem solves itself automatically.

As I said before, there is a thing in the confusions that goes by the name of American ingenuity; the least at times, inspirational mostly, and in view of the fact that we are far from being superior beings, it may well be that our action has a striking resemblance to the wind. Conceding that the few hundred wages in Washington cannot very well subsidise this condition since it is 80 years (long time to go without eating) or, in their whole life, it may be the good people will get discouraged, and kind and much of homelike things there to help straighten things out.

I told you it might be weird... They might draft Townsend, Olney or Hoover and put us all on ham and eggs for the duration. It wouldn't do for Russia to thin out its work force—Russia is fighting Japan because, in the event of a victory, Japan might say "Gimme Vladivostok!" Germany might have thinned them out in the time, but here again, Adolf might have demanded pay and changed Leningrad into a beer garden or Tarvisium. Hellora! Give a first-class dictator a chance to put the population vice-out taking his pants. A similar situation had to be found. Finland, of course, cannot hope to do a satisfactory job. Think things to do, but the thought of national disaster doesn't make any pay for helping a pal. Mobilize this accounts in part for Russian armies fighting on themselves.

SEATTLE—(WNS)—Businessmen in 23 counties of Washington will have the six-hour day according to a new arrangement with the Commercial Boller Workers. The eight-hour day is to be abolished in other counties of the state and in other states.

THE PREAMBLE of the Industrial Workers of the World

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world have the organization to abolish the reach and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of management of the industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalism, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.



FOR THE FOUR HOUR DAY AND THE FOUR DAY WEEK

No Truce in Class War Even When Bosses Change Attitude Toward Unions

Job Experience Teaches Workers They Must Always Be Prepared to Act to Hold or Improve Conditions

As stated in a recent Worker Article it is not enough for workers to be rebellious against their masters...

Must Act On Convictions Some of the rebels of yesterday are just plain revolutionists today...

The Job means wages, the wages man dollars with which to secure food, clothing and shelter...

The true revolutionists will act on the convictions, doing all they can to organize their fellow workers...

Active Not Philosophy Counts One of three things that happens; either they compromise with the bosses or they find themselves out of a job...

Capitalism was strong and brutal. It seldom asked workers to compromise on differences...

The revolutionists were known that they had desired, they might have stepped into positions...

Experience Teaches There are now revolutionists in the field now among the old ones...

That is all they lack, these young revolutionists, an opportunity to be come rebels in action against the system of exploitation...

TOBACCO WORKERS PAID \$12 TO \$15 PER WEEK

HARTFORD, Conn. — Average wages for 2,300 men and women in the tobacco industry of this state...

Union Holds One Election In 18 Years

Chicago Milk Wagon Drivers Get New Set of Officials

CHICAGO (WNS)—Here is another one for the record. Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Local 753 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters...

The election, which was ordered by the international union, was supervised by Leslie G. Goudie...

In short, what is needed is an army of rebels in industry, men and women who will not be deterred from taking action at any appropriate time...

DIRTY WORK AFOOT IN BARNYARD: LABOR LEADERS ARE AT IT AGAIN

SEATTLE (WNS)—It is rumored around these parts that the pigs are being slaughtered and then being used to bring down the price of pork chops...

Any person who has lived in the country knows that pigs are gentle, nice, and kind...

Our labor leaders are at present working hard devising ways and means to advertise the quality of "our" eggs and pigs...

It is advisable for all lovers of ham and eggs to be on the alert. You never can tell what they really will do next to gain their ends...

Montgomery-Ward Managers Arrested

NEW LONDON, Conn. (FP)—Harry Stephens, manager of the local Montgomery-Ward store, was arrested Jan. 7, charged with violating the state labor law by working more than 40 employees...

This is Not a War for Freedom!

SHE SEEKS FOOD



A mother who carried her child through miles of Cleveland streets, walking from one relief agency to another in search of food. The Ohio relief crisis has not yet been checked.

Passing from Experiments To Incantations

By COVINGTON HALL When plutocrats and politicians begin to preach religion and priests, preachers and rabbis take to politics, unless all history is what Henry Ford called it, "bunk," then you can know that the bid is on for its last stages of decomposition...

It was all a cheer of fat profits to come to the elect if only they had the guts to reach out and grab the imaginary gods of interest, dividends and bonuses...

But experiment after experiment came and went and still the "fed," all-dotted and all-bussed "grew and grew in numbers and are still, as the great Baltimore florist Henry L. Mencken points, cumbering up the country with their worthless careerism...

It was and is terrible beyond belief. So all the experiments failing, what next must we do in order that we might be saved and yet keep the system that has made the cause of all this hell on earth...

Others Tried It As usual they had the "remedy." It was this: All experiments having failed, "Eureka for incantations!"

Just which "religion" the prelates and presidents, plutocrats, monarchs and priests and politicians are out to "make the world safe for," they must be free to find their way through paths where wolves would never dare to prey...

Say what you will. "The judgments of the Gods are just!" They who build holes for others to see a lie while they hide themselves.

They who build holes for others to see a lie while they hide themselves. Hail and farewell, O Capitalism!

"Sic Semper Tyranni!"

Wall Street Worried Lest War Profits Fail to Flow Into American Coffers

British and French Capitalists Try Hard to Capture Markets Lost By Germany as Result of Blockade

Every move toward peace has a depressing effect on the stock and commodity markets. On the other hand every move toward broadening the scope of hostilities has a stimulating effect...

London and Paris could make even a rough estimate of probable Allied purchases in this country assuming the war is broadened and intensified...

Furthermore, it is clear that both Britain and France will do everything possible to confine purchases to their own empires. And where they buy outside their own boundaries, as for example in Latin America, they will use these purchases to stimulate their own exports.

Gold for War Needs? In spite of this, if the war were widened war would be fighting following Wall Street looks forward to a real harvest. In its bulletin, National City Bank recently says...

These figures do not include the large assets of Canada in the United States. And in addition to the above total of over \$8 billion, the British and French empires will have an estimated net gold output of about \$750 million.

There are still other assets available for payment for imports. As the National City Bank bulletin points out, in addition to the gold and dollar assets of Great Britain and France, they have extensive investments in the Dominions and colonies...

Of Men and the World An Open Letter to Gurley Flynn By ART HOPKINS

Don't know why, lately I've been picking on old, old Gurley Flynn. He's called "child wonder" but who now can appropriately be called an "old age wonder"?

What gets me now, is that Gurley has the gunption, the audacity in a column appearing in the Sunday Worker of December 24, 1939...

It was this: All experiments having failed, "Eureka for incantations!" Now they are busy incanting their yesterday's were serious...

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# So-Called Revolutionary Mexico Government Helps Fix Wages at Peon Level

## Union 'Places Responsibility' on Bosses But It's Workers Who Have to Suffer Privation; Large Scale Strikes Likely

MEXICO CITY, (MLN)—The legally fixed minimum wage for unskilled labor within the 1940-41 will be kept at the present industrial workers and 1.65 pesos. This decision was reached on December 14 by the Federal District Board of Conciliation and Arbitration after discussions with labor, employers, and government representatives lasting nearly two months.

The delegates of the FROC (Federation of Workers and Peasants) had argued for an industrial minimum of 4.65 pesos, a figure based on a daily wage of living costs and the rise in the prices of all necessities recently made by the Minimum Wage Commission of the CTEC (Confederation of Mexican Workers) with which the FROC is affiliated.

**Wages, Rising Prices**  
In accepting the decision of the Board the FROC has agreed that it leaves the responsibility for the decision with the employers and the official authorities, on the understanding that there will be effective government action to reduce the cost of living and to curb speculation in foodstuffs and other commodities in order to increase the purchasing power of the present wage.

During the discussion, the employer representatives admitted that the present minimum wage is no longer adequate to fill the needs for which it was fixed, but they also maintained that industry is not at present in a position to withstand a further increase. They have appealed to the authorities for measures to reduce the cost of living.

**Government Votes With Bosses**  
The decision was cast by the President of the Board, who is the government representative. In his opinion, stated at the final session, he declared that his vote was fully justified in seeking an increased wage because of the immoderate

# Anti-Stalin Books

**Verboten By Nazis**  
Early in December the Nazi dictatorship ordered all books of Russia withdrawn from circulation. Among the books coming under the new ban are: Jews Behind Stalin, The Unmaking of Moscow, The Life of the Russian Workers' Party with Moscow. "It is no longer considered decent to spread such literature about the new friends in Russia," IWWA comments.

# COMPLAINING IS VERBOTEN IN NAZILAND

The German government is checking up on its citizens' wartime morale and has inaugurated a drive to keep grumbling over food rationing and other economic measures at a minimum, it was learned today.

Nazi party district and ward leaders in a number of the principal German cities it was learned, have been instructed to make careful reports to party headquarters on the morale of the general public.

It was recalled that Adolf Hitler at the start of the war had made Nazi party leaders responsible for maintenance of morale in districts under their supervision. The Fuehrer at the time declared that he did not wish to be informed that the people's morale was poor in any part of the Reich.

Food store proprietors who are Nazi party members have been told to watch carefully the reactions of housewives when they are told that certain commodities are scarce or rationed. Many food stores, it was also understood to have been instructed within the last few days to permit no political discussions in their shops.

It was particularly pointed out to complaining.

# Rockefeller Empire Still Flourishes

## Family Takes Vast Fortune Yearly from World's Oil Wells

Although their publicity agents have for many years been trying to give the impression that the Rockefeller family has moved up in the Standard Oil companies, recent facts revealed by the Temporary National Economic Committee tell another story. They show the Rockefellers are still the largest interest in eight out of the country's major 17 companies and draw millions from the current wasteful exploitation of the nation's oil resources. They expect to cash in richly from wartime oil and gasoline sales.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. is revealed as the second largest stockholder in Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), while he is the largest stockholder in Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., and in Ohio Oil Co. His stockholdings, in these three companies alone, are valued at \$192,000,000.

John D. J. is listed as a holder of 1,715,722 shares of the capital stock of Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) and the Chase National Bank, a Rockefeller-controlled institution, holds in trust for various Rockefeller relatives 600,000 additional shares of Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) stock.

**Always 'Protecting'**  
Now since Russia's participation, the confusion is greater than ever. Four imperialist powers, all of whom deny any imperialist aims. Russia is protecting Russian minorities in Poland and preventing any acts of aggression by Finland, who, according to the Daily Worker, is being urged forward by at least six different powers, including Italy, Germany, Britain, France, and the U. S. A. Germany is seeking recognition for her minorities and looking around for hegemony.

**San Francisco**—Since the Bridges deportation case is closed there will be no doubt a shift in the leadership of the west coast ILWU. All signs indicate that Bridges will step to the sidelines until he becomes a good citizen and the present secretary-treasurer, Matt Meehan, will take over. The shipmen's empty argument against the alien will be cut and something else will be used against the rank and file. But Bridges has served the bosses well. His contribution was to foment a disease which throws workers against worker.—West Coaster.

Both state of affairs will persist until the eyes of the striking people are opened. Then also will they realize that they only can either continue or stop the war, for they have the means of production in their hands, and it is they who are made to fight and die in the front line. Without their consent, war would be impossible. It will always be their indifference which will bring about the end of the world, though it may be decided now before more blood is shed, whether they are really fighting for "Freedom and Justice" or whether, as in 1914-1918, these noble

# A MEAL A YEAR



One of the many thousands of homeless men who get one square meal a year in this land of abundance—a Christmas dinner provided by charity.

happen to be opposed to each other at the time or are allies.

**Oppose Bosses' War**  
Frank Little, a member of the Executive Board of the IWW, spoke in Butte, Montana against war and was lynched for it by big game hunters. He was the only man to be lynched for helping to organize the loggers, and we can not and will not betray them by making peace with the American bosses because they have been to have a beef with the Russian bosses (Communist party) and furthermore, if the SUP and its officials continue this line of National Defense we accuse them of being guilty of assisting in condemning hundreds of thousands of American Workers to HELL in a war that will not be theirs and we the IWW will not be directly responsible for the economic chaos and disintegration that are wrecking the lives and hopes of tens of millions.

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# FRISCO FARCE EXPOSES LEADERS

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SAN FRANCISCO—Striking members of the ship clerks' local of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO) returned to work on Jan. 3, reopening the port of San Francisco—closed since the walkout began Nov. 10.

When it comes to being phony, Harry Bridges and the ILWU officials look silly by comparison. His leadership of the so-called longshoremen in crashing a picketline of sailors in Seattle in April, 1938, during their fight against the company, brings out in strong relief his comic strip remarks regarding "solidarity of labor."

As for the Frisco checkers, they will be submitted to arbitration, as suggested by Gov. Culbert L. Olson. There will be no further strike or lockout during negotiations.

# IWW Is Road to Freedom, Defense Against Dictators

## Many Oppose Fascism with Words While They Hasten Its Growth by Playing the Game of Capitalism

The new year began as the old year ended with all the newspapers in the country from the most reactionary to the most radical condemning the dictatorships, excepting, of course, the outright Communist and Nazi sheets.

It is interesting to notice that the workers, the middle class, and the big shots are all agreed that "the social fascists and communists are not all so good; and to speculate, to what extent they are sincere in their protestations.

**Workers' Case if Clear**  
The reason why the working class has no fear for dictatorships should not be hard to explain by any class conscious worker. It is only necessary to observe what the black and red fascists have done to whatever measure of freedom workers' had under the system which the fascists replaced.

In Italy and Germany the workers had their unions smashed, and they lost their rights of free speech and press, and their right to strike. They had their pay cut, they were beaten with clubs, and put in concentration camps for the least show of resistance. They were regimented into labor fronts with a view to their being given no voice to consult them on any decision that was made, but who smothered all protest with naked force. Under the Russian the case is the same, but with little freedom. Now they have less freedom under the red fascist who wields the club and goes under the name of communist.

**The Capitalist Opportunist**  
However, when it comes to employing class crying to high heaven against the dictators, there is some talk of explaining to do. The IWW Preliminary has been given a hearing, and the employing class has nothing in common; but here, it seems, they have a great deal to complain.

**Resistance or Submission**  
Workers who are not yet organized are now confronted with the question of whether they prefer being organized by force into a fascist "labor front" or to organize now to stop the menace of fascism. It will be either one or the other, and the time is getting short.

**A Worthy Unionism**  
We will get nowhere with such unions. It is high time for us to build the right kind of union if we wish to outdo the American brand of fascism. There is more than a mere possibility that such unions, far from presenting an effective opposition to fascism, will fall in line along voluntarily with a fascist scheme. Can you imagine a sheepish labor union that colludes with the employers of a labor front and their members will have a rude awakening if or when an American fascist comes on the scene.

**Income Spread Far From Fair Under New Deal**  
How far the New Deal still has to go to achieve one of its basic goals—a fair distribution of incomes—is shown by the report of the National Resources Committee on the subject of income in the United States.

The report deals with incomes of 1935-36. But, though the general income has risen, very little has happened since then to change the picture materially as to its distribution.

The total income for that year, the Committee estimates, was \$48 billion. Its division among the classes is as follows: 42 per cent with incomes below \$1,000 (12,180,000 families had a combined income representing 16 per cent of total income); 42 per cent with incomes of \$1,000 or more (10,800,000 families had almost as much to spend for their needs as the 12,180,000 lowest families.

What the picture for 1935-36, it must again be emphasized, the picture as to distribution of income is about the same today.—Between the Lines.