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FINANČNI "GENJI" SO "POČISTILI" ŽEPE IN POVZROČILI KATASTROFO

Beraštvo na debelo. — Čezdalje globokeje v krizo. — Ogromne plače in penzije za veletatove, ječa za male

Mogočni finančniki in industrialci, ki so bili leta in leta opevani v kapitalističnem časopisju kot graditelji bogastev in splošnega blagostanja, so svoje stavbe vsled nebrzdane pohlepa po grabljenju zrušili kakor hišo iz kart, in danes je njihov sloves sličen slovesu kakaga Caponea, s to razliko, da je Capone bil poslan v ječo, oni pa dobivajo — penzije! Vzrok je, da spada Capone v primeri z njimi med male roparje, zato so ga prijeli.

Ameriške železnice so v bankrotne stanju, ker so jih slovi "managerji" ogulili do kosti. Ne le, da si sami nakazujejo plače po sto do dve sto tisoč dolarjev na leto in nekateri celo več, nego imajo na plačilni listi kopo sorodnikov ter armado protežirancev, ki prejema od \$10,000 do \$80,000 na leto plače, brez da bi v resnici izvrševali kako delo.

Vpropačanje bank je slično poglavlje. Vsega skupaj je šlo v prešlih desetih letih 8,000 bank k vragu. Le kakih 3,000 jih je propadlo po krivdi gospodarskih razmer v prizadejih okrajih, pet tisoč pa zaradi nepoštenosti vodij in špekulantske manije, ker so hoteli na račun ljudskega denarja postati milijonarji, pa so se mnogi ukanili, ker je pač tudi med bankirji pravilo, da velike ribe žro male. Le ljudstvo, ki je ob svoje z delom prislužen prihranke, je na izgubi.

V Chicagu in v državah omeđenega zapada so ljudje občetr milijarde dolarjev, ki so izgubili po tokih Insullovih kompanij v žepe špekulantov. Časopisi pišejo le o izgubah, — velikanskim izgubah v Insullovem labirintu špekulantskih kompanij, ne povedo pa, kdo ima tistih \$250,000,000, ki jih

je ljudstvo izgubilo. Državni pravnik preiskuje, federalni sodnik preiskuje, listi zahtevajo preiskavo — zdaj, ko je prepozno, kajti tatovi ukradenih milijonov ne bodo dali nazaj. Vzeli so jih po postavah, katere si s svojimi kupljenimi zakonodajci sami določajo sebi v prid.

Kako brutalno nepošten je kapitalizem, dokazujejo baš v teh časih polomi velikih kompanij in finančnih zavodov. Če bi ameriško ljudstvo hotelo, bi lahko imelo v zbornicah svoje zastopnike, kateri bi skrbeli za kontrolo nad korporacijami takrat, ko bi kaj izdala, ne pa šele preiskavali, ko je polom vsakemu viden.

V Zed. državah je vpliv špekulantov vrhovna oblast. Republikanska in demokratska stranka sta njihovi. Vse zakonodaje jim služijo. Nad sabo nimajo nobene efektivne kontrole. Posledica je, da je danes ljudstvo oropano, da so delavci in farmerji v pomanjkanju in da 30,000,000 ljudi strada. Beraštvo na debelo je v takem položaju neizogibno. Kriza se po krivdi "velikih finančnih in industrialnih genijev" veča. Toda oblast hoče držati naprej in so se spet z vso močjo pognali v volilni boj. Ljudstvo slepe s tekmo za službe med demokrati in republikanci. Naj zmagajo eni ali drugi, špekulanti zmagajo v vsakem slučaju toliko časa, dokler se ljudstvo ne obrne od podpiranja kapitalistične politike in se izreče za socializem. To je zanj edina rešitev.

STARA PRIZADEVANJA KEMIKOV ZA UMETNO IZDELOVANJE ZLATA

Nemški znanstvenik Heinz von Bohndorff pravi, da je iznašel praktičen način za izdelovanje zlata. V svojem pro-



cesu rabi živo srebro ter razne kemikalije. Njegovo iznajdbo zdaj preiskujejo v nemških laboratorijih. Že mnogokrat prej je en ali drug kemik iznašel proces za izdelovanje zlata, ki pa je bilo veliko dražje kakor

NEZADOVOLJNI FARMARJI DEMONSTRIRAJO



Stavke farmerjev proti odušnim cenam, katere jim dajejo za pridelke prekupci, niso izoliran pojav. Poljedelci v vseh državah se puntajo zoper sedanje razmere. Governerji devetih agrikulturnih držav ameriške Unije so se nedavno zbrali na posvetovanje v Sioux Cityju, Iowa, da se z zastopniki farmerjev posvetujejo, kaj storiti za odpravo sedanjemu stanju. Ob tej priliki so farmerji priredili demonstracijo, ki jo prikazuje ta slika. Rekli so, da zahtevajo rezultatov, ne samo konference. Norman Thomas jim je na shodu dejal, da bo njihov položaj izboljšal, ko se izrečejo za socialistični program in pomagajo k zmagi socialistični stranki.

USPEHI IN NEUSPEHI EKONOMSKIH NAČRTOV PJATILETKE V SOV. UNIJI

Preveč optimizma. — Težkoče v industriji. — Nazadovanje izvoza. — Premalo živil. — Sovražne vesti

Ves kapitalistični tisk z veseljem razlaga, da se petletni načrt za industrializacijo sovjetske Unije ni posrečil, in da je življenjski standard za večino prebivalcev v Rusiji celo nižji kakor je bil. Mnogo potrebnih stvari se podražilo. Se vedno je treba pred trgovinami čakati v vrstah in marsičesa si delavec sploh privoščiti ne more, ker so cene previsoke. Nove tovarne producirajo povprečno komaj 50 odstotkov od količine, ki jim jo je določil petletni načrt. Letina je v splošnem slabša kakor lani. Kolektivne farme niso izpolnile pričakovanja.

To je ena stran slike, ki jo prikazujejo poročevalci tujezemskih listov iz Moskve ali iz obmejnih mest.

Druge stran je, da si je sovjetska vlada zamislila svoj petletni načrt skrajno optimistično, kar je bilo iz taktičnega stališča opravičljivo, kajti z negovanjem takih nad je delavstvo pripravila v aktivnosti, katerim se je čudil ves svet. Nova mesta so res rasla kar preko noči in v teku nekaj let si je Rusija zgradila velikanske tovarne, elektrarne in mnogo drugega kar potrebuje za svoj gospodarski razvoj. Ker svojih tehnikov nima zadosti, si je pomagala z inženirji iz Amerike, Nemčije in Anglije. Dajala jim je visoke plače in jim poskrbela za komfort, kakršnega so bili vajeni doma. Mašinerijo je naročala iz inozemstva. To jo je stalo visoke

vsote. Dokler je mogla uvoz kriti z dohodki izvoza, je šlo. Toda Evropa je danes slab trg, Azija ravno tako in dohodki so padli. Tako je tudi sovjetska vlada prišla v finančne zagate, v katerih si doma pomaga s tiskanjem denarja, toda v mednarodni trgovini papirnat denar, ki je brez pokritja, ne velja.

Dograjene tovarne tudi ne morejo z neizvežbanimi delavci, ki so večinoma sinovi mušikov, producirati prvi teden, prvi mesec ali prvo leto toliko, kakor producirajo npr. Fordovi delavci v Detroitu. Ruske tovarne traktorjev niso izpolnile nade, ker delajo počasno. Vzelo bo pač nekaj let, predno se ruske delavce izvežba v obratovanju moderne industrije, po metodah masne produkcije.

Življenjski standard se vsled teh okolščin res ni dvignil, razen v nekaterih mestih, in to le med delavci, ki so deležni privilegijev komunistične stranke. V splošnem je to jesen celo slabši. Optimisti in prijatelji Rusije v drugih deželah, ki so se divili velikanskim načrtom petletke in občudovali ogromno energijo vsega naroda, so poparjeni. Toda bil bi čudež, če bi primitivna, zastara Rusija res kar preko noči, v teku petih let, postala moderna industrialna dežela. Saj je že to, kar je v industrializaciji dosegla, ogromen uspeh. In to je komaj začetek.

Profit plinske družbe

Čikaška plinska kompanija Peoples Gas Light and Coke je napravila v drugem četrtletju tega leta po odbitku vseh stroškov \$1,682,432 čistega prebitka, ali \$2.35 na delnico.

SLEPARJI PONUJAJO ZA PETAK MOČ IN "MLADENIŠKO SVEŽOST"

Raketirske firme oglašajo poslednje tedne v jugoslovanskih časopisih med drugim zdravilo, ki povrne izžrpanim moškim "mladeniško čilost". Oglaš zahtuje, da gotove pilule, ki jih je "iznašel" ta in ta sloviti zdravnik, pomagajo tudi 60 let staremu moškemu, da postane krepak kakor fant. Za pet dolarjev dobi to zdravilo, in seveda, če prvo naročilo ne pomaga, je treba pošiljati petake toliko časa, da pomaga, oziroma dokler ni žep prazen, ali dokler betežnik ne spozna, da ga goljufajo z ničevrednimi pilulami. "Proletarec" je te vrste oglaš odklonil, čeprav potrebuje dohodkov, ker je taka reklama insult na zdravo človeško pamet in direktno goljufiva. Listi, ki ga priobčujejo, bodo zapeljali z njim mnogo nevednih ljudi, ki ne razumejo ničesar o zdravstvu, pa bodo iskali "fantovstvo" s temi pilulami. Da bo petakov še več, pravi oglaš, da tudi ženskam pomagajo, da postanejo spet kot mladenke, namreč v seksualnem oziru. Oglaš je sestavljen previdno, da bi oblast fakirjem ne mogla takoj doživeti, toda dovolj vabljivo, da posega v ljudske žepe po petake.

Naše priredbe

Library, Pa. — Konferenca klubov JSZ in društev Prosvetne matice v nedeljo 25. septembra v Slovenskem domu.

Chicago, Ill. — V nedeljo 25. septembra piknik naročnikov in drugih prijateljev Proletarca pri Keglu v Willow Springsu.

Girard, O. — Piknik naročnikov Proletarca in drugega občinstva v nedeljo 25. septembra.

Chicago, Ill. — Shod v sredo 5. oktobra v dvorani SNPJ. Glavna govornika James H. Maurer in William A. Cunnea.

Vsak list v Ameriki je odvisen od subvencij

NOBEN LIST v tej deželi ne bi mogel izhajati samo z dohodki naročnine. Vsi prejema podpora v eni ali drugi obliki. Delavski listi jo dobivajo direktno od delavcev, kapitalistični listi pa po ovinkih — OD DELAVCEV. Kapitalisti, ki subvencionirajo svoje publikacije, namreč ne zaslužijo denarja, torej razdajajo tistega, ki so ga vzeli delavcem in farmerjem.

Železniške kompanije, zavarovalnice, živilska industrija, borze, banke itd., si kupujejo propagando. V preiskavah je bilo dokazano, da so gotovi interesi plačali za priobčitev enega uredniškega članka v prilog žitne borze v Chicagu štiri tisoč dolarjev, ker je napravil vtis, da je zagovarjal dotično skupino list sam s stališča svoje politike, ne pa po naročilu. Oglasu se pozna da je plačan. Članek ali poročilo napravi vtis iskrenosti in več zaleže kakor očitno plačana reklama.

Milijone in milijone dolarjev gre kapitalističnim listom na ta način, in stotine milijonov dolarjev dobe za oglase. Trgovina, ali banka, ali katerakoli kompanija ne da ničesar za oglase iz svojega, kajti ves denar dobi od klientov in odjemalcev. To varne, ki izdelujejo milo, trošijo ogromno za oglašanje. Pri vsakem kosu mila plačate polovico za reklamo in plačujete zanj pri vsakem drugem blagu. Če bi plačano oglašanje odpadlo, bi se nešteto stvari pocenilo POLOVICO in več. Ljudstvo, DELAVSKO ljudstvo je torej tisti faktor, ki SUBVENCIRA vse liste.

Socialistične publikacije ne dobivajo subvencij kakor kapitalistične, kar se razume samo po sebi. Za svoje vzdrževanje se obračajo na delavce DIREKTNO. Prodano časopisje to dejstvo izrablja, češ, glejte, kako "prosijo" miloščine! Resnica je, da je podpora, ki jo dobe delavski listi direktno ali indirektno, MALENKOST v primeri s podporo, ki jo dobivajo kapitalistični, "brezbarvni" ter "nestrankarski" listi.

Vsa glasila vseh podpornih organizacij so subvencionirana. Moraš jih plačevati, hočeš-nočeš. List, ki je bil glasila banke, je živel od nje, in ko je zaprla vrata, prejema podporo od šifkartaske agencije, katero so ustanovili isti ljudje, kot so prej vodili banko. To je "podpora", katere pa ne prizna, pač pa pravi, "da ni še nikdar prošil zase milodarov". Ta njegova izjava je pesek v oči nemislečim čitateljem.

Slovenski listi, ki jemljejo politične oglase in priobčijo članke in novice za plačilo, letos sicer ne bodo imeli tolikšno žetev kakor pred 4. leti, toda bodo vendarle dobili veliko več, kot pa dobe delavski listi v svoje tiskovne fonde. Vsak list stane toliko in toliko vsaka izdaja. Naročnina jo ne plača. Razliko pokrijejo z oglasi in DRUGIMI viri, ki so jim v podporo, pa če to dejstvo še tako zakrivajo pred čitatelji. Časopis, ki trdi, da ne služi nobeni politični stranki, prav gotovo prejema od političnih strank več, kakor pa npr. socialistična glasila, ki od svoje stranke res ne prejema gmotne podpore.

Noben delavski list ne "berači" in ne "prosi milodarov". Razlika je le, da apelira za podporo direktno na one, katerim SLUŽI, prodani in bižniški listi pa jo dobivajo na "svoje" načine, katerih nečje razlagati. Kadar subvencijo izgube, propadejo prav tako kakor delavski listi, če ne dobe dovolj opore med čitatelji.

Koliko dobe socialisti glasov?

Kapitalistični žurnalisti ugibajo, da dobi Norman Thomas od enega in pol do dva milijona glasov. Največ, kar je soc. stranka dobila glasov dosedaj, je bilo nekaj nad 900,000. Odani so bili l. 1920 za Eugene V. Debsa. Če bodo letos vsi člani dovolj aktivni v agitaciji, so tu pogoji, da dobi socialistični predsedniški kandidat ne le več milijonov glasov, nego da se soc. stranka pojača in postane politična sila, kakršna je ameriškem delavstvu nujno potrebna.

Novi klubi JSZ

Dne 11. septembra je bil ustanovljen klub JSZ na Maple Heights pri Clevelandu. Pristopilo je šest članov. Ustanovnega sestanka se je udeležil Chas. Pogorelec in več clevelandskih sodrugov.

S sodelovanjem s Jos. Snoyja je bil ustanovljen klub JSZ v naselbini Farrell-Sharon v Pa. Akcije za ustanovitev ali obnovitev klubov JSZ so v teku v več drugih naselbinah.

Tudi dokaz krize

Nad milijon strank v Zed. državah je v tem letu odpovedalo telefonske naprave, ker ni denarja.

ALBANJA JE NA ČIKAŠKIH ULICAH

"Balkanski" prizori v sredini Chicaga. — Izganjanje zločincev je zagovarjanje mesta

Čikaški župan Anton Čermak je v problemu potoval po evropskih mestih in pravil, da so vesti o "kriminalnem valu" v Chicagu pretirane, kajti Chicago je mesto, ki neguje mir in red ter pazno skrbi za varnost prebivalcev. Isti dan, ko se je Čermak povrnil v Chicaga, se je vršila v trgovskem delu mesta ob belem dnevu bitka med tolovaji in policaji, v kateri je bilo par mimoidočih ljudi ustreljenih. Taki boji v Chicagu niso nič izrednega. In noben prebivalec v tem mestu ni varen pred tolovaji, ne podnevi in še manj ponoči. Zasmehovanje balkanskih dežel od strani čikaških dnevnikov je torej krivično in neupravičeno, ker imajo dovolj balkanizma doma.

Thomasovi shodi

Norman Thomas bo govoril dne 26. sept. v Milwaukeeju, dan pozneje pa v Racine in Kenoshi. Dne 28. sept. bo govoril v Superiju, Wis., in Duluthu, Min.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY V MINNESOTI SE UDINJALA DEMOKRATOM

Minnesotska Farmer-Labor Party je, vsaj kar se njenih vodilnih "politišnov" tiče, postala le podružnica demokratske stranke. Demokratiki štab je obljubil, da bodo demokratje pomagali kandidatom F.—L. stranke v državne urade, ako v povračilo agitirajo za Roosevelta. Mnogi člani Farmer-Labor stranke so temu breznačelnemu, oportunističnemu paktu nasprotovali. Izjavili so, da bodo podpirali kandidature Norman Thomasa in James H. Maurerja. Za demokrata Roosevelta agitira med drugimi governer Olson, ki je bil izvoljen na listi Farmer-Labor stranke, in več drugih visokih državnih uradnikov, ki se smatrajo za voditelje farmerске-delavske stranke. To je zavodnim delavcem v Minnesoti čola, katere jim priča, da bodo imeli načelno pošteno delavsko gibanje šele, ko si sgrade v svoji državi socialistično stranko.

What's Wrong with Democracy?

Dictatorship Not the Remedy. Depose Industrial Oligarchy

When a captain of industry asserts that democracy in America has failed, and that it would be better to put one man in control, you may be sure that he is not concerned about the welfare of the American people, but only about the welfare of his own class.

The rule of the capitalist class in America certainly has brought enough chaos to give concern to any thinking person. But are we to take our advice about the future from the very class that has made such a miserable failure in the past and present?

Even from their own point of view, what can the owners and exploiters expect from an

American copy of Mussolini? Has Mussolini made such a success of his rule in Italy that anyone could wish to have it imitated and repeated in the United States?

Outright capitalism is better than Fascism. With all its woes, America is better off than Italy under the dictator. Even the capitalists of America are better off than the capitalists of Italy.

The desire of some capitalists for a dictator in this country is clearly due to a fear that justice may otherwise be done to them—that is, a fear that their special privilege to rob the rest of the people may be taken away.

Democracy, as so far applied, has its faults. And its faults grow out of the capitalistic social order.

This country has been trying to have political democracy alongside of industrial autocracy. This is the whole trouble with democracy. We have political democracy to a certain extent, but we have industrial oligarchy. The industrial oligarchy puts the bulk of wealth in the hands of a few. These few, therefore, have the funds with which to miseducate the populace and steer the political democracy into wrong channels by poisoning the minds of the voters.

The remedy for this condition is not dictatorship, but more democracy.

Slowly but surely, the truth about this condition has been reaching the minds of more and more of the people, in spite of the poisoning process above referred to. The hope for democracy lies in the probability that a majority of the people will learn the truth and act upon it.

And what must they do? They must use their POLITICAL democracy for the purpose of securing INDUSTRIAL democracy.

The shortcomings of political democracy, being due to the prevailing industrial oligarchy, can be removed by removing that oligarchy. So far, the country has been trying to get along half slave and half free—a condition which the wise Lincoln said cannot last.

Take the great industries out of the control of the industrial oligarchy. Make them collective property, owned by all the people. Introduce into them as great a degree of democratic management as is practicable, so that everyone will feel that he or she has a

LABOR AND THE STOCK MARKET

It seems there is some relation between the idle rich and the stock market. You have no doubt heard it said that the idle rich live off the stock market.

It seems there is some relation between the idle worker and the stock market. You have no doubt heard it said that the stock market lives off labor.

Now that labor is idle, and there is unemployment, the stock market suffers from a depression. If labor does not produce the goods, then business cannot gamble in them. The gamble slows up because labor is unemployed. The gambler cannot give the order to the engineer, to the worker, to the useful. Why should we ever have allowed him to give the order?

Cannot useful people direct the labor of useful people? To do so is for the useful to co-operate. There is no other way for the useful people to give the order to the engineer.

Have we not had enough of the gamblers and their business, of their foreign trade wars, of their nationalisms, of their rationalizations?

We want a better barometer of consumption than that of the stock market. In fact, there are several better barometers that have been developed to

aid the stock market gamblers. The crop reporting service of the department of agriculture tells of tomorrow's breakfast. There is not a commodity sold that its consumption record is not being carefully kept. But profits stand across the way and says you cannot eat unless you feed the stock market, the idle rich. And it makes good with its command of the highway of life like a brigand of old, and will so command your life until you co-operate.

—Herald of Co-operation.

And That's That

A cloudless sky from morn till night. Such was September the eleventh, the day of the Socialist Party's picnic at Lukas' Grove in Vandling. The picnic was well advertised. Our posters were distributed throughout Forest City, Brown-dale, and Vandling. The crowd that gathered in the hall to listen to our speaker, Joseph Owen and later in the evening to enjoy dancing and the sight of the crowded grove and refreshment stands throughout the afternoon and evening, repaid us well for our work and trouble in arranging the picnic.

Comrade Owen spoke in English and Slovene. He proved that there is absolutely no difference between the two old parties, the Republicans and the Democrats. They are both owned and controlled by the rich. They both serve big business and therefore, have nothing in store for the workingman. He described some of the results of the present day decaying capitalistic system. Plentiful crops of wheat and coffee—people going hungry. Plenty of cotton—people walking around in rags. Thousands of shoe factory employees idle—people walking around barefooted. He explained Socialism and its principles, what it is and what it is not. He made it plain that the Socialist Party is the party of the working man and urged every working man to cast his vote for his party in November.

Mr. Anton Zaitz acted as chairman for the afternoon. About three hundred copies of the Socialist Party platform were distributed among the crowd. All in all, this was the biggest and most successful affair ever sponsored by branch 10.

Joseph Drasler, Forest City, Pa.

Voting for the Best Man?

BY NORMAN THOMAS.

