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UNEMPLOYED ARE HANDED A LEMON

"Labor" Mayor Moore and Republican Council Answer Gigantic Demonstration by Referring Workingmen to a Committee that May Never Meet -- Unemployed Committee Denied Hearing by Council

The gigantic unemployed demonstration totaling 8,000 marching men, headed by National Organizer Walsh, of the I. W. W., J. P. Anderson and officials of various unions, waited upon Mayor Moore and presented a series of demands for the immediate relief of needy workmen, embodying the following:

The feeding and sheltering of unemployed without, however, police supervision.

Weekly allowances sufficient to guarantee support to heads of families and their dependents.

Opening of all public works for the employment of the unemployed on prevailing union hours and wages.

The abolition of the infamous chain gang; such penal work to be given to free labor at union schedule.

The authorized spokesman were given scant satisfaction. Moore confessing his inability or indifference by claiming that the County Commissioners have promised an appropriation of \$5,000 to establish road camps. He stated he was without power to make provision for impoverished families and all public work was now given out; that the City Council alone possessed authority to repeal the ordinance legalizing the chain gang.

The executive committee then decided to carry their demands to the City Fathers in session at 8 p. m. Pending that body's decision, 500 unemployed unionists were given meals by the Industrial Workers and sympathizers at a Washington Street restaurant—generously promising to care daily for 100 union men.

At the Council meeting in the evening the demands of the unemployed were read and a great crowd gathered around the city hall to hear the decision of that body in the matter.

The recommendation of the County Commissioners that road camps be established and that the unemployed be furnished work and receive in return sleeping quarters, three meals a day and two bits to buy clothes, was read, together with the action of the County Commissioners in appropriating \$5,000 for the establishment of these camps.

The action of the County Commissioners received the sanction of the City Council and Councilman Bowen introduced a resolution appropriating \$2,000 to be added to the \$5,000 appropriated by the county, with the amendment that only sleeping quarters and three meals a day be given to the workers and that no provision be made for the proposition of giving 25c a day to be killed.

In support of his motion Mr. Bowen said: "We'll see whether they want work or not. If they won't work at these terms we'll give them the chain gang."

The original demands of the unemployed were referred to the Labor Committee of the Council who had announced they will hold a special

meeting in conjunction with the Finance Committee on Wednesday, 2 p. m. What remedial measures this committee will bring forward are problematical and the Committee may not even meet.

The Committee representing the unemployed was not even allowed a hearing by the Council.

Thus are the demands of the unemployed trampled under foot, even though backed up by the force of 8,000 hungry men.

The only salvation for these thousands of men is to use their ballots at the election in March, scarce 40 days away, to put into political power representatives of their own class who will use the entire governing power to provide work at union hours and wages for them. This is the demand of the Socialist Party and this the Socialist Party will do if given power.

—and point out to them the necessity for posting themselves on the present situation. You can show them that the Socialists have the only explanation and the only solution for the past and can convince them that they will have to know more about Socialism. The best way to learn more about Socialism is to read Socialist papers—and the Socialist paper that the ordinary workman will take to better than any other is "The Socialist." Scores of hustlers for the paper tell us this is so, so we pass it on to you.

Do not believe that you are getting something "just as good" for a cheap price. Socialism is not going to come cheap. We will have to work for it and pay for it, and as long as you have to pay for it, it is well to get the best brand at the start.

So again I say, boosters, "do it now," and do it well. See that every workman in your reach begins reading "The Socialist" and will see the result in a large, solid, intelligent vote in the next election.

"DO IT NOW."

There is a member of your local who does not take "The Socialist." If there is, you ought to remedy that condition immediately. Get him to subscribe for three months and we'll do the rest.

"Unspeakable Flesh"

By Abe Hershch.

When we agitators of a new social order have rebutted the car-borne objections to Socialism, sometimes there comes from the apostles of the "spinal," a bitter arraignment of our class materialism.

The psychic advocates deplore our insistence upon the need of a sounder politico-social physique. Certainly the ideas of men have influenced history. Admitted. But before an intellectual admits can allow a wage slave's top-dress, there must be a substantial bodily order of affairs. Your work-day shop fellow is a primitive animal, sensitive chiefly to those things that contribute to red blood. An abundance of basic necessities makes of

him an emotional, kindly, good-natured biped. Denial or scarcity provokes him to physical revolt against the oppressive machinery. A beast hunger for the appeasement of hunger. Where then is possible the play of mental amenities?

Since this industrial aert is dependent upon the caprice of a bread and butter dictator for a grub stake, and only constant attendance upon a prescribed job yields it, what kind of brains does an overstrained, played-out bag of muscle and nerve afford for the appreciation of the higher ethics?

An excess of energy in one direction demands a like activity in another. Too wearied, with only rudimentary schooling, to apply himself to cerebral cultivation, Bill Jones is forced to the boss counter and the harry's crib for the compensating balance. Either this or a padded cell. "All work and no play," etc.

Now, grades, don't mistake this for an advocacy of defense of these existing institutions. It is what Capitalism provides. The almy system is now under the microscope of the New Crusade.

Until we have a social appointment that will no longer enslave but promote the interests of the world-wide hill towns class, psychological dispensation is to him a book with leaves uncut.

As an anaemic, consumptive shell is poor grounding for a cleared, sledge-hitting pugilