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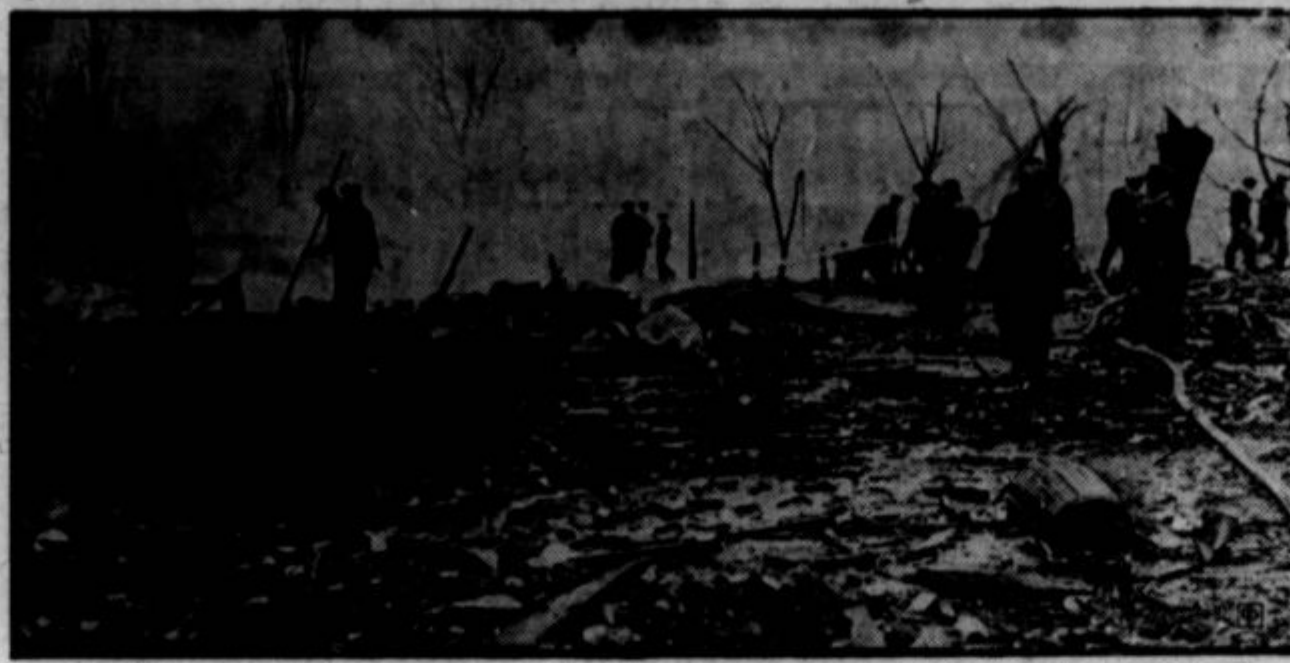
AGITACIJA ZA RAZŠIRJENJE "PROLETARCA"

Izraz priobčen na tej strani, beleži 186 polletnih naročnin, ki so jih poslali agitatorji v teku 14 dni. Izkaze objavljamo vsaka dva tedna.

Naš cilj je tri tisoč celoletnih naročnin od strani agitatorjev do 31. decembra, ko se zaključijo leto srebrnega jubileja "Proletarca". Se osem mesecev časa imamo, da dosežemo določeno število. Ali bomo uspeli? Ali pojdemo "over the top"?

Da, če bo aktivna vsa armada "Proletarčevih" zastopnikov. Sodrugi, le naprej! Priznate, kakor priznajo vsi čitatelji, da je "Proletarec" list, ki je vreden te naročnine in več. Je list, ki je zanimiv, bogato ilustriran, z izbranim gradivom v slovenskem in angleškem delu. Število njegovih naročnikov se večja. Število njegovih dopisov se večja. Njegov vpliv postaja jačji. Organizacije in posamezniki spoznavajo, da se tudi oglašanje v njemu izplača.

Delavnice, ki ogrožajo osebno varnost mnogih ljudi



Na sliki je vae, kar je ostalo od Pennsylvania Fireworks kompanije v Devonu, Pa., v kateri se je dogodila eksplozija raket in podobnih reči, kakršne gredo v denar 4. julija in nekaj dni prej. Petnajst oseb je bilo ubitih, 80 nevarno ranjenih. Tudi gmotna škoda je velika. Oblast je takoj uvedla preiskavo, kakor običajno. Pred par leti se je pripetila eksplozija v enaki delavnici v Chicagu, toda v manjšem obsegu.

Frank Leksha

Kar se v Aliquippi pogreša, je socialističen klub. Svoj čas so ga že imeli. Ako se vzamejo skupaj, go bodo zlahka ustanovili in obdržali. Naselbina ima razumne rojake, sposobne za vodstvo, in ker je napredna, ni vzroka, čemu ne bi imela aktivne socialistične organizacije. Seveda, da so ovi, neprimerni z delom, slabe delavske razmere itd., ali te so več ali manj povsod.

Za izkazano sodelovanje in gostoljubnost, ki sem jo bil deležen v teh krajih, se vsem zahvaljujem. V pozdrav vam kličem: Razširimo "Proletarca", da bo prihajal v stanovanja vseh slovenskih delavcev.

Joseph Snay.

Domača zabava kluba JSZ v La Salle

LaSalle, Ill. — Ali že veste, kaj bo v soboto zvečer 26. aprila v Slovenskem domu? Klub št. 4 priredi veliko domačo zabavo v spodnjih prostorih, na katero so vabljeni vsi sodrugi, somišljeniki in prijatelji. To priredbo imamo na soboto namesto dne 1. maja, ker je ljudem laglje priti na tak dan, in je uspeh vsled tega toliko boljši.

Na dan mednarodnega delavskega praznika dne 1. maja se udeležijo naš klub pohoda skupno s raznimi drugimi organizacijami. Tako smo sklenili na naši prošli seji. Več se pogovorimo v soboto na zabavi.

Igrala bo dobra godba, vstopnina je prosta, in postrežba bo prvovrstna. Pridite vsi. Datum: sobota 27. aprila. — Odbor.

Piknik clintonskega kluba

Clinton, Ind. — Klub št. 41 JSZ. priredi piknik v nedeljo 4. maja na trati in gozdu Gene Vrhovnika na Univerzali. Piknik se prične ob 10. dopoldne in ples ob 2. popoldne.

Pripravljalni odbor je poskrbel, da bo na tem pikniku zabave, kakor še na nobenem doslej. Postrežba bo najboljša, godba izborna — obeta se vam prijeten dan zabave; da vam ne bo žal, je ne smete zamuditi.

Ignaz Spendal, tajnik kluba

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Konferenca soc. klubov in društev Izobraževalne akcije JSZ. v nedeljo 27. aprila ob 9. dopoldne v Tamsetovi dvorani na 3rd St. in National Ave. (tik S. S. Turn Hall). Klubi in društva, pošljite čimveč zastopnikov!

PINEY FORK, O.

Konferenca J. S. Z. za vzhodni Ohio in West Virginijo v nedeljo 27. aprila ob 9. dopoldne v prostorih S. Zaveršnika, Piney Fork, O. — Važen spored.

Zlemlberger vabi na konferenco

Piney Fork, O. — V nedeljo 27. aprila se vrši konferenca klubov in društev Izobraževalne akcije JSZ. za vzhodni Ohio in zapadno W. Va. Zborovanje se prične ob 10. dopoldne v prostorih S. Frank Zaveršnika.

Ta konferenca našega delavstva bo velikega pomena, ker se bo bavila z našimi življenjskimi problemi, z vprašanjem unije, podano ji bo poročilo o reorganizaciji UMW, o sporedu bodoče konvencije Jugoslovanske socialistične zveze, ki se začne 30. maja v Detroitu in o naši okrožni organizaciji, o agitaciji za "Proletarca" itd.

Vsem, ki pridete na to zborovanje na Piney Fork, kličemo mi vsi, ki smo z vami enakih idej — dobro došli!

Nace Zlemlberger.

Pri nas in drugod

Milwaukee, Wis. — Amerika bo torej uničila tri bojne ladje. Mr. Hoover trdi, da je bila Londonska konferenca zelo uspešna. To je ravno tako, kakor da bi rekel čikaški gangster: V bodoče bom rabil samo dve pistoli namesto treh. Ko bi bilo na tej konferenci več MacDonaldov, bi bila res uspešna, toda to bi bilo proti krščanski civilizaciji.

Gospod Hays (ali Hay) — se ne neke vmes, to vem) je sklenil reformirati filmske slike, da bodo moralne. S tem posnema tistega Ribničana, ki je zaklenil hlev, potem ko je bil konj ukraden.

Kaj pa bodo filmske slike brez golih ženskih kolen? Morajo jih bodo tako dolgo reformirali, da bom šel rajše v cerkev, kakor pa v "šov"?

Značaji — pozgečakaj častihlepnost in samoljube gotovih ljudi, pa te bodo hvalili, pa če si še tako velik lopov. Značaj šteje pri njih le dokler se vje-ma z njih osebnimi interesi.

Kdor je za narod, mu želi dobro, kaj ne? Torej tisti, ki se trudijo več ali manj za vero in razširjajo katoliške časopise so za narod — žele mu dobro po smrti, ker hočejo vsakega spraviti v nebesa.

Neki ameriški urednik je hotel izvedeti, kaj bodo počeli ruski delavci, kadar bodo prevreč producirali, kakor naprimer sedaj ameriški. Kaj pa počne kmet na svoji domačiji, kadar nima dela? Počiva, kaj ne? Sovjetska Rusija je sedaj velika delavska domačija, torej bodo delavci in kmetje enostavno počivali in uživali to, kar so poprej pridela ali izdelali. Ker si cerkve tako pridno odpravljajo, bodo morali iti ven v prosto naravo, v Fortuna krojač.

Važno za rojake v Springfieldu

Springfield, Ill. — Članstvu kluba JSZ. v Springfieldu in drugemu našem občinstvu sporočamo, da se naša prvomajska slavnost ne bo vršila. Bilo je poročano, da jo bomo imeli v Slovenskem domu 1. maja, kakor običajno. Vzrok, da je ne bo, je sledeči. Delničarji Slovenskega doma so sklenili povečati dom in s pre-

delavo se je že pričelo. Ker druge primerne dvorane za našo slavnost ob tej priliki ni, bo izostala. To bo le za letos. Praznovali bomo naš dan vseheno, dasi, žal, ne na prireditvi. Bomo pa to nadomestili s kako priredbo pozneje.

Dvorana v predelanem posloplju bo 58 čevljev dolga in 38 široka. Potrebam naselbine bo v bodoče odgovarjala veliko bolj kakor prejšnja, kar je tudi napredek.

Jos. Ovca.

KAMPANJA ZA RAZŠIRJENJE "PROLETARCA"

Cilji: Tri tisoč celoletnih naročnin, ki ga imajo doseči agitatorji "Proletarca" v letu 1930 do 31. decembra. To je "Proletarčev" jubilejni leto. Letos bo dopolnil svoje prvo četrdesetletje svojega dela na polju delavske vzgoje in v borbi za delavske pravice.

Vse naročnine in izkazu so polletne. To je, vsaka celoletna naročnina je izkazana za dve polletni. Doštevajo se od izkazu do izkazu posameznim agitatorjem in skupno.

Prva vrsta števil znači naročnine, ki smo jih prejeli od agitatorjev v preteklih dveh tednih, druga vrsta znači naročnine prejšnjega izkaza, in tretja pa skupno število.

Sedaj poslanih	Prejšnji izkaz	Skupaj obo izkaz
Joseph Snay, Bridgeport O.	48	167
Anton Jankovich, Cleveland, O.	13	118
Jacob Rožič, Milwaukee, Wis.	23	68
J. Jankovich, L. Frank, Barberton, O.	—	30
Janko Zornik, Detroit, Mich.	4 1/2	37 1/2
Chas. Pogorelec, Chicago, Ill.	2	35 1/2
Frances Zakovšek, N. Chicago, Ill.	3	24 1/2
Martin Judnich, Waukegan, Ill.	1	14
John Sular, Gross Kans.	—	13
Geo. Smrekar, Aliquippa Pa.	—	22
John Teraň, Ely, Minn.	2	12
Henrik Pečarič, Krayn, Pa.	—	15
Karl Trinastić, Cleveland, O.	—	11
Joseph Radel st., West Allis, Wis.	—	11
Frank Zaitz, Chicago, Ill.	2	11
John Terčel Strabane, Pa.	2	8
John Robas, Piney Fork, O.	—	7
John Matičič, Luzerne, Pa.	—	6
Geo. Matesich, E. Windsor Ont., Can.	—	6
Anton Zornik, Herminie, Pa.	1	6
K. Erzenožnik, Red Lodge, Mont.	—	6
Jacob Kotar, Bridgeport, O.	4	6
John Turk, Chicago, Ill.	—	5
Rose Jereb, Rock Springs, Wyo.	—	5
John Oreshek, Throop, Pa.	—	6
Frank Polanc, Pierce W. Va.	—	4
Joseph Debelak, Crucible, Pa.	—	4
Frank Petavs, Little Falls, N. Y.	—	4
Louis Uhernik, Ambridge, Pa.	12	12
F. M. Tomšič, Walsenburg, Colo.	—	4
Joseph Britz, Export, Pa.	—	4
Peter Bernik, Chicago, Ill.	—	4
Anton Zidanšek, Farrell, Pa.	—	4
Jake Rupnick, Sheboygan, Wis.	—	4
Anton Dobrovolac, Girard, O.	—	4
John Krebel, Cleveland, O.	3	4
John Chesnik, Strabane, Pa.	—	4
Lovrenc Kavčič, MacDonald, Pa.	—	3
Joseph Golob, Indianapolis, Ind.	—	3
Frank Boltezar, Pueblo, Colo.	—	3
Tony Zupančič, Point Marion, Pa.	—	5
Peter Zmerlikar, Mohrland, Utah	—	3
Fr. Martinjak, La Salle, Ill.	—	3
John Kobal, Johnstown, Pa.	—	3
John Rak Jr., Chicago, Ill.	—	5
Frank Cesen, Detroit, Mich.	—	3 1/2
Joseph Jereb, Homer City, Pa.	3	2
John Rayer, Chicago, Ill.	—	2
John Goršek, Springfield, Ill.	—	2
John Kosin, Girard, O.	—	2
Ilija Bubalo, Johnstown, Pa.	—	2
Andy Bertl, Darragh, Pa.	—	2
Frank Mikša, Cleveland, O.	—	2
Anton Medved, Chicago, Ill.	—	2
Leo Bregar, Akron, O.	—	2
Vincent Yaksetich, McIntyre, Pa.	—	2
John H. Krzinski, Sublet, Wyo.	—	9
Anton Bogataj, Renton, Pa.	—	2
Louis Zgonik, Collinwood, O.	—	2
John Langerholc, Johnstown Pa.	2	4
Joseph Dovyak, Detroit, Mich.	—	2
Vinko Ločnikar, Chicago, Ill.	—	2
Andy Zlatoper, Maynard, O.	—	2
Lawrence Selak, Star City, W. Va.	—	3
Mary Pierce, Glencoe, O.	—	2
John Vitez, Detroit Mich.	—	2
Joseph Musich, Hibbing, Minn.	—	2
Frank Barbič, Collinwood, O.	—	2
Joseph Zorko, West Newton, Pa.	2	4
P. Banich, LaSalle, Ill.	3	2
Joseph Lever, Cleveland, O.	2	5
John Kunstelj, Arcadia, Kans.	—	1
Peter Benedikt, Detroit, Mich.	13 1/2	14 1/2
John M. Stonich, Frederick, Colo.	—	1
Frank Zagar, Traunick Mich.	—	1
Fr. S. Tauchar, Chiago, Ill.	—	1
Albin Karničnik, Hendersonville, Pa.	—	0 1/2
Fr. Božich, Chicago, Ill.	—	2
Fr. Skufca, Indianapolis, Ind.	—	3
Fr. Novak Ironton, Minn.	—	1 1/2
Frank Hirsch, Virden, Ill.	—	3
Fr. Avgustin, Imperial, Pa.	—	4 1/2
Fr. Zerovec, Kenosha, Wis.	—	2
John Koplenik, Mt. Oliver, Pa.	—	4
Math Vilegar, Chicago, Ill.	—	1
Ignaz Groznik, Bon Air, Pa.	—	2
Jacob Bergant, Lisbon, O.	—	3
P. E. Kurnick, San Francisco, Cal.	—	2
John Resnik, Sheboygan, Wis.	—	3
Louis Tlaker, Cumberland, Wyo.	—	3
Frank Podboy, Park Hill, Pa.	6	6
James Dekleva, Gowanda, N. Y.	—	8
Frank Gregorin, Little Falls, N. Y.	—	4
Anton Strališar, Windber, Pa.	—	4
Frank Bizjak, St. Michael, Pa.	2	2
Joseph Ovca, Springfield, Ill.	—	2
Adolf Krasna, Park Hill, Pa.	—	2
Martin Krasovetz, Tire Hill, Pa.	—	2
Skupaj	186	838
Skupaj celoletnih	—	1024
Še manjka do kvote	—	512
Še manjka do kvote	—	2,488

A Tariff of Abominations

There isn't much to say about the tariff of abominations that has passed the Senate except that it ought to teach us to face the facts. The facts are that this tariff, like all tariffs, or perhaps a little more than some, is the result of pure log rolling. In this case the particular Three Musketeers who won the campaign on the battle cry, "each for all and all for each", were sugar, cement and lumber. Oil just got nosed out. But no one can blame the Senators who put through this deal without blaming the Senators who voted for higher rates on wool and woolen goods, on manganese and other items which add inexcusably to the cost of living in America. Most of the so-called progressives voted for one or another of these rates and it won't do them much good now to declaim against the bill as a whole. Neither will it do much good to denounce Uncle Joe Grundy. He did brazenly and openly the thing he set out to do. At least with him the invisible government is out in the open and has become visible. Indeed it won't do much good to blame any particular Senators so long as public opinion in most states goes on the principle that we don't want high tariffs except on what the state itself produces. At the highest calculation only three farmers out of every hundred stand to gain a single thing out of the sugar tariff. The rest lose. Admittedly the beet sugar industry is not a desirable industry in most parts of America. Yet because other farmers wanted or thought they wanted tariff rates the officials of the farm organizations endorsed the increase in sugar. So long as this sort of thing goes on one must admit that at least Congress is representative even in its log rollers.

ALL IS QUIET ALONG THE POTOMAC

Federal income tax receipts have been good, and Mr. Hoover says this shows that the reduction of \$160,000,000 on this year's tax was "fully justified".

He is exactly wrong.

The reduction was made in December, a few weeks after the Wall Street debacle. It helped out the big fellows and the speculators, giving them more money with which to speculate if they cared to do so. I did absolutely nothing for the men of small income—except harm.

In what way did it harm them?

By depriving the government of \$160,000,000 which might have been used in public work, to provide employment for the unemployed.

That is why we say Hoover is exactly wrong.

There was no call to hand out financial favors to the big fellows who had brought on the debacle and the unemployment.

The money should have been used for the benefit of the victimizers.

Millions of voters voted for Hoover on the theory that his election would mean the continuation of the mild degree of prosperity which existed at the time of the election of 1928.

Now what do they see?

Smokeless smokestacks.

Jobless men walking the streets in search of work.

And Hoover doing nothing to redeem the Republican party's prosperity boast. All is quiet along the Potomac where the White House is located. Nobody in that building ever misses a meal.—Milwaukee Leader.

THE BARBAROUS FOUR

Although scarcely believable, it is nevertheless true that there are still four states in this union that do not have workmen's compensation laws.

They are Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina and Florida.

The barbaric four!

In those barbarous states, injured employees have to sue in court for damages. The employers fight the cases—as they used to do in all states before the compensation laws came into being—and drag them to the highest courts. Cases are often defeated on technicalities. If compensation is at last won, the split with the lawyers diminishes the amounts materially.

That is the barbaric way of handling industrial injury cases. Of course constant efforts are made to secure compensation legislation in these four states. So far these efforts have been defeated, but the forces of progress keep at it, with the hope that eventually these states will be dragged upward out of the realm of barbarism.

—Milwaukee Leader.



Junior clerk who is commenting on the boss' latest "co-operation" bulletin and that pompous individual overhears him.

Our Doings Here and There

REPORTED BY JOHN RAK

The Sava's singers have been busy in the past weeks rehearsing for their coming concert April 27th at the CSPS Hall on 1126 W. 18th St. The first part of the program will consist of duets, trios, quartets and chorus songs by the choir. Its second part will be a beautiful three act operetta "Kovačev student" portraying the predilections of a blacksmith's son at college and his subsequent career. A fine cast has been selected for this occasion and we feel certain that they will be well received by the audience. Tickets are 75c in advance, \$1 at the door.

Dr. Van Esen of Pittsburgh, Pa., Socialist candidate for U. S. senator in the coming election will speak May 3rd at the celebration of the branch No. 5 JSF at Franklin, Pa. After the program dancing will follow with music furnished by Korelec and Korbar orchestra.

On Thursday May 1st, the branch No. 1 JSF will celebrate May Day in the SNPJ Hall. Short speeches will be given by Joseph Owen in Slovene, George Maslach in Srbo-Croatian and a comrade, whose name will be announced later, in English. A recitation by John Rak, songs by the chorus Sava and a one act play Annajanska, the Bolshevik Empress by Bernard Shaw will complete its program. Dancing will follow. Admission 35c.

The conference of branches and lodges, members of the educational division of JSF for Northern Wis. and Ill. will open its session at 9 A. M. Sunday April 27th at Tamshe Hall on National Ave. and 3rd St., Milwaukee, Wis. All delegates are requested to be present.

May Day celebration of the branch No. 114 JSF, Detroit, will take place April 27th in the Croation Hall, 1331 E. Kirby Ave. Speakers in Slovene and English will give short talks, a recitation, a pantomime will be produced and a 3 act drama "Hrbtenica" (The Backbone) by Ivan Molek.

Sunday, April 27th at 10 A. M. the conference of branches and lodges of JSF of Eastern Ohio and W. Va., will open its session in Piney Fork, O. Delegated members should be present at this important meeting.

The Socialist party of Cleveland will celebrate May Day in the Slovene National Home Thursday May 1st. Norman Thomas will be the principal speaker.

A conference of JSF for Cleveland branches and lodges affiliated with its educational division will be held May 4th in Newburg, O. After its adjournment a dance will be given. Everybody is invited.

The eight regular convention of JSF, which is to be held in Detroit, will be in session three days, May 30th, 31st and June 1st. Among the many important lectures and discussions comrades H. Rugel, Andrew Grum and John Rak will speak on "Youth and the Socialist movement".

As the Jubilee and May Day issue goes to press we urge all our readers to give it their cooperation in securing a large circulation. All bundle orders should be sent in immediately.

A celebration of the SNPJ district organization in Kansas will be held May 1st in Frontenac. Donald J. Lotrich, second vice-president of SNPJ, will speak both in the Slovene and English languages.

From Johnstown, Pa.

May Day celebration will be held in Franklin Borough Slovenian Home, on Sat. May 3rd, under the auspices of club No. 5 of J. S. Federation. The program will include: Singing numbers, by "Bled", a recitation, and a short illustrated lecture, by Dr. Wm. Van Esen from Pittsburgh. Korelec & Korber, our well known musicians, will furnish music after the program. We are inviting young Slovenes from Johnstown and vicinity to attend our celebration and help to make it a success. Comrade.

Where Our Memory Fails

"The service that I could give to the people in that office (the presidency) I feel is done," says Calvin Coolidge.

It would be interesting to know what service he gave to the people.

SEARCHLIGHT

By Donald J. Lotrich

We have sad news for our readers this week. Frank Leksha, a member of the Supreme board of the S. N. P. J. is dead. He was killed in the mine in which he was working last Saturday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. For Easter his relatives and friends had no rejoicing. Instead they were saddened because he failed to respond to the call of his mother.

Frank, dear pal, why did you leave us so soon? We learned to know you intimately only a short while ago. We learned of your fine qualities at the last convention of the SNPJ. At once we knew that we would be great friends, great pals. Our purpose was never left out of any of our plans. In the short while that you have been active in the ranks of the S. N. P. J. you have shown that you were destined to become a great leader. You were all of that now. But you were preparing yourself for the bigger jobs that awaited you. And you were making good.

Tonight as the message is being carried over the wires of your passing, as we begin to realize that we will never have the chance to see your happy smiling countenance again, our hearts are weary. The thought's recall your last parting, when you said "good-bye, we hope to meet soon again." Never did we think that those would be your last words. For a man, young, noble and true, has a right to live.

Frank, dear pal, you will forever remain in our memory as a true and loyal thinker, always willing to share your best with us. You have always borne your own troubles. You wouldn't let us share those. You have answered your last call. We will miss you, friend. Never can we replace you in our heart. Farewell, dear pal, farewell.

Frank Leksha is the victim of economic conditions prevailing. Because of his death we must resolve to work harder to remedy our system. To his mother and his kin and to the Sunflower mates of his we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Next Sunday is the day folks. C. S. P. S. Hall is the place. Sava's chorus urges your presence to be among the listeners of good music. Spring has come. With each spring Sava's songsters make merriment with a concert. Tickets are 75 cents if purchased in advance and \$1.00 if bought at the hall.

The Pioneer lodge has selected Alice Artach to represent them at the Congress of the J. S. F. at Detroit, Mich. on May 30, and June 1. Oscar Godina will represent the lodge at the Illinois Wisconsin conference at

Milwaukee, Wis. on Sunday in every undertaking which is beneficial for the workers.

In the past years a good attendance has always patronized the May first festivities of Club No. 1. It is hoped that the S. N. P. J. Hall may be well filled with workers to celebrate Labor's only Holiday this year. People are not working because there is no work. To change the system so that work may be provided for the unemployed we need the help of every worker. The May first celebration is a good way to demonstrate that the workers should be given jobs.

The writer of these lines will speak at the May First celebration arranged by the federated lodges of SNPJ in Kansas. The program is to take place on Thursday May first at Frontenac, Kansas.

Chicago has had rain for Easter Sunday. The rich folks of the North Shore and other wealthy people did not get a chance to exhibit their Easter wearing apparel. Their day was spoiled so that they will be obliged to do their parading next Sunday.

Last minute efforts are being made to extend the circulation of the May First and Jubilee Issue of Proletar, to a greater number of people. Announcement by the editor that it would be a 32 page edition, the largest in the history of the Slovene newspapers in this country, brought more life into the readers and sympathizers of this paper to warrant our prediction regarding the largest circulation.

Gradual Transformation

The Coming of Socialism is not to be like the arrival of an invading force. It is to be renewal of life.

It is to come like the spring every where—in the sky, in the fields, in the woods. Not one voice is to proclaim it, nor one dance, nor one manifestation. Each in its appropriate way is to join in the change. So, not by parliament alone, nor by one kind of attack in parliament, or out of it, is the transformation to come, but by the complete awakening of everything that quickens to higher and higher endeavor, to more and more truth and beauty.—J. Ramsy MacDonald.

Horse Sense

The true value of horse sense is clearly shown by the fact that the horse was afraid of the automobile during the period in which the pedestrian laughed at it.—The Louisville Times.

THE RULER OF THE DEAD U. M. W.



Drawn for The Illinois Miner by Ryan Walker.

WHEN IS PAY DAY?

"Few Jobless Discovered by Census Takers".
"Situation Not So Bad as Pictured".
"Finds Nearly Everybody Working".

Just a few samples of the headlines carried in the capitalist press and in commenting on them the Federation News says: "How comforting to the thousands and thousands of jobless, to learn that after all, they must be mistaken. They are working only they don't know it. But do they get any pay days and when? . . . The theory seems to be that by hiding the truth, everything will be fine and the idle workers be satisfied with their lot. So they proceed to befuddle the public with glamorous stories of the good times we are having, in spite of statistics to the contrary. The Hoover administration finds plenty of camouflage in the kept press in misrepresenting the facts, so that the full extent of the sufferings of the unemployed will not become known."

Perhaps there is no connection between the above and the fact that The Federal Radio Commission has consistently blocked WCFL, the "Voice of Labor", in its efforts to obtain adequate power and range for its broadcasting purposes. The commission holds that organized labor is not entitled to a radio voice, by declaring that it is not supporting the granting of broadcasting licenses to organizations of any character catering to a particular group. But we wonder!

A Socialist on the Tariff

Now that the \$1,000,000,000 tariff gouge seems to be about to pass, it is interesting to see what warnings were given by Meyer London, Socialist Congressman ten years ago. He described trenchantly the protectionist theory, which he said was this:

"The great mass of people are dumb anyway. They do not know their business, they have no money. The fellow who has money is a clever man. The fellow who amasses money shows his intelligence beyond any doubt. Therefore he should be called upon to rule. Now we are going to make the laws. We have the money, we have the government. Let the other fellow keep quiet. We are going to give full play to the trusts. We are going to take care of the worker ourselves provided he does not give us too much trouble."

London challenged the tariff lobbyists to stand by their professions of faith to the worker, in whose name the protectionists always profess to speak. He offered a bill making the levying of duties on imports conditional upon the maintenance of labor standards—no duty should be levied on an article imported from abroad unless the equivalent article was produced in America under decent labor conditions, a working day of not more than eight hours, a working week of not more than forty-four hours, no children under sixteen to be employed, wages and other terms of employment to be determined by collective bargaining.

Of course, the protectionists did not agree to this bill, their professions of friendship for the workers never have meant anything—and never will. When the workers organize a labor party, and not until then, will Congress pay any attention to the legitimate demands of the people who work for a living by hand or brain.

SOCIAL INSURANCE IN FRANCE

The French government, under pressure of the unionists and the Socialists, decided about two years ago that it would engage in social insurance: sickness, maternity invalidity, old age and death insurance.

It stalled off the enforcement of the act, however, until the fifth of February, this year, when it was supposed to come into operation. The day came and the government is still stalling. Premier Tardieu has given assurance that it will not be delayed longer than the first of July.

He had better. France is getting a poor reputation in a number of ways.

A non-labor paper in Holland says, "In the sphere of social welfare France is one of the most backward countries in the world."

The International Federation of Trade Unions asks, "Will a time come soon when we shall no longer need to be perpetually calling attention to the postponement of social insurance in France? Will reason eventually triumph not merely because France needs social insurance, but also, and chiefly, because it is nothing less than ridiculous for the reaction to imagine that it can hold up this reform forever?"

Socialists and unionists will try to pull France up to the level of advanced European countries.

Of course, we in America have nothing to brag about. We are as far behind in social insurance as France. — Milwaukee Leader.

THE FINNS CONFER

Finnish immigrants in America are a bit clannish, but they are industrious and well-behaved. Many of them are Socialists. They include a higher percentage of real co-operators than any other element of the population. Their co-operatives are highly efficient.

Finnish Socialists in the old country naturally are endowed with the same qualities of efficiency and persistence. They have had to tussle with a bolshevik element among the workers, but are now beginning to get the upper hand.

A conference of the Social Democratic party of Finland was held recently at Helsingfors (with 142 delegates in attendance. It was very successful. Like all conventions there were differences of opinion, but most of the vital questions that arose were settled by unanimous vote or nearly so.

A socialization program was adopted. Disarmament was demanded. A good-will foreign policy was urged.

The party expressed itself as believing that an international system of law should be adopted. Also that the workers' parties of the various countries should seek to make the League of Nations an instrument for the creation and consolidation of such a system of international law. It regards the entrance of Russia into the League of Nations as especially desirable.

With the Communists labeling all their opponents "social fascists" isn't it about time, boys, to go out and break up a few meetings?