

Glasovi iz našega Gibanja

Zapisnik seje eksekutive J. S. Z.
dne 2. januarja 1931

Prisotni Fr. Aleš, Filip Godina, Fred A. Vider, Peter Kokotovich, Fr. Zaitz, Blaž Novak, D. J. Lotrich, Anton Garden, John Rak in Fr. Margole Odsotni: Owen, ki je v Californiji, Mary Udovich ter Angeline Zaitz, ki sta zadržani radi društvene seje, Geo. Maslach in Sava Bojanovich, ki sta na nočnem delu, in Ivan Molek.

Za predsednika seje izvoljen Aleš.

Zapisnik prejšnje seje sprejet kot predložen.

Poročilo tajnika: Med vzhodnimi pojavi JSZ, od prošle seje je ustavitev mladinskega socialističnega odseka v Clevelandu. Organiziran je bil na shodu 28. dec. v Slov. nar. domu, na katerem je bila glavna govornica sodružica Krasna. Pristopilo je, kot nam poročajo, že na prvem sestanku nadvajset članov in članic.

Zborovanje Konference vzhodnega Ohioa, ki se je vršilo 28. dec. v Bridgeportu, je bilo uspešno bodisi z ozirom na udeležbo, kaskor tudi na sprejete predloge in razprave. Lepo je potekla tudi slavnost petletnice kluba JSZ. v Bridgeportu 27. dec., ki je imela veliko udeležbo ter kakovorocanje primeren in v splošnem dobro izvajajo spored.

Dramski predstava kluba JSZ, 21. dec. v Sheboyganu je imela obiljen poset. Poročila iz naselbin nam pripovedujejo, da je tudi mladina postala aktivna na dramskem polju.

Poročilo prosvetnega odseka se sprejme na znanje.

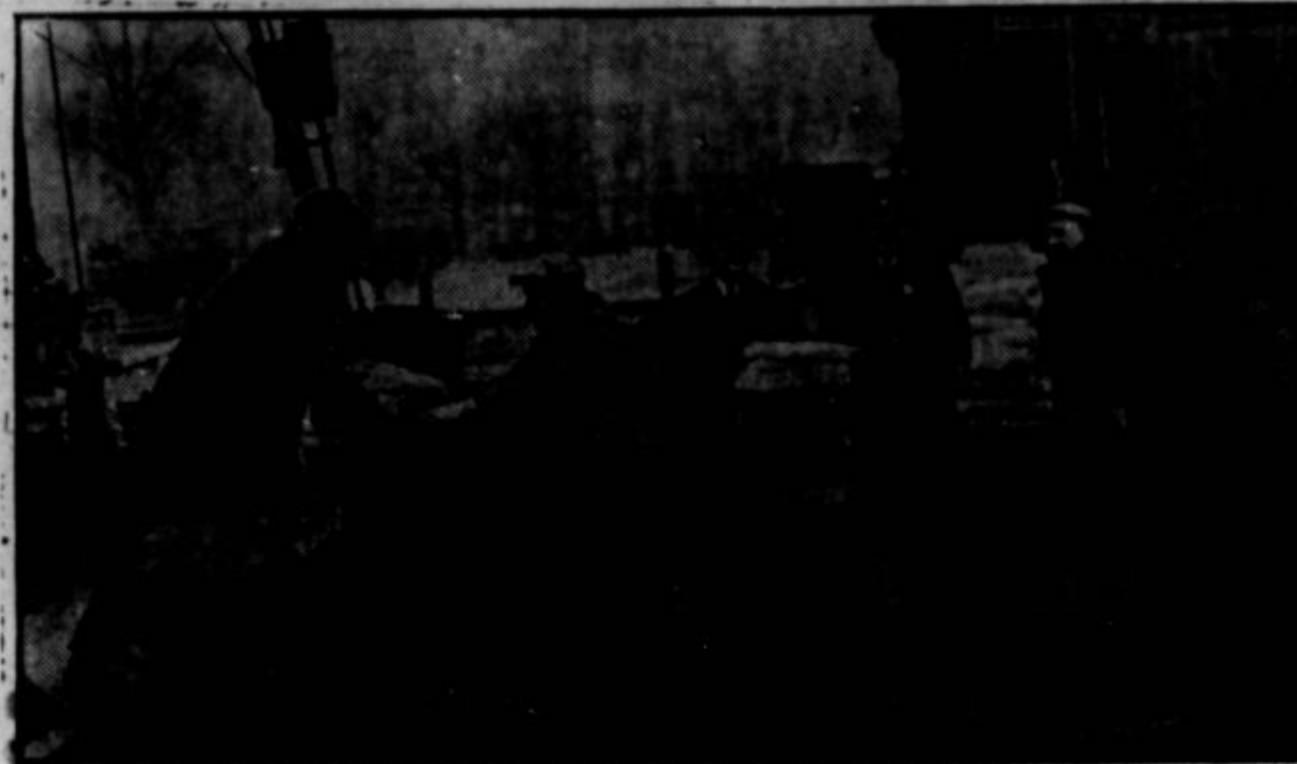
Zaitz vprašuje, ali je prosvetni odbor že pripravljen kak praktičen načrt za zbiranje fonda, s katerim bi omogočili enemu ali drugemu delavskemu književniku v starem kraju, da pride sem na predavateljsko turo. Garden pravi, da še ne, in dvomi, če bi mogel odbor izdelati kaj boljšega kakor je bil njegov prvotni načrt. Pogorelec omenja, da bo odbor imel kmalu sejo in sklepalo o tej ter drugih zadevah v svojem področju.

Pojavi se vprašanje, ali bi bilo boljše, da bi mladinski odseki pripadali direktno k stranki ali k JSZ. Razprave se udeleže Zaitz, Garden, Godina, Pogorelec, Aleš, Vider in Lotrich. Mnenje večine je, da je v sedanjih okolčinah in razmerah mnogo boljše, da so mladinski odseki pod okriljem klubov JSZ. V ostalem pa imajo vsa potrebna navodila v zapisniku osmege rednega zbornika JSZ.

Sledi obširna razprava o vprašanju socialistične agitacije med hrvatskim in srbskim delavstvom. Po razpadu hravtske sekcije JSZ, ki je štela svoječasno že nad tisoč članov, je izginila sila, ki je bila sposobna za borbo proti zavajalcem in reakciji. Ker te sile zdaj ni, so prilikom izrabili šovistični krogi na eni in takozvani režimski (kraljevaški) na drugi, poleg teh pa še nadzadniki raznih vrst. Na vsak način je potrebno, da JSZ stori kolikor največ more, da pridobi med naprednimi hrvatskimi delavci dovolj veliko skupino, ki bo znova začela s pionirskim socialistično-prosvetnim delom.

V razpravi, ki je bila obširna, so sodelovali Kokotovich, Pogorelec, Godina, Aleš, Zaitz, Lotrich, Garden, Vider in drugi. Sklenjeno, da se v namen organiziranja hrvatske sekcije vrši nekaj sestankov, na katerih se povabi vse, od katerih pričakujemo sodelovanja. Zaključek seje.

Žeja, kakršne niti stoga postava ne odpravi



Milijoni dolarjev troči svetna vlada, da uveljavi prohibicijo. Velike vaste potroši za vzdrževanje posebnih patrulj v pristaniščih ob Atlantiku in drugih, npr. v Detroitu. Vzlic tej zastrašenosti pa se uvaža v to deželo vsako leto za milijone dolarjev žganja in dragih vin. Na tej sliki je par stražnikov in nekaj delavcev, uslužbeni na vladnih motorih parnih, ki pasijo na obrežjih na ladji in motorno čolne, s katerimi butlegarji utihajo žganje. Tako so na neki ribički ladji blizu New Yorka "našli" 1.300 zavojev rumu, kot vidite na sliki, ki vsebuje toga ni dosegel butlegarske firme, kateri je bil namenjen.

Vesti iz Bridgeporta

Bridgeport, O. — V nedeljo 18. januarja dopoldne je seja kluba št. 11 JSZ, ob 7. zvečer pa se vrši posebna seja klubov vseh njegovih odsekov, to je, dramskega, pevskega ter drugih odbornikov in članov. Izvoljen bo tudi nov odbor pevskega odseka za leto 1931. Na tej seji si bomo določili program in smernice za delo v tem letu.

V nedeljo 25. januarja bo seja federacije SNPJ. v društveni dvorani na Boydsville. Prične se ob 2. popoldne. Na tej seji bodo volitve odbora. Zejeti je, da se društva oklenejo svoje federacije, kajti čim popolnejša je organizacija, boljše je za njeno bodočnost in s tem za interes članov. Prednosti naj se umaknejo zdravi sodi. Namesto fanatičnega nastrovanja se naj rajše konstruktivno kritizira, pa bo dobro za vse skupaj.

Dne 14. februarja, na pustno soboto, priredi federacija v društveni dvorani na Boydsville zabavo v prid potrebnih brezposelnih članov SNPJ. Sodeluje tudi zbor "Naprek". Spored objavljen pozneje.

Debata v klubu št. 1 o delavski vladni Angliji

Chicago, Ill. — V delavskem časopisu se mnogo polemizira o angleški delavski vladi ter njeni notranji in zunanjosti politiki. Na eni prejšnjih sej klubov št. 1 je bilo odseku za aranžiranje diskuzij in predavanj naročeno, da uredi vse potrebno za razpravo o angleški delavski vladi na januarski seji kluba.

Ali je taktika angleške delavske vlade s socialistično staličico upravičena? Ivan Molek zastopa pozitivno stran.

Joško Ovenc negativno. Predseduje Fr. Zaitz.

Vstop vsakemu prost. Vrnila

se bo v petek 23. januarja v dvorani SNPJ. Želja odbora je, da se seja prične točno ob 8.30, da bomo po končanem dnevnem redu imeli čimveč časa za debato in razpravo. — P. O.

Razmišljanje o tem in onem

Collinwood, O. — Ali se zgodi, da boste neko jutro našli na svojem stavbišču oljni vrelec? Ali da umrje bogat stric in vam zapusti milijon dolarjev? Ali morda, da se vam posreči iznajti kaj velikega, kar vam prisne stotisoč dolarjev nagrade? Lahko je, da ga "kuhate", ste imeli srečo in si na ta način pridobili nekaj premoženja.

Slednjé je možno, drugo so sanje, ki se zelo zelo predkoma uresničijo. In tisti, katere doleti taka sreča, so prav tako redki kakor bele vase. Človek lahko upa in sanja, kaj so v domovini upali ter verjeli v pravljice o reševanju loncev zakletega zlata pod križi, gradovi, na razpotjih ali sjerki, ampak praktično in pametno tako sanjarstvo ni.

Pametno za delavca je, da se organizirajo in skušajo dosegiti v svoj prid KAR JE DOSEGLJIVO. In dosegljivo je to, da si lahko izvojemo življenske razmere, v katerih ne bo več nesigurnosti za delo, nič več pomanjkanja, ni več težav pri iskanju zdravil in zdravja radi pomaganja denarja. Take razmere niso utepija in niso sanje. Da jih dosežemo, se morajo delavci naučiti mislit. Kdo sanja, mu ni treba misliti, zato pa ljudje rajše sanjajo kakor rabijo svoj zdrav ram. Pa to se bo spremeno.

pisal v enem clevelandskih listov med drugim: "Jaz sem nasproten socialistom. Moram pa jim priznati, da so vztrajni. Bore se že mnogo let, v volilnih bitkah vedno izgubljajo, toda to jih ne straši, kajti v boju so zaradi principov, ne zato, da dobe nekaterim svojim ljudem politične urade."

Socialistom je v zadoščenje, da imajo načela, da vedo, čemu so v borbi. Razumejo se dančno uredbo in njene krivice, vedo, kaj nočejo, in tudi, kaj hočejo. Tega "neodvisni" ne vedo, pa le vprije česa nočejo, a so brez programa in zato le "kritizirajo", ob enem podpirajo obstoječi sistem.

Klub št. 49 JSZ. v Collinwoodu zboruje vsako prvo nedeljo v mesecu dopoldne v čitalnici SDD., 15335 Waterloo Rd. Kdo se ni član, naj prisesti. Vprašajte se, ali je prav, da ste izven delavske organizacije kakor je soc. stranka, in če ne dobiti zadovoljive odpovedi, tedaj ne odlasať več. Kapitaliste ni treba siliti, da naj se organizirajo v svojih organizacijah. Zato vladajo. Delavci se branijo svojih, zato so vedno teheni. Kadarka pa se bodo nehal izgovarjati, če jaz bom že šel zraven, če bodo šli tudi drugi, pa bo delavska moč rasla. Ne glej na druge, nego stori kar je prav, pa bodo tudi drugi storili enako.

Pridite v klub in grajajte na seji, kar po vašem mnenju zasuži critik. Ce se vam takatka mojega dopisovanja ne do pada, me lahko kritizirate v klubu. Ce smatrate, da je proletarji brezbrinost rojakov napram kulturnim delavcem. Resnica v tem oziru res ni razveseljiva, kajti naši zaslunžni može dobe navadno nekaj priznanje šele, ko so položeni v globino šestih četrtjih, ali na kratko, v grob. To je naša napaka, ki živi valed brezbrinosti in nevednosti. Ko jo narod enkrat pozna, bo drugač.

Nedavno sem čital v Prosveti počas Joe Gabrovška, ki grajajo brezbrinost rojakov napram kulturnim delavcem. Resnica v tem oziru res ni razveseljiva, kajti naši zaslunžni može dobe navadno nekaj priznanje šele, ko so položeni v globino šestih četrtjih, ali na kratko, v grob. To je naša napaka, ki živi valed brezbrinosti in nevednosti. Ko jo narod enkrat pozna, bo drugač.

Socialistično gibanje je ena močna sila, ki budi ljudstvo, da ga spravi iz dremavice. Delavsko gibanje širi delavsko izobraževanje, kajti šele potem ko delavec zapopade kulturo svojega razreda, se bo naučil pravilno.

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OGLAŠAJTE JIH V PROLETARCU!

Iztresanje "starih grehov"

na odru dvorane ČSPS

Chicago, Ill. — Glas gre naokrog, da takega smeha že dolgo ni bilo v dvorani ČSPS, kadar ga bo slišala v nedeljo 25. januarja, ko dramski odsek kluba št. 1 vprizori veseljigro "STARÍ GREHI". Za to govorico so odgovorni tisti, ki so imeli priliko poslušati igralce ter igralke na vajah, in oni, katerim je ta igra znana.

Zapotkarja, starega častnega konzula bogvedi katere republike bo igrал John Olip. Vlogo Katre, njegove gospodinje, ki je v neprestani bojazni, da jo gospod Zapotkar vsled njene starosti odslovi ter si najame mlajšo, ima Anna Hribar. Gospoda Korena vam predstavi Tone Garden, Novaka Frank Udovich, Kopriva bo igrал John Hujan, gdč. Ema Mraková bo Katherine Beuk, Mary Udočiče bomo videli v logi. Nagijeve in Francko Vider v logi. Solarjeve. Rudolfo Hočevarja bo igrал John Kochevar, ki bo v dvorani s svojim orkestrom, da ustreže plesalcem, ki se bodo vrtili po končani igri.

V igri se razpletajo čudne stvari, odkrivajo se stari grehi, nove ljubezenske zvezze se kujejo, dogode se poroke — celo panorama smeha!

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Dvorana bo odprtka kot običajno po 2:30 popoldne, igra pa se prične pol ure pozneje. Predstavi sledi plesna in predstava zabava. — P. O.

Odbor kluba št. 115 JSZ

V odboru kluba št. 115 JSZ. v Detroitu za leto 1931 so: Frank Cesen, tajnik-blagajnik; Anton Stefler, zapisnikar; Joseph Devyak, Albert Naprudnik in Joseph Drobnič so v nadzornem odboru. V publikacijskem odseku sta Joseph Devyak in Frank Cesen, Joe Anžitek pa je zastopnik Proletarca. Seja kluba št. 115 se vrati vsako prvo nedeljo v mesecu v Slov. del. domu.

Odborniki kluba št. 114

Klub št. 114 JSZ. v Detroitu, Mich., bo vodil v tem letu sledi odbor: Peter Kisovic, tajnik-blagajnik; Franjo Kuhovski, zapisnikar; Peter Benedict, organizator. Nadzorni odbor: Janko Zornik, Math Urbas in John Janc. Mike Glad, knjižničar. Klubova zastopnika v centralnem odboru detroitske soc. stranke sta Frank Nograsek in Frank Smerde. Tajnica pevskoga zobra "Svoboda" je Mary Potočnik.

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Chicago, Ill. — "Ali ni bila menitna? Zabave na 'košo'?" so rekle ob razhajjanju, ko je "žandar" rekel, da domov drama "Bura", spisal Srgjan Tučić. Jugoslovansko občinstvo je vladljivo vabljeno na udeležbo. Začetek je točno ob 3. popoldne. Vstopnina v predprodaji 50c, pri blagajni 75c. Po igri bo ples in prosta zabava.

JAVNO PREDAVANJE.

Chicago, Ill. — "Slobodna gornica" priredi v petek 16. jan. javno predavanje v svoji prostorii na 1726 So. Racine Ave. Tema predavanju bo "Other Worlds", predavatelj George Malinsky, lekarnar v Chicagu.

To je poučno astronomsko predavanje in bo spremljano z sterooptičnimi slikami. Vstopnina je prosta za vse. Začetek ob 8. zvečer.

Listnica uredništva

Zapisnik vzhodnoohijske konference bo pričebi nprihodnje, ker v tej številki ni bilo mogoče. Isto velja za dopise, ki so bili poslanici a ne še objavljeni.

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Our Doings Here and There

nished by Johnny Kochevar's orchestra. After the regular order of business of our next meeting of club No. 1 JSF which will be Friday January 23, a debate on the English Labor Party will take place. A general discussion will follow of what has been accomplished under their regime and on various other problems the Party is confronted with. Don't fail to attend this meeting, also invite your friends.

In Powhatan Point, Ohio, our comrades have become real hustlers. Last week reports were received that 7 new members joined their club. The period of depression only hastens people to think for themselves and that Socialism is the only remedy for a just social life. We hope to hear more such reports from the Powhatan comrades.

The English Dramatic committee of club No. 1 JSF are preparing an all English Variety Program for Sunday February 22. A variety of performances of singing, dancing, musical instruments and a snappy short comedy are their plan. This event will take place in the SNPJ Hall. More announcement will follow.

Laughter is good for the health, as doctors say, and it seems that the dramatic committee of Branch No. 1 JSF have taken this cue. To that effect they have selected a very comical comedy in 3 acts which will be given Sunday January 25, at the CSFS Hall. The play reveals the "Old Sins" of three life-long companions who are very much in love with the new house maid that just came to work for the consul. Two other women apply for this same position and you'll roar will laughter when you'll hear their reason for leaving their former jobs. You will also hear why Katra, who has just been married to the butler wants a divorce. Her husband, too, tells the consul that he is very much dissatisfied. It's one big laugh from start to the finish. Tickets can be secured from all members of the club and at the office of Proletarec. Dancing will follow the play with music fur-

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Za dobro in točno postrežbo bo preskrbljeno v vseh ozirih.

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Knjigarna Proletarca ima v zalogi dela slovenskih pisateljev in drugih avtorjev v slovenskih prevodih. Cenik knjig izide v tem listu od časa do časa. Ako ga nimate pri rokah, nam sporočite.

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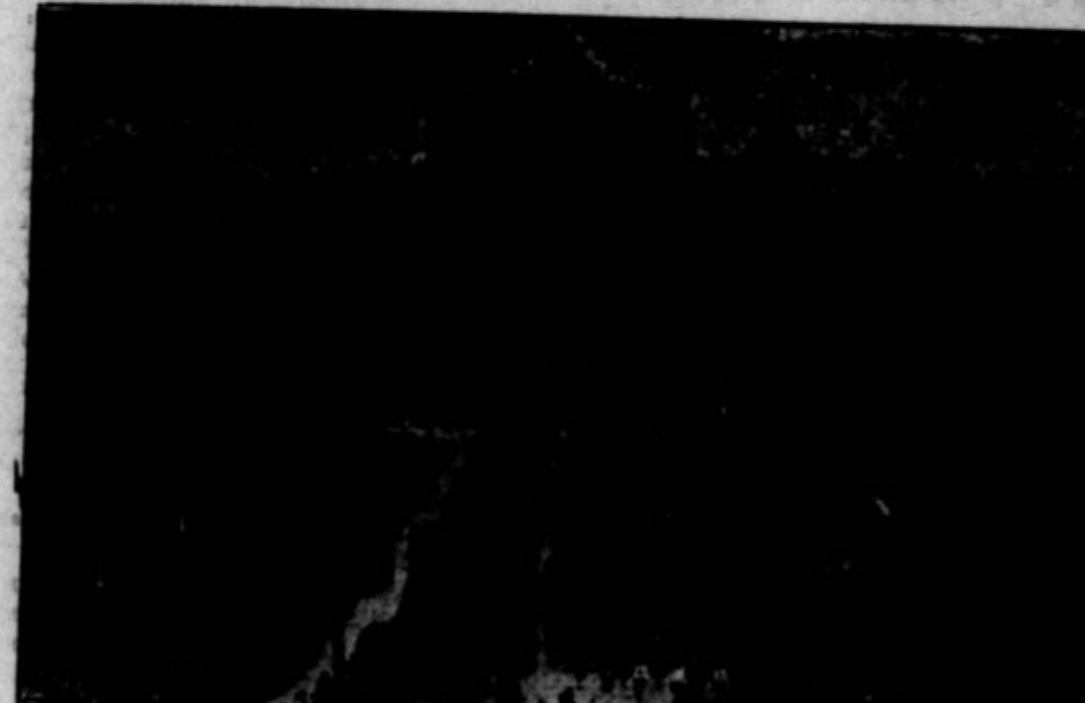
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Tajnista Prosvetne matice JSZ.

THAT "PROGRESSIVE" PARTY

From the point of view of a labor party that would include political and economic organizations of the workers Professor John Dewey was ill-advised in making his proposal to Senator Norris that the latter take the leadership in organizing a third party. Dewey's idea is to detach the so-called "progressives" from the Republican and Democratic parties and assume the leadership in political organization of the masses.

No one will question the sincerity of John Dewey but Socialist and labor men who want to build on secure foundations are unable to support the proposal. Senator Norris has declined to act upon the suggestion but he is apparently in a mood of "watchful waiting" until 1932. But even in that year Socialists and labor men are not likely to place themselves in the hands of these leaders as voting stock to be invested as these leaders decide.

We recall the Progressive Party led by Roosevelt in 1912 and secretly financed by George Perkins and other millionaires. That party also grew out of a quarrel within the G. O. P. It had no labor basis whatever but it adopted a program intended to appeal to the workers. Having used it as a club to beat President Taft, Roosevelt and the dominant leaders sold it at auction to the Republican convention which nominated Hughes in 1916.

Almost Pinchot revealed the inner history of this "progressive" party about the time it was scuttled. Donald G. Richberg in his recent book, "The Tents of the Mighty", added some interesting details. McCormick of Chicago, one of the progressive nobles, cynically declared that Koozestev "knows how to appeal to the American mutt". That remark indicated the attitude of the gentlemen who sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" in 1912.

The workers of the nation must fight their battles in a party of their own. Socialists will hold their banner aloft until other organizations of the workers decide that they want to help carry it.

—New Leader.

CRIMES IN THE NAME OF RELIEF

It looks as if a lot of greedy folks with the aid of cowardly politicians were getting ready to commit some great crimes in the name of unemployment relief. To vote at this time anywhere from a billion to three and a half billion dollars to pay off veterans' endowment insurance certificates due in 1945 is nothing less than a crime because it means that the Congress which appropriates this huge sum will say: "We have done all we can and should do for the unemployed". The veterans to whom this aid is indiscriminately voted are not all unemployed. They are of the age least likely to be unemployed. There is no assurance whatever that only the unemployed will take advantage of this dole. It is dangerous nonsense to say that any and every appropriation from the treasury for any and every group will help restore prosperity. The veterans who need relief now are veterans in labor's army who cannot find a job. To help them by relief ultimately to be raised from an income and inheritance tax, is a matter of justice, and it is a sound emergency measure in a country which has neglected unemployment insurance. Those who believe this ought to get busy to petition Congress and help match the flood of petitions which Representative Johnson, himself a veteran, says are being collected by solicitors at 10¢ a name in behalf of greedy veterans' organizations.

The big navy men are also getting ready to foist on Congress naval appropriations as help to the unemployed. As Ben Marsh remarked at a Washington conference: "If we have to build ships to help the unemployed let's sink them as soon as they are done to help peace." Money put in the navy is sheer waste. Money put in roads, schools and housing provides social income. Every dollar wasted by the big navy men should be put into work that gives a social income and does not make war more likely.—Norman Thomas.

FROM CITY TO FARM

Between the years 1921 and 1929, 14,000,000 persons in the United States left farms and small towns for the city.

During the same time 8,500,000 persons migrated from city to farm.

Census figures, which are available only for the years 1920 and 1925, indicate that the net loss of the farm population since 1920 has been 3,800,000.

The total number of persons in farm families was estimated to be 32,076,000 on Jan. 1, 1910, and 27,222,000 on Jan. 1, 1930.

SEARCHLIGHT

By Donald J. Lotrich

The state committee of the Socialist Party has called a membership conference for Sunday, Jan. 18, 1931, at the Workmen's Circle Lyceum. Our members are urged to attend.

The Unemployment Fund of the Chicago District SNPJ Federation will be swelled considerably because of last Saturday's dance at the SNPJ Hall. A fairly large crowd was in attendance. Johnny's boys were at it again.—The federation has assisted 29 needy Slovene families in the short time that its been at this work. However a whole lot more can be accomplished with added funds.

On January 25, our folks will have an opportunity to see another good play. Members of club No. 1 JSF have been rehearsing for many weeks to perfect "Old Sins". They promise our patrons quite a treat, so we look forward to your engagement with us at the C. S. P. S. Hall. Johnny Kochevar's Merry Makers will play for dancing. Admission 75¢.

Because the Socialist Party has gained a great number of new members during 1930 and because it was more active than in any of the past half dozen years, Clarence Senior, National Executive Secretary, reports that 1930 was a banner year. This is aided that by no means are we going to lay down in 1931. No, he intends to have the party become even more active than the previous year. No doubt the gains recorded thru out the nation may be attributed to the diligence and attractiveness of our National Secretary, and with a continuation of these qualities we can see that his mark shall be reached.

While we are at it we can tell you that the Jugoslav Federation executive board met a week ago and that its secretary reported gains in spite of hard times. Much time is being devoted to reorganize the federations sections and to bring about that unity of principal that was shattered during and immediately after the war.

Socialists in Indiana do Things

Over five hundred persons attended the meeting of Local Terre Haute to discuss old age pensions. A model old age pension bill will be submitted to the Indiana State Legislature by the Socialists. The party is also agitating for a model bill on free textbooks and one for unemployment insurance.

President Hoover has been rebuked by the Senate on his Power Commission appointments, but that only makes him take a firmer stand and cast a challenge back at the Senate. Of course the president should have the power to appoint committees, but we should also respect reasonable objections. It is obvious that the appointments are the choice of the "power men" which makes it doubly difficult for our president to change his appointees. But after all, it matters not to us who is chosen, for any appointments made would come from the ranks of big business and labor has nothing to gain either way. And so rather than make a change they predict many hours of debate and discussion and possibly a special session. That's a good way of keeping the Senate from doing useful work.

Chicago is ridding itself of the criminals say the Chicago newspapers. They put one or two in jail and file a half dozen into courts and call that getting rid of them. The hundreds of others are out making the racket go. They have just had startling headlines of the capture of an important gunman. The papers were filled with details of how they wanted to trap him, and what all they had to do to trap him. Not a minor fact was omitted. In Chicagoland the gunmen kill for every little thing. Many state witnesses have been put away because the newspapers "broadcast" their names. And the newspapers know that people fear this publicity because of what the gangsters might do. So when they actually try cases the wusses in fear say little to incriminate them and most of the gunmen are able to escape conviction. If they prosecute and execute this latest of their captives, a person said to be the toughest of them all, then we will believe that gangsters are leaving Chicago.

In Minnesota there was a newspaper which told the open truth too often. It hurt somebody. That somebody was powerful and could reach into the legislature and suppress the "Scandal sheet" as they could call it. The case was fought thru the courts. A large Chicago newspaper was instrumental in carrying on the fight. But before the

A Variety Program in Slovene Workers Hall, Detroit

If you are young and enjoy contests, dramas and similar performances, read this article. I also appeal to the older folks to do likewise. However this article was intended for the Youth, but I hasten to add that it has nothing to do with the views of flappers, lip sticks or the length of skirts.

What I wish to make known is that Club No. 114 and 115 JSF are giving a combined Variety Program Sunday January 18, at the Slovene Workers Home on 437 S. Artillery Ave. The program will start promptly at 3 o'clock. For this occasion the committee has selected a short English play called "Black Hell". Seven characters take part in this drama in which you will hear what our "Hero" Harold, played by Rudy Klancnik, has to say to his father, acted by Frank Klancnik, about war. You will also hear what the maid wishes to the people "over there", which will be portrayed by yours truly. The mother's part will be played by Mary Nograsek, and Jane, who cannot understand what the hero is trying to bring about, will be the part of Helen Skvarce. Of course you will want to hear what Colonel Faze played by Ray Travnik has to say about wars, he has been all through it, just as a Colonel. Then there is Mary Berwick who also takes an interesting part. More could be said about this play and so in order to keep you in suspense of how it ends, come and see "Black Hell" played by the youngest set for you — for the younger set's benefit.

Another part of this program will be a two-act comedy in Slovene by our older comrades. The title of the play is "Zdravnikov stranik". Even though you may not understand all of the Slovene language, you will know what the play is about when you see the actions and expressions of the characters.

In between the plays you will meet the "Trije žejji godci" and they promise you that you will have your laugh of laughs.

After the program there will be a dance with music furnished by a well known orchestra. The price for this all-afternoon and evening program is exceedingly small, 35¢ for the ladies and 50¢ for men. Don't forget, young and old are asked to attend as a well filled hall encourages the players.

Agnes Oblack, Detroit, Mich.

Detroit's Sub-branch of JSF. and its Activities

Little has been heard from our sub-branch in the past month. It seems as if everyone was busily engaged in the Christmas rush buying that no one had time to write for Proletar. Of course, it is mostly due to the negligence on our part. The officers of our sub-branch for 1931 are: Agnes Oblack secretary and Wm. Travnik recording secretary. Both are doing their respective work satisfactorily.

Branch No. 114 JSF has always given us everything we needed, both financial and moral support. The sub-branch has grown steadily, slowly but surely. At the present time, both clubs No. 114 and 115 JSF are sponsoring a Variety Program to be given on Sunday January 18, at the Slovene Workers Home on 437 S. Artillery Ave. The net proceeds of this affair will go to our club. In behalf of our sub-branch we thank both clubs for their generous support.

On their program for that day there will be a two-act comedy in Slovene, "The Doctor's Assistant". A play that will make you hold your waistline regardless of the hard times we are experiencing at present. In this cast there are 11 characters. Frank Cesen of Club 115 JSF is the director.

This will be followed by a one act drama in English "Black Hell", a realistic comparison of life. The characters are as follows: Mary Bernick, Helen Skvarce, Frank Klancnik, Mary Nograsek, Rudy Klancnik, Agnes Oblack and Ray Travnik. Due to an error on the part of the publicity committee, Ray Travnik's name was omitted on the hand bills sent out. The director of this drama is Frank Nograsek of club 114 JSF. Between acts there will be other performances that will amuse both young and old. Music for dancing will follow immediately after the program will be furnished by Rudy Klancnik's Merry Makers. Both clubs express their appreciation and especially the sub-branch for the special price for his orchestra service.

The admission is so arranged to suit all. Fifty cents for the men and 35¢ for the ladies. Any one out of work, come anyway and we will see to it that you are not omitted from the audience. Don't let hard times keep you way from the Slovene Workers Home on 437 S. Artillery Ave., Sunday January 18. Everybody Welcome!

Herman Ruget.

In India, a fern on the table mean guests are present. In America the symbol is a butter knife.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY AT WORK

HIGH SPOTS OF 1930

Election of three new mayors and eight other city officials; nine new legislators in Wisconsin, two in Pennsylvania, and sheriff of Milwaukee county.

More members gained than in all years since 1923 together.

Twelve new papers started and twelve new mimeographed bulletins.

Nine new leaflets issued; eight more revised and illustrated; three new pamphlets more issued from national office than in previous six years. More literature sold by national office than any year since 1920.

Unemployment action committees formed by several dozen locals—forcing action by city councils in Dallas, Duluth, Newark, New York and other places.

Unemployment insurance pushed by leaflet and speaking campaign. Accepted by several state federations of labor and international unions. Socialists at Boston A. F. of L. convention introduce and speak for insurance resolutions.

N. E. C. meets west of the Mississippi for first time in party history. Makes propaganda tour of west.

Increase in labor union support of party candidates and measures—Wisconsin, Montana, California, New York, Massachusetts, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Increase in attacks on the party—National Electric Light Ass'n., publishes "The Radical Campaign Against American Industry", proving that the party is the menace the power trust most fears. Twenty-five arrests of members reported to national office.

Forty percent of all congressional districts ran candidates, polling more votes than were cast for president in 1928 for entire country. Average of almost 100% increase; some districts as high as 4,000. 5,000,000 leaflets distributed.

Thirteen speakers toured by national office—Social Problems Lecture Bureau set up to supply Socialist speakers to famous unions, etc.

Nation-wide Mooney-Billings and May Day meetings reach thousands. Party manifesto on California case printed by labor papers all over U. S. and Europe.

National office first to charge Republican manipulation of census later widely substantiated and supported by other organizations.

Party representative appears in public hearings on old age pensions at Washington. Speech widely quoted and published by government.

Three nation-wide radio hook-ups spread party message.

Party launches relief drive for Danville textile strikers, after visit by Norman Thomas and executive secretary.

Jimmie Higgins contest initiated.

Little Library of Socialism editing begun. Twenty titles at five cents will have an immediate circulation of 100,000 sets, according to the publisher.

Washington press releases inaugurated. One on Flathead power site forces Senate fight against Anaconda Copper Co.

Labor paper press service expanded.

Negro Labor News Service begun.

Cut and mat service for party papers started.

National Executive Secretary speaks 160 times.

Young Peoples' Socialist League increases membership 50%—moves headquarters to Reading and elects new director—increases activities—holds successful national jamboree.

Research cooperation between Rand School and national office set up. School issues outline of capitalist system for study by branches.

N. E. C. calls for three-fold attack on poverty for 1931;

a. Unemployment insurance model bill and action supporting it.

b. Old age pension bill and action supporting it.

c. Child Labor Day agitation.

Compared with what should have been done—the record is most meager. Compared with activities of the past six years, 1930 was a year of great advance. The party must become intensely active next year because 1931 offers greater opportunities and greater responsibilities for the winning of the American people to SOCIALISM.