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Za neodvisnost Hrvatske

Deputacija hrvatskih imigrantov je izročila uradu lige narodov v Genovi peticijo s 310,000 podpisov hrvatskih izseljencev v Severni in Južni Ameriki. Kot so poročali listi, zahtevajo v nji "osvoboditev petih provinc v Jugoslaviji, katere oblijudujejo večina Hrvati". Peticija je bila izročena tudi razborovitveni konferenci. "Neodvisnost Hrvatske je potrebna zaradi miru v Evropi," in dalje, "Hrvati se ne bodo pomirili z Beogradom, ker je zanje hegemonija srbskega imperializma nesprejemljiva."

V peticiji je rečeno, da jo je podpisalo 250,000 Hrvatov v Severni Ameriki in 60,000 v južnoameriških republikah.

Tako se Hrvati in Srbi grizejo med seboj, dasi so med vojno voditelji obojih trdili, da "Hrvati, Srbi i Slovenci jedan su narod." Taktika Beograda je ne samo zgrešena nego glupa. Diktatura, ki vrla Jugoslaviji, je ena najbolj praznih na svetu. Je brez idealizma in ji je samo za oblast. Programa nima. Na drugi strani pa je tudi boj hrvatskih separatistov enako brezmislen. Pridružil se jim je končno še dr. Korošec, ki prebiva vsled tega sedaj "v izolaciji". Vlada ga je namreč poslala "na varno".

Odgovorni za kaos v politični strukturi Jugoslavije so Hrvati in slovenski klerikalci, ker se niso od vsega začetka izrekli za podpiranje programa, kakor ga jim je predlagalo JRZ. Sedaj so se mnogi vsaj v omiljeni obliki pričeli ogrevati zanj. Toda dokler bodo hrvatski separatisti zahtevali le "neodvisno Hrvatsko" in napadali Srbe kot narod, ne bo enotnega "troimenega naroda", kakršnega so opevali med vojno.

Mogočna Amerika

L. P. tolazi v svojem listu ("A. D.") z dne 14. junija v članku "Bančna kriza v Ameriki" clevelandške rojake s trditvijo, "da Amerika ni še nikdar bankrotirala in bo tudi v tem slučaju pokazala, da je še vedno najmočnejša finančna sila na svetu."

Dobro, ampak kaj to koristi milijonom bankrotiranih delavcev in farmarjev? Kaj pomaga finančna (?) mogočnost Zed. držav onim, ki so brez dela in ki imajo svoje cente "zmrzljene" v bankah, ali pa v kakih drugih enako "varnih" krajih?

Urednik "Ameriške Domovine" je pač zelo slab tolažnik.

"Padanje na kolena"

Koncem maja so hrvatski katoličani romali v Rim, da se poklonijo svetemu očetu, in menda da v večnem mestu molijo za osvobo

Ekonomska konferenca, ki je pričela v Londonu pod predsedstvom MacDonalda dne 12. junija, ni sklenila še nič definitivnega. Otvoril jo je kralj Georg V., ki je v sredi na vrhu slike. Prisotni so zastopniki Svetiščeskih držav, oziroma vseh važnejših delov na svetu in mnogo drugih. Načelnik delegacije sovjetske Unije je komesar zunanjih zadev Maksim Litvinov, ki je konferenci med drugim predlagal ukinjenje vseh ekonomskih (carinskih) vojn. Dejal je, da tako so kapitalistički dežele pripravljene Rusiji dati kredit, bi naročila od njih raznega materialja in blaga v vrednosti ene milijarde dolarjev. Francoski so prišli takoj z zahtevom, da Anglia in Zed. države uvedeta nazaj zlati standard, zastopniki Italije in Anglie pa so na naslov Zedinjenih držav konferenci sporočili, da je konstruktiven gospodarski sporazum svetovnega obsega nemogoč, saško se najprvo ne reši problem vojnih dolgov, kateri znašajo samo Zed. državam enajst milijard dolarjev. Ameriški delegaciji načeljuje državni tajnik Cordell Hull.

Zavarovalni sklad Proletarca

Vsi agitatorji tega lista v vseh krajih dežele, konference JSZ in društev Prosveštene matice, in dopisniki so soglasno mnenja, da moramo Proletarca ohraniti. Vsi obljubujejo, da bo agitacija za nove naročnike spet uspešna ko hitro vsaj nekoliko poneha sedanja brezposebnost. Da li se to zgodi do prihodnje jeseni ali ne, tega sedaj ne vemo. V interesu delavcev skreno želimo, da se bi čimprej rešili gora dolgotrajne brezposebnosti in pomakanja, ampak samo želje ne pomagajo. Pomaga lahko sedanja vlada, ako se otrese takteki, ki določa, da mora postati volk sit in tudi koza mora ostati cela. Dokler vlada ne spozna, da je to nemogoče, bodo nadrebe Rooseveltove administracije malo izdale. Zato bi bilo za delavski razred pač najpametnejše, da bi sam prevezel vlado in zavrgel sedanje regularni rubriki pod naslovom "tiskovni fond", so edina garancija, ki lahko listu zagotovi redno izhajanje, dokler ne bodo zmogli plačevati naročnini, ki so pomagali vzdrževati list do te krize.

Upravnštvo se bo obrnilo vseh, od katerih pričakuje, da bi mogli prispevati za ohranitev našega glasila. In kdor ne bo mogel, ne bo zame. Te vrstice pišemo le zato, da vse splošne informacije, da bodo naročniki vedeli, kako je z listom in kaj je treba storiti, da ga obdržimo v tej največji krizi, ki je silovito udarila posebno delavske časopise in pričadela tudi druge.

Članom kluba št. 1 JSZ

Chicago, III. — Opozarjam člane kluba št. 1 JSZ na prihodnjo redno mesečno sejo, ki se vrši 23. junija v navadnih zavorovalnih prostorih. Na dnevnem redu so zelo važna poročila in razprava o poročilih. Podano bo poročilo o konvenciji socialistične stranke države Illinois in poročilo o kontinentalnem kongresu v Washingtonu.

Nadalje apeliram na člane, da poravnajo vstopnice od zadnjih prizred, da mi bo mogoče pravilno zaključiti račune za to polovico leta in podati načančno poročilo o priredbah. Ako se ne morete udeležiti seje radi kakega tehnega zadržka, lahko poravnate vstopnice tudi v uradu Proletarca. Člani, vpoštevajte ta opomin!

Peter Bernik, tajnik.

Akcija v pomoč Proletarcu

Milwaukee, Wis. — Klub št. 37 JSZ je sklenil sklicati poseben sestanek tega in westallškega kluba za organiziranje skupne akcije v pomoč načemu glasilu Proletarca. Člani zaupnega odbora obeh klubov imajo nalog, da se posvetujejo temu problemu in prirede gotov načrt, ki bo služil načemu članstvu za skupno akcijo v obeh naselbinah. O zaključku bo poročano.

Upravnštvo se je prošli teden obrnilo pismo in tudi na zastopnike z apelom, da naj kolikor največ mogoče ojačajo agitacijo za Proletarca. Začnemo se nanje, v nadi, da ta klic ne bo brez uapehov. Vemo, kako težko je danes agitirati in natančno razumemo, da oni, ki nimajo sredstev, ne morejo postati naročniki. Ampak je treba pridobiti one, ki so zaposleni; število Proletarcev naročnikov se ne sme znižati! Rajše ga dvignimo! Ako bo storil vsakdo kolikor more, bomo gotovo uspeli.

Ali je društvo, v katerem ste član, v Prosvetni matici?

Za neumnost troši ljudstvo ogromno. Za svoje učenje prav male.

Odsevi s prošle konvencije SNPJ

"Kaj je levo krilo?" Ako bi Rimac iz Detroita odgovoril: "V levo krilo si, ako sedis na levici," bi svoje "levo krilo" na konvenciji SNPJ pravilno označil.

Na seji konvencije 24. maja je delegat Baumholtz iz Chicago dejal, da so okrožni zastopniki SNPJ čisto navadna potrafa, da kade cigare (cigare kajpada morajo biti), in da so stali jednotno v teku štirih let pet tisoč dolarjev. S to izjavo je udaril tudi po svojemu zastopniku Lokerju iz Collinwooda in Klopičiu iz zapada. Delegat Vidmar iz Milwaukeeja se je o okrožnih zastopnikih tudi nejasno izrazil—mijo rečeno. Dejal je, da so po mnenju njihove federacije kakor nepotrebno peto kolo. Klopič je v Lokarju sta potem zgradila le nad Vidmarjevim petim kolom, o napadu Bambiča pa sta molčala. Čudno!

Ko je omenjeni razboriti zastopnik mladega "naprednega" elementa dejal, da stane pred okrožnimi zastopniki jednotno v štirih letih pet tisoč dolarjev, se je debelo zlagal. Predsednik nadzornega odboka je hotel to potvrditi, pa mu "napredni elementi" niso pustili govoriti. Cemu jim ni pojasmil vsaj Klopič? Njega bi pač poslušali, socialisti pa itak še preveč tolerantni.

Delegat Bolha iz Akrona še sedaj obžaluje, čemu mu ni bilo dano, da bi bil na konvenciji prava pravca stakrakrska bolha. Izpostavljal bi nekatere arboritežem popolnoma legalno in po pravilih tisto odvisno kri, ki jih je nagajala in jih dražila.

Kot ponavadi, so bili komunisti na tej konvenciji spet zagovorniki demokracije in proti avtoriteti odbora. Kako neki morejo biti tako nelogični! Na enem kraju za diktaturo in brutalno pogajanje vseh, ki ne soglašajo z njimi, na drugem pa se dvigajo za branitelje svobode tisk, govora in glasovanja. Sicer pa je svet že oddava poln kontrastov.

Eden najbolj razočaranih voditev "naprednih elementov" je R. J. Z. Dejal je, da je bridočki pobit, ker niso vam socialisti "zleti iz odbora".

On jih imenuje "dolar socialisti". Sodji jih namreč po sebi. Bil je eden glavnih kolovodij "naprednih elementov". Korespondent je z "Lindijem", nekaterimi pobojnimi Pensylvančani in mnogimi drugimi mesecev pred konvencijo, studiral s Pavlom Bergerjem načrte za vatrene borbe, tričil denar, a rezultat je nič. Vsi tisti, kateri najbolj mrzi, so ostali v odboru. Pač nehnalečen svet!

Andrej Špolar v Chicagu se je pritožil konvenciji in jo tolmačil, da je vprašal SNPJ za pet tisoč dolarjev posojila ali približno nekaj takega, na svoj hotel. Pojasnil je, da mu je gospodarski odbor odobril, upravil odsek pa vetrila. Zatrjuje, da je imel vseled tega stroške. Svojo zadevo je poslal v objavo glasila z grajo na urednika in gl. cajnika, a ni bil pričakovani. Zagrozil je s tole, če mu konvencija ne ugodila. Zdjaj točno jednotno za potindvajset tisoč dolarjev odškodnine in njegova pravna svetovalca sta R. J. Zavertnik in Wm. Lavrich.

Kaj so "neutralni delegati"? Pojasnil je parkrat na svoj (napačen) način Muhič iz Minnesote, in pa tisti delegat nekje iz Illinoisa (Mahnič), ki je dejal, da je njegova glavna naloga paziti na bloke. Ko ga je nekdo vprašal, kakšne bloke, ni nič točnega odgovoril. V Chicagu in tuji državi pa je pač vražje mnogo blokov, zidanih, tlakovanih in drugačnih.

Nepravilno izvoljenih delegatov ni Navodila, kako smoje, in kako ne smemo biti izvoljeni, so v pravilih veliko predloga in spletov nepotrebnih.

Razlika je le, da tisti, ki so izvoljeni po dolobrah v pravilih, so delegati od prve ure, ostali pa čez pol dne ali čez par dni po pričetku konvencije. Ko je bila konvencija otvorenja, je bilo javljeno, da šteje 196 pravilno izvoljenih delegatov in pa gl. odbornik, čez nekaj dni pa je narazlo število članov konvencije na 209.

Pogoj za priznanje pa je skoraj v celoti sledil spornega delegata, da pride na konvencijo in apelira, naj se mu mandat prizna. Delegat Lukanič je bil priznan še čez tri ali štiri dni. Potem je vprašal, če lahko računa dnevnice od prve konvencije. Odgovor je bil: "Ne." Vzlio izboljšanim transportnim sredstvom so se distance podajovali. Nekti glavni upravniki odbora, ki so se bivali "zagrizeni socialisti" v toležju svoje vrste "skregani". Seveda je skregan, toda vsak pomenen delavec je razumel, da sta vsele žele začetki.

Med pogoreli, za katerimi ni žalovanja, je M. J. Turk. Rekli so, da je z ljudmi svoje vrste "skregani". Seveda je skregan, toda vsak pomenen delavec je razumel, da sta vsele žele začetki.

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"Slovenski socialisti v Ameriki"

"Slovenski socialisti v Ameriki so tekmo zadnjih pet let silno nazadovali". Tako je ugotovil župnik fare sv. Štefana v Chicagu v uredniškem članku "Am. Slovenca" z dne 13. junija.

Pred leti so se začeli okrog slovenskih socialističnih vodij, posebno okrog Jožeta Zavertnika, "zbirati povečini meščanski rokodelci in pa razni rudarji, ki so se naučili po raznih starokraskih v nemških rudarskih revijah od raznih socialdemokratov zabavljati čez duhovščino ... Pametnih in prevadarnih treznih ljudi med njimi sploh bilo ni, in jih ni niti danes . . .

Tako je definiral slovenske socialiste v Ameriki prečastiti gospod župnik in takoj pozabil, kaj je napisal, kajti par stavkov pozneje v istem članku pravi: "Toda zadnja leta so se pa tudi mnogim bivšim najbolj zagrizenim slovenskim socialistom odpre oči."

Cudno! Nič pametnih ljudi ni bilo med slovenskimi socialisti pred leti in jih ni niti danes — pa se so jim "zadnja leta" mnogim le "odpre oči", in to celo "mnogim bivšim najbolj zagrizenim socialistom"! Kakšno razsvetljenje je prišlo v njihove neumne bucite!

Vsled tega odpiranja oči med socialisti, piše Rev. U., "... se zadnja leta vedno bolj redčijo vrste slovenskih socialistov v Ameriki. Idejno so popolnoma bankrotirali."

Da potrdi to izjavo, pravi dalje: "Danes omeniti kje slovenske socialiste, in to med takimi, ki so do zadnjih let kimali za njimi, pa ti zamahnejo z roko in pogledajo na način, da veš takoj, kaj hoče povedati."

Ker pa se je pč. g. župnik zbal, da bi mu ne verjeli, je k prej citiranemu stavku dodal: "Vse to ni nobena izmišljotina, ampak resnično dejstvo. Najbolj to priča pa zadnja konvencija Narodne jednote . . .

Aha! Zato torej! Ali

P. ZOLA:

RIM

Poslovni Etbin Kristan.

(Nadaljevanje.)

"Čuj me, veš da te ubijem, tebe in njega!" Bil je zadnji čas za odhod, zakaj druge ženske, ki so slutile denar, so pristopale, iztegovale roke in pehale rjeveče otreke pred seboj. Mogočna razburjenost se je poslotila vsega bednega okraja z velikimi, zaščitnimi poslopji, obupen klic se je dvignil iz mrtvih cest z zvenecimi marmornimi tablami. Kaj je bilo storiti? Vseh ni bilo mogoče obdariti. Nič drugega ni ostalo kakor beg, v tem ko je srce žalosti prekipevalo ob tem zaključku obnemoglo ljubezni do bližnjega.

Ko sta Benedeta in Dario dospela do svojega voza, sta urno sedla in se stisnila, vesela, da sta se umaknili tej mori. Vendar je bila Benedeta srečna, da se je pokazala hrabro vprsto Pierra in mu je stisnila roko kakor ginjena učenka, ko je Narcisse izjavil, da zadrži duhovnika, ker ga hoče odvesti na zajtrk v malo restavracijo na Petrovem trgu, odkoder je jako zanimiv razgled na Vatikan.

"Pijsa belo gonzansko vino!" je zaklical za njima Dario, ki se je zopet povsem razveselil. "Nič boljšega, da prezene te mračne misli."

Ali Pierre bi bil rad slišal še več podrobnosti. Bil je nenasiten. Med potjo je izpravjal Narcissa o rimskem ljudstvu, o njegovem življenju, o njegovih šegah in navadah. Rezultat pouka je bil skoraj ničeven. Nič industrije, nič zunanje trgovine. Može izvršujejo nekoliko domačih obrtov, vsa potreba je omejena na domači trg. Žene izdelujejo umetne bisere, čipkajo; verski predmeti, svetinja, molki in domači lispih je vedno dajal posla nekemu številu delavcev. Čim pa se ženska omozi in postane mati teh kakor po čudežu rastotih neštivilnih otrok, ne dela nič več. Skratka, prebivalstvo živi tavanjan, dela, ravno toliko, da ima kaj jesti, zadovoljuje se s sočivjem, z makaroni, z malovrednim koštrunovim mesom—brez upornosti, brez misli na boljšo bodočnost, v skribi le za to negotovo življenje od danes do jutri. Edini pregrehi sta igra, pa belo in rdeče vino rimske vinogradov; to je vino, ki navaja na prepri in uboj, ter pokriva ob prazničnih večerih, kadar se zapuščajo krčme, ulice z grgoričimi, od nožev razbodenimi možmi. Dekleta so malokdaj nemarne, one, ki so vdajajo pred poroko, se lahko seštejejo. To je zato, ker so družine zelo edine, popoloma podložne neomejenosti očetovi oblasti. Bratje sami pazijo na čast svojih sester, kakor Tito, ki čuva Pierino tako kruto, s tako divjo skrbnostjo; to se ne godi iz nikakšne tajne ljubosumnosti, temveč zaradi dobrega glasu, zaradi obiteljske časti. In pri tem ne vladata nikakrsna resnična pobožnost, ampak prav otročje malikovalstvo; vsa srca se obračajo do madone in do svetnikov: Le oni eksistirajo, do njih gredo vse prošnje, brez obzira na Boga, ki nihče ne misli nanj.

Tako se je dalo razumeti, da je preprosto

rimsko ljudstvo popolnoma zaostalo. Stoletja so ga navajali na lenobo, se laskali njegovi ničemurnosti, in stoletja je bilo njegovo življenje mehkužno. Če niso bili Rimljani zidarji, mizarji ali peški, so bili lakaji; služili so duhovnikom in večalimanji so bili papeževi posli. Zato so se delili v dve stranki: V nekdanje karbone, poznejše mazzinijevece in garibaldievce, katerih je bilo sveda največ, in ki so bili cvet Trastevera, pa v varovani Vatikana, vse, ki so večalimanji živeli od cerkve in obžalovali, da ni več papeža kralja. Ali na obeh straneh je ostalo vedno le pri nazorih, o katerih so govorili, ne da bi se bila kdaj porodila misel na to, da bi kdo kaj storil, da bi se kdo izpostavil kakšni nevarnosti. Bilo bi treba "vadnega izbruha strasti, ki bi odpihnila čvrsto razumnost plemena in ga navdala s hipnim, silnim blaznenjem. Čemu pač? Beda je trajala že toliko stoletij, nebo je tako modro, siesta ob vročih urah pa več vredna od vsega. Le eno je bilo videti pridobljeno: Patriotizem. Večina je bila odločno za glavno mesto Rim, za to vnovič pridobljeno slavo, in malo da ni v Levovem mestu nastal punt, ko se je raznesla govorica o spravi Italije z Vatikanom baje na takih podlagi, da bi bil papež zoper dobil posvetno oblast nad tem mestom. Če se je vendor beda zdelo povečana in če se je rimski delavec še bolj pritoževal, je bil vzrok ta, da res ni imel nobenega dobička od velikih del, ki so jih petnajst let izvrševali v njegovem mestu. Najprvo je več kakor štirideset tisoč delavcev preplavilo Rim; prihajali so večinoma s severa, delali so za manjšo mezzo, pa so bili pogumnejši in vtrajnejši. In potem, če je dobil svojo delež od dela, je živel bolje in ni varčeval. Ko je izbruhnila kriza in so moralni zoper poslati štirideset tisoč delavcev nazaj v pokrajino, je bil zoper tam kjer prej — v mrtvem mestu, kjer so praznovale vse delavnice in kjer za dolgo časa ni bilo upanja, da bo dela. Tako se je pogreznil v stare brezbržnost; pravzaprav je bil povsem zadovoljen, da ga ni več nadležovalo preveč dela, pa je živel zoper skupaj s svojo staro ljubico bedo, kakor je bilo pač mogoče, brez vinjarja, ali kot velik gospod.

Pierrovemu opazovanju pa se je predvsem usiljeval različni značaj pariške in rimske bede. Gotovo, tukaj je bilo pomankanje še bolj popolno, hrana še bolj nesnažna, nečistost še bolj zoprena. Zakaj so torej ti nadvse ubogi ljudje bolj neprisiljeni in resnično veseli? Če je pomislil na zimo v Parizu, na uporne izbice, ki jih je tolkokrat obiskoval, kjer je snežilo skozi streho, kjer so cele druzine brez kraha cvokotalo z zobmi od mrazu, se je njegovega srca polotilo divje sočutje, da ga ni na Prati del Castello občutil niti napol tako živahno. Zdaj je končno razumel: Beda v Rimu ni zmrzujoča beda. Ej da, večno sonce, dobrohotno nebo, ki je iz usmiljenja do nesrečnih ljudi venomer modro, to je sladko, večno tolažilo. Kaj bi strahote stanovanja, ko je mogoče spati na prostem in se dati božati od malih sap? Kaj bi celo lakota, če družina lahko po osojnih cestah, na suhi travničaku na srečo slučaja? Podnebje dela človeka trezrega; tu ni mogle, da bi bilo treba nastopiti proti njej z alkoholom ali črnim mesom. Božanska nedelavnost se naslaja ob zlatih večerih; revščina postaja na tem slastnem zraku, kjer se zdi, da je vsako bitje že srečno, če živi, prost užitek.

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IS OUR FEDERATION STILL NECESSARY?

In some quarters of our movement, embraced by the Jugoslav Socialist Federation, a voice sprung up—of insignificant importance as yet—that our Federation has already fulfilled its historical mission among the Jugoslav workers in this country. Therefore, trying to prolong its life is an artificial endeavor which is not doing those concerned much good.

This is far from the truth. The field of our Federation is even wider than formerly because the branches, i. e., active branches, broadened their activities and responsibilities. At the same time they are being welded more and more into an organic part of the American Socialist movement.

To be a member of our Federation is not a hindrance to anyone wishing to be active in local, county or state affairs of the Socialist Party. In fact, many of our members are more energetic in the Party work than many of those who are affiliated directly with it.

Some of our members, especially in Detroit, are of the opinion that it would be better for branches of the Jugoslav Federation to become a part of a local party organization, which would mean the dissolution of this organization. In its place they propose some sort of a "cultural" organization which should take over this publication (*Proletarec*) and continue to work only on the educational field.

It matters not how they try to defend their viewpoint, nevertheless, it would be harmful and a distinct loss to the Socialist movement if by some step or other our Federation would be weakened or dissolved. There would be nothing of equal strength, importance, influence or ability to replace it.

FAREWELL TO THE MORGAN MYTH

By JOSEPH E. COHEN

Our American money king has been on parade. We are the richest nation on earth. What we own is about one-third of the wealth of the world. And Morgan is our monarch.

So when he started down the avenue, the whole country was out to enjoy the spectacle. Naturally, those who stepped behind him should be the next biggest to him throughout the land.

What a parade it has been! An ex-president carried his banner. Chairmen of both Republican and Democratic national committees followed close. One of them even wrote a letter "hoping he could return the favor" of being in Morgan's good graces.

The present secretary of the treasury an ambassador, a member of the supreme court and several outstanding figures in Washington had been smiled upon by the benign monarch.

Lesser judges, statesmen, conspicuous members of the bar, publishers and other picked figures in molding opinion, making industry and shaping government, filled in as the "choice and master spirits of the age," wearing his livery.

To be sure, the House of Morgan is not the only banking castle either here or as to international finance. After his regiment others could come. But that would only lengthen the parade with all those and sundry who have been playing around with "other people's money"—and enriching themselves out of the profit snatched from the labor of the land.

The public had the right to suppose that when Morgan went on parade, it was witnessing the main event. Whoever might govern states or the nation, whoever might be mentioned for industrial giants, when the letter of their titles were spelled out, it would be found that, taken together, they but fed the mighty name of Morgan.

Railroads, public utilities, banking chains, newspapers, corporations in all pursuits thrived or failed by the will of the money king. Such immense sums went into his

We believe there are some arguments to the contrary. We know some comrades in the party branches are of the earnest opinion that our active branches should become a ward or a local branch and function directly thru the county organizations and not be attached to a language federation. They are thinking only in terms of party activities in their respective county and state. But we also have other duties to fulfill which taxes the ability and resources of the federation's branches more than those which are not part of a language group. It is our duty to work among workers of our race because if we don't, no one else will. That was true when the first branch of our federation sprung up thirty years ago and that is still true today. Besides conducting and financing the socialist campaigns, doing agitational and educational work among our people, we always helped in Jimmie Higgins' style and contributed to general party activities. Our membership therefore was always more burdened than the average membership of the branches connected directly with the S. P. That fact partly explains why some of our comrades harbored a wish that there should be no federation but just a Socialist Party.

The language groups in the Socialist movement of this country will cease to function when there will be no further need for them. Some Federations are already a thing of the past, not because they became unnecessary, but because they lacked enough comrades who were willing to work in them and carry on the burden of sacrifices.

In branches of the Jugoslav Federation there is a place not only for those who come over to this country and be-

Guest Students in the United States

The number of students from other lands now studying in this country is 8,220, as compared with 10,394 during the previous academic year, reports the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students. Canada heads the list with 1,118 representatives; China, 954; Japan, 800; Philippines Islands, 673. The largest foreign delegations are as follows: University of California, 563; New York university, 405; Columbia 346; Michigan, 274; University of Chicago, 233.

Soukup, Vladeck, Burt to Speak at Soc. Party Picnic in Chicago, July 2.

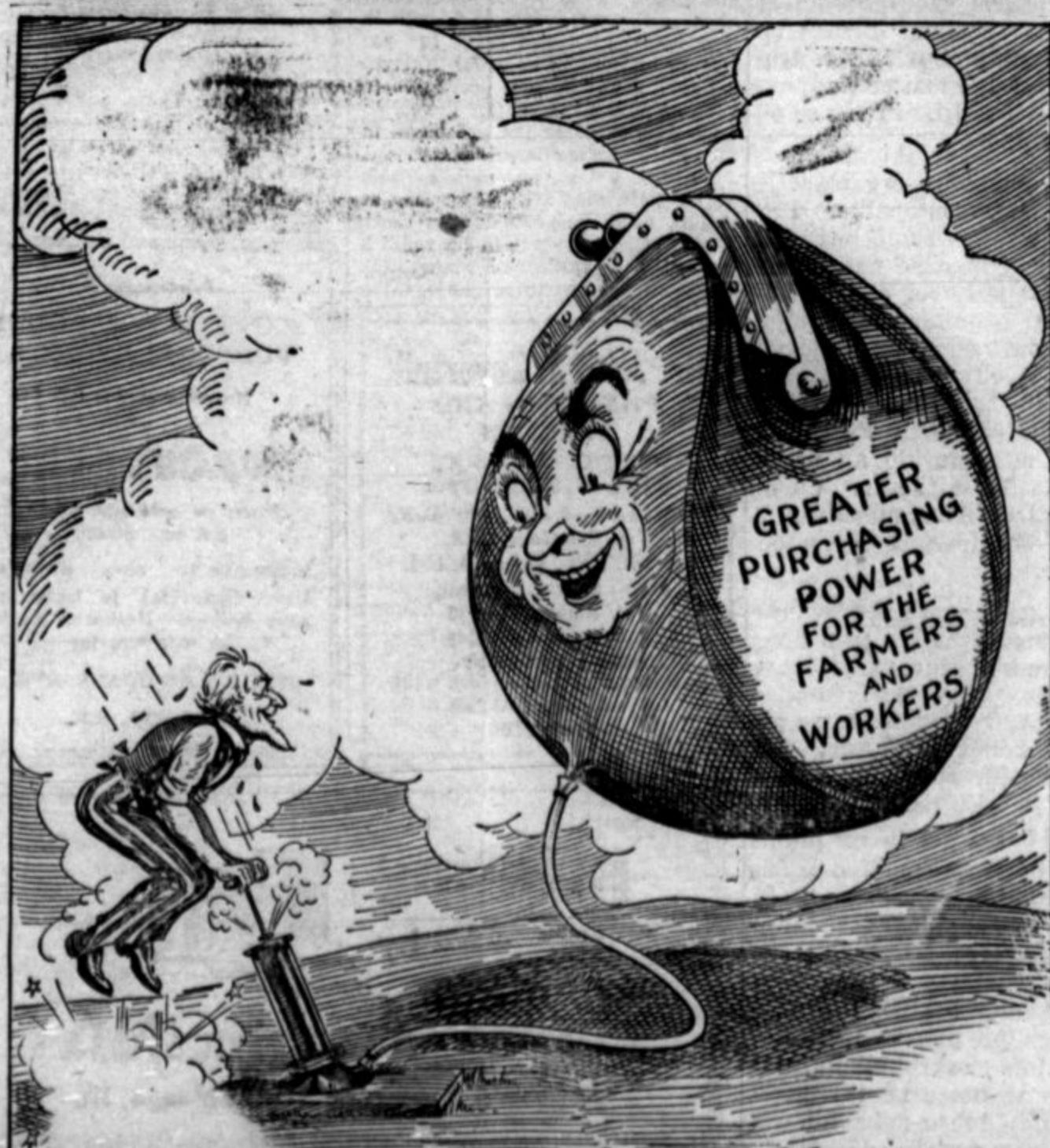
On Sunday, July 2, our comrades and sympathizers will meet at Pilson Park, 26th St. and Albany Ave., where the Socialist party of Cook County will hold its annual picnic. Gates will be opened at 10 A. M. and from then on until late in the evening interesting features of the program will take place.

A gymnastic drill and exhibition will be given by the Bohemian Youth group, singing by Karl Marx singing society and ball games between the Chicago and Milwaukee Yipsels. Dr. Franz Soukup from Prague, Czechoslovakia, now on a speaking tour in this country, will be the principal speaker. He is a member of the Bureau of the Socialist and Labor International and president of the

Senate in Czechoslovakia. B. C. Vladeck from New York, Roy Burt, Cook County secretary, and comrade Beranek, editor of Spravedlnost, will also give talks. In the large dance pavilion a good orchestra will be in service for those wishing to dance.

Pilson Park is well equipped with chairs and tables and park benches as well as with shade trees. There will be refreshment stands, literature booths and other interesting features at your disposal at all times. Invite your friends to spend the afternoon and evening, at this picnic. The admission price is only 25¢. Tickets can be obtained from all branch members, at the office of Proletarec and from Peter Bernik, secretary of branch 1 JSF.

THE ONLY "INFLATION" WHICH WILL HELP!



John Baer in Labor, Washington, D. C.

We Told You So!

By Norman Thomas.

World events ought to offer a good cure to any Socialist who may be suffering from an inferiority complex. We were right about the War, right about the Peace of Versailles, right in demanding the recognition of Russia, right in denouncing the War Debts and Reparations, right in our opinion of the false prosperity of the Coolidge epoch, right about the general breakdown of the older Capitalism. There is not a single intelligent measure which does not justify our diagnosis of the situation rather than anything the Democratic Party ever said. The criticism of Roosevelt's plans is either that they point toward state capitalism or that, as in the case for relief of unemployment, they are pale copies of Socialist plans and do not go anything like far enough. Even if the Public Works Bill passes it will not bring enough aid or bring it promptly enough. The crisis of the relief situation lies ahead rather than behind. Hence the necessity for us to press on. That means to build up organization and to push the Continental Congress.

It is not in the realm of ideas but of organization that Socialists have cause for humility and searching of hearts. I do not know a better way now of building up organization than to make the Socialist Summer Schools a big success. Watch for notices. Go if you can. Get well qualified comrades to go.

Peeping "Mom"

Suitor "Do you ever peep through the keyhole when I am sitting in the parlor with your sister?"

Small Brother (with burst of candor): "Sometimes, when mother isn't there.—Hummel, Hamburg."

These can't be another boom right away. It will take time to produce a new crop of trustful idiots.

The Economic Conference

The list of American delegates to the world economic conference, appointed by President Roosevelt, does not look very heavy.

The list includes Cordell Hull, secretary of state, who is acting as chairman of the delegation; James M. Cox, former governor of Ohio and Democratic candidate for president in 1920, who is its vice chairman; Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations; Senator James Couzens of Michigan; Representative Samuel D. McReynolds of Tennessee, chairman of the house committee on foreign relations; and Ralph W. Morrison of Texas, a retired banker. Of course there was sent the usual staff of experts to advise the delegates and to do research for them.

Of these delegates, it is probable that Senator Couzens is the most formidable. He is the only Republican delegate, and, as such, would naturally be supposed not to count for so much as the other delegates, as all the others belong to the president's own party.

A Brutal Assault

Yipsel picketers were assaulted by soldiers and ex-soldiers in New York city on Memorial day, and were beaten up for carrying banners with the slogans, "Refuse to Fight," "No More War," and "Capitalism Brings War". Police allowed the brutal assault to be made. We are glad to hear that the Socialists are attempting to bring the guilty parties to justice. We hope they will be sent to prison.

Of all people, ex-service men should be glad to see anyone have the intelligence and courage to carry banners with the slogans quoted above.

Capitalism brought on the World war, and the service men were conscripted to fight in a war that had no more idealism than a skunk.

Having been tricked into the trenches themselves, a reasonable person would suppose they would show sympathetic appreciation and admiration for youth who have the courage and the common sense to oppose war. In any event, the Yipsels are worthy of appreciation and admiration for doing so.

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The incident shows how far we still have to go, in order to educate the war spirit out of the hearts and minds of the people. It is at least encouraging to know that progress has been made. Widespread student opposition to war service indicates it.—T. M. L.

Should there be a treaty emanating from the conference, it would have to be ratified by the senate in order to become effective in this country. A two-thirds vote of the senate would be required. Hence the good policy of having a Republican on the delegation. When President Wilson went to Versailles to help to frame the so-called treaty of peace, he made the tactical error of leaving Republican senators off the delegation. The treaty was so impossible that it probably could not have been ratified anyhow, but it would have had a better chance if he had

recognized the Republicans by placing one or more Republican senators on the delegation. Roosevelt is to clever a diplomat to repeat that mistake. However, Couzens is not exactly an orthodox Republican.

European countries have their experts on the scene also. There was much clashing of interests already. A few trade barriers may be removed. An agreement regarding money standards is possible. From all appearances, little else is to be hoped for. Too much nationalism will in all probability keep to conference from being an outstanding success. Capitalism stands in the way.

SEARCHLIGHT

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

Our comrades are working on two important projects, the Cook County Picnic on Sunday, July 2, and the Continental Congress, Illinois Division, on Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23. For the picnic we must rally our forces and wind up with a spurt in the sales of tickets. A good deal has already been said about the picnic program. We must stress the importance of a big attendance from our nationals. Every year a good many attend the Socialist picnics. Gradually they had gotten accustomed to our ways but this year we must supersede all records of the past. The location for one and the low price should draw them to Pilson Park.

When we will have been finished with the picnic, every one of our active workers must go on duty and visit the many units of our nationals in order that they may send representation to Springfield, Ill., to the convention of the Illinois Division of the Continental Congress. There should be no reason why at least 100 Jugoslav delegates can't be present on July 22 and 23. To get that many we must write, talk and appeal for representatives. The program of the Congress is so well defined that not a single lodge, club or body should hesitate in supporting it. In order to spread the message four minute speakers must go out.

It is good news to know that Pioneer Lodge No. 559 SNPJ has elected two delegates to the Congress Convention, Alice Artach and Oscar Godina were selected. This was done because the next meeting of the Lodge falls on July 21, and we felt the time too short to prepare for the trip.

Some of our good friends write that they are not entirely satisfied with the outcome of elections at the SNPJ Convention. We can't say that we are entirely satisfied either. Some changes were made which in ordinary times would never occur. I have often said and repeated it during the conviction that in a good, well disciplined organization the individual loses his identity. In the case of the Socialists they are morally bound to do the proper thing and sacrifice that individualism for the good of the many. If the selections weren't altogether satisfactory it is due to lack of knowledge and sentiment and it is up to our people to bring about that proper knowledge and education.

A peculiar atmosphere prevailed among the young delegates at the last convention. Several were the loud spokesmen, much before the sessions, to keep politics out of the Society but upon their arrival fell into the camp of reactionary politics. Even on the convention floor some objected to the passage of working

Only a year ago big business formed a "Keep the Government out of Business" organization. Does anyone know what has become of it? This organization started out like a ferocious line. They are not even a tamed lamb now despite the fact that the government has had to rescue the banks, the railroads, insurance companies, and now the industries. Oh well, someday the people will yet awaken and disbelieve the exploiting robbers.

We hear a whole lot about nationalism. Much is also said against internationalism. But look, we are in so many different international conferences and the newspaper and radio accounts are so close to us that it makes us feel as if London, England was right on top of us. With the highly developed mode of travel and communication nationalism is losing its ties except in those countries where brutal force keeps the boundaries patrolled. But even there nationalism is a joke because the countries of the world are interdependent.

Nothing is a bigger black eye for nationalism than the present conference in London, England, where the delegates of 68 countries are endeavoring to readjust their economic "barbed wire" entanglements. And nothing else but the proper international relations can possibly help them out of this mess. It looks now as if some of them have had their national pride brushed a bit. They have all assembled so that everyone of the countries could go home with some gains and that's impossible. None are willing to concede to the others so very little is expected from the conference. But then, the very nature of their proposals and their demands cannot be satisfied by the present order. They will have to change their systems to change conditions.

Americanism: Cheerfully going in debt 26 billions to save Europe; yelping with fear when somebody suggests a little more spending to save America.

The Y. P. S. L.

Many of the active members of the Socialist party have graduated into it from the Young People's Socialist league, commonly called the Yipsels.

Established more than two decades ago, this organization has done splendid service in giving young people something worthwhile to strive for, in educating them along the lines of economics and social science, and preparing them for intelligent and efficient activity in the movement.

It has always been needed, but it is needed worse now than ever before, because conditions are more

critical and the demand for clear thinking is far greater than the supply.

The league is growing. It wants to grow faster. It puts on membership drives for that purpose. It is to the advantage of the cause that it should grow as fast as possible and widen its influence to the fullest extent.

Yipsels are always on hand to lend assistance in all party activities. Comrades who are beyond the Yipsels age should reciprocate in every feasible way to aid in the growth and development of the league.

—T. M. L.