There are those who say: "Never mind the parties; we know they aren't much good. We'll vote for the best man or at any rate the least bad man who is likely to win." But you can't be sure who he is and so in this time of crisis the A. F. of L. executive council is neutral and endorses neither Hoover nor Roosevelt. Some state federations, I believe, have endorsed Roosevelt. Well, let me say that you can't endorse the presidential candidate without endorsing his party. The Democratic party today is not the

party of Thomas Jefferson or Andrew Jackson. It is the party of that great foe of liberty and labor, former Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, chief author of this year's platform, of Vincent Astor who has endorsed Roosevelt, of Tammany Hall, of the Southern Reactionaries, foes of labor legislation, foes of Negro rights, authors of poll tax laws to keep even white workers from voting. What an army to fight labor's battles! An angel from heaven couldn't reform that party. And Roosevelt is no such angel!

"Misled by Headlines"

An indignant citizen of Scarsdale, N. Y., takes the New York Herald-Tribune to task for the misleading headlines that paper prints over its news dispatches. Says Mr. Strickland:

The desire of the last two or three years, to create a spirit of hopefulness in readers of American newspapers has led to grave abuses.

Undoubtedly it is true that we used to be a nation of "headline readers" grabbing a paper skimming over the headlines and then talking as if we had gotten the meat out of the article.

Such a superficial study (if you can dignify it by such a name) was not harmful as long as the headlines gave an accurate idea of the content of the article itself. It has always been my idea that such was the purpose of the headline. Others have had the same naive thought.

The people of this country have had to put up with a great deal of propaganda of many varieties in recent years. We have had one dose after another of Pollyannism enunciated all the way from the White House down to our so-called financial counsels and statistical companies.

We buy our papers for information and a reasonable approximation of the truth. The only justification for a newspaper's existence for its readers is the attempt of that paper to present the truth. Its headlines should be a boiled-down essence of the important fact of the article itself.

Americans are sick and tired of death of the type of pap which has been poured down their throats the last few years. Their confidence will return more quickly when they feel the truth is being told to them than if it will if they believe they are being "kidded along".

—Fred D. Warren.

This and That

Recently the undersigned had the opportunity to visit Mexico. Some people in this country are still very religious and at one time the Catholic church played a very important part in political affairs.

In the town of Reynosa Tamps are many saloons which depend on American trade. Majority of them are owned by Americans, but the licenses are taken out on some Mexican citizen because Americans cannot own property within 80 miles from the border. This primitive city is a 100 years behind the times. No water-works. All the water is brought from the muddy river in barrels by carts pulled by mules. There are no paved streets, very few automobiles and the people live a care free life. While there I saw a bull fight. During the bull fight all business is suspended until the fight is over.

I also visited the coal strike region in southern Illinois. I met the miners as they were returning from their ill fated march upon Franklin county where they were greeted with bullets, their cars wrecked and received other body injuries. If this county had a Socialist sheriff such things would not happen. People should begin to realize that only by putting Socialists in office can they prevent such action. A Socialist sheriff would never deputize a group of school kids, give them guns and tell them to shoot

down those who are fighting for living wages.

Max Korosec, a Slovene wrote from Russia that he is still in the land of the living and that he will return to Detroit. He is lonesome for the old gang. His chief amusement is killing flies and mosquitoes. Max is a member of lodge No. 564 SNPJ here in Detroit.

Judge Callender of the Traffic Court here returned from a vacation in Sovietland. Fond of cigars the judge was pleased to find ten cent brands available in Leningrad, but had to pay \$3 for four. Because the government owns all trucks and passenger cars in Russia, Judge Callender said Traffic Courts are not important. He was provided by the government with a big sedan car for sightseeing.

Picnic Reports.

The Slovene National Home Society has postponed their scheduled picnic of September 18, to some date next year as the weather is getting too cold to hold outdoor events.

The Ladies Club of the SND have cancelled their picnic to be held Saturday, September 10, due to the marriage of two well known Slovenes of Detroit, Miss Mary Ann Aniskic to Mr. Leo Golcar. Congratulations! Andrew Grum Jr., Detroit, Mich.

An Open Letter

To the Slovene and Czechoslovak Singing Societies:

As I listened to your songs at the Norman Thomas mass-meeting I wondered if you realized your importance in that wonderful program. Thousands of people had come there to hear the message of one of the greatest statesmen America has ever produced.

Your singing inspired and thrilled us. It was an ideal introduction.

Some day, perhaps not so far distant, a new world will be born—and you singers are going to play a great part in bringing it about.

Yours for a Singing Socialism,
J. R. Cook, Cleveland, Ohio.

Important Dates for Chicagoans

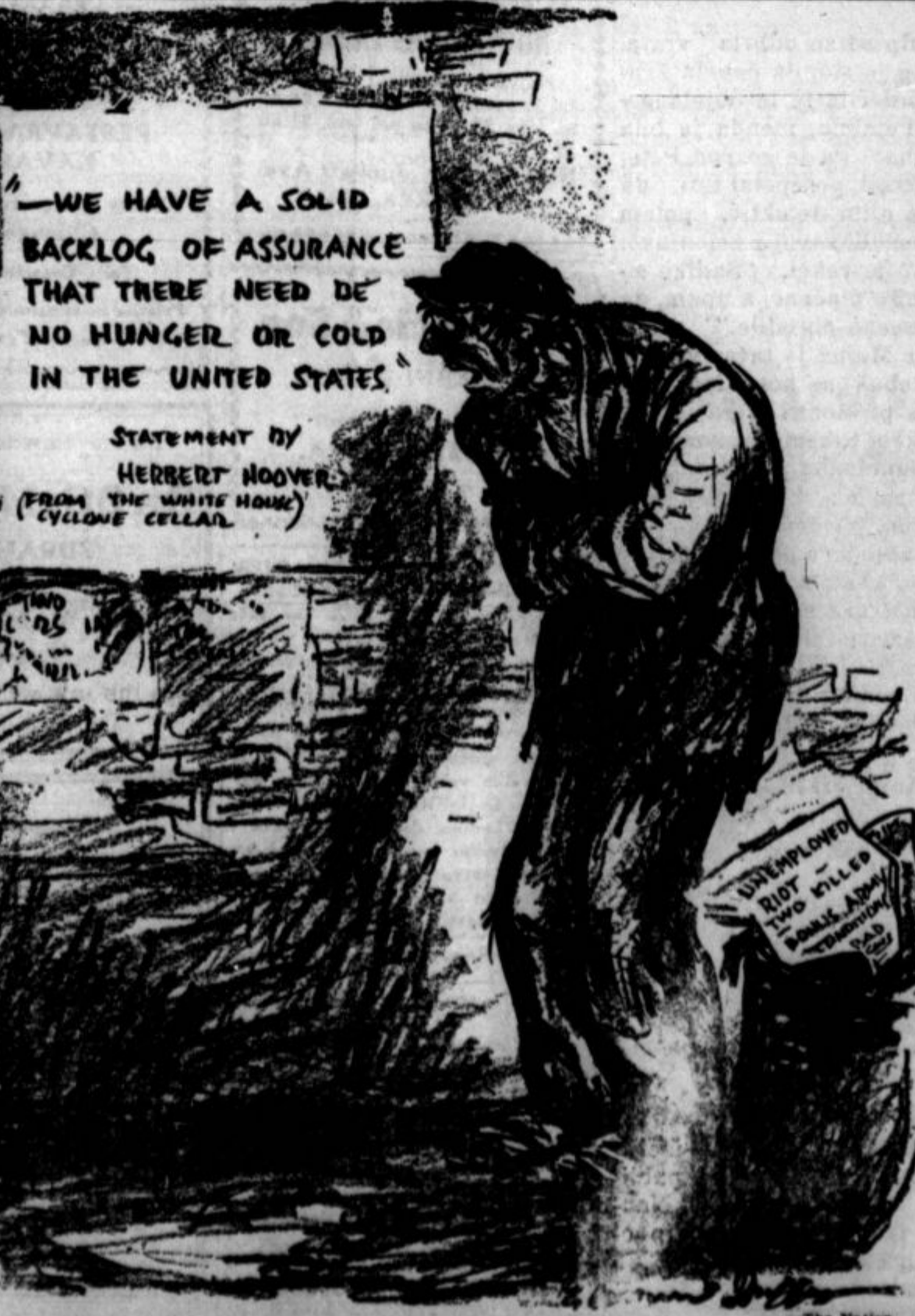
The readers of Proletar have made arrangements for a picnic to be held Sunday, September 25, at Kegel's Grove in Willow Springs. A program of games, novelty races and other frolic events will take place. In the dance pavilion Johnny Kochevar's orchestra will supply the rhythm for both old and young dance lovers. In case of rain this affair will be held in the lower SNPJ Hall. Invite your friends along and enjoy your afternoon with the readers of Proletar. The admission is free.

Comrade James H. Maurer, Socialist candidate for vice president will speak at the SNPJ Hall on Wednesday, October 5. Several other speakers will also be present, among them Wm. Cunnea, candidate for States Attorney on the Farmer-Labor ticket. The admission will be free. Everybody welcome!

Keeping in Practice

"What's become of that hit-and-run driver?"
"He's now doing his stunt on the prison baseball team."

INDEED?



SEARCHLIGHT

By
DONALD
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Our paper has been hit very hard in this depression yet with the spirited assistance from the comrades we have pulled thru until very recently. But lack of money by the people and the advertising corporations has reduced the treasury completely and stacked up many bills. And then the call for help and now the loyal response. What other but a Socialist publication can ask and get the needed revenue. Comrades and sympathizers contribute because they are loyal; because, while being in a small minority, they know that they are assisting in building a world of the future, a world in which we all may work and live decently. They give and will continue to give, even while in hurts, to make their paper survive. No other but a man of principle, a man that's pledged to a cause can be so devoted and so willing. The money is coming in slowly. In the meantime we have had to lower our expense. The two together will stem the tide—but to rebuild—we'll have to put more power behind the rescue crews. You young members of the Federation! The fall and winter season for indoor activities is at hand. Why not select a committee to sell literature at every Slovene affair, in which you could include the sale of Proletar. Set aside a revolving fund with which to buy the first bundle. Then, as money is realized from its resale secure more bundles. In this way you can acquaint many people with our paper and secure many subscribers.

Every Socialist publication, that is, the English publications, has gained many new readers thru these methods. The American Guardian has its Minute Men, The American Freeman its army, America For All its bundle brigade, etc., what's wrong with Proletar having its recruits or guards, too? Socialism is gaining so rapidly and the people are taking things more seriously than ever before. We can help in turning that tide for Socialism so much quicker if we place a bundle recruit in every town and if the young folks assist the recruits.

On Sunday September 25, we will be in Willow Springs again. On that date readers and sympathizers of our paper in Chicago and vicinity will assemble on the well known Kegel's Grove. The purpose of the affair is to raise money for the sustaining fund of Proletar. There will not be any admission charge. From the sentiment gathered we are to have a god attendance. Challenges and counter challenges as to who may be the champion ballina thrower have been issued and we expect that this question will be settled on this date. We urge our many friends to spend Sunday Sept. 25, at Kegel's Grove and have good time in the open during this Indian summer.

Chicago's Mayor went to Europe for his health but while in Europe had little time to devote to the recovery of his health. Chicago wasn't as bad a place as the newspapers have made it. That means Mr. Cermak was not sick at all but merely fooling the people about the purpose of his trip. Upon his return last week Chicago gave him a great welcome. Several thousand people took part in the democratic festivities. Chicago is in a hell of a fix. The

school teachers are still unpaid. The city employees, fireman and policemen are still waiting for their back pay. Chicago is so broke so Mayor Cermak wished to dodge the horror of all this, turned toward Europe with an explanation that the city of Chicago is in the best of condition to receive the visitors for next year's Worlds Fair. One other thing worried our Mayor. The unemployed are still broke and waiting for jobs or food and shelter and there is none of any of these in store for them. You workers can well remember at the ballot box next November that our Democratic Mayor went to Europe to avoid a part of the responsibility to provide relief. Don't be fools to vote for his colleague Roosevelt.

Mayor Cermak's choice for governor of Illinois is rounding up the poor fish for his election by telling the farmers and workers that he'll cut their taxes and assure the farmer a better return for his products if elected. How he expects to do that he doesn't say. Politicians of either the republican or democratic parties are always vague on these matters. They have no plans or program. They just shoot off a lot of wind which blows over soon after the election and the poor fish who vote for them are stung just once more. No Mr. Horner, you can't cut taxes as long as your political machine carries a lot of dead weight with it. That's the place you should—but you won't cut off—that dead weight—getting paid for doing nothing.

And the buddies of the late war yelled louder and louder, B-B. (Beer and Bonus). They met, loads of them got drunk again, shrieked a couple of times and then went home again. Did they ask for a planned America? No. Jobs; no. They only want their beer and bonus, even if they have all they want to drink.

We were happy that the referendum vote on the liquor plank for the Socialist platform was carried. We are now the only political party that has the proper solution for a miserably spoiled question. We say, repeal the 18th amendment and let the government own, operate and distribute liquor in a sane way and if the people in any State want to be dry—let them be.

Farmers are striking in many States of the middle west. Coal miners are being beaten for peaceful assemblage and picketing. The bonus army was gassed and chased from Anacostia with bullets and clubs. Everywhere there is struggle and strife and the workingman always on the side that gets clubbed. They tell us it is against the law to use violence against the government yet that same government is responsible for some of the most atrocious criminal and violent acts. It is one law for the governed and another law for the governors. What costly lessons the workers suffer and all because they do not listen to those who want them good.

Four million votes for the Socialists, comes the cry from last weeks America for All. What a scare that would put into the political bluffers of the two old parties. It is your job and mine to help bring about those 4,000,000 votes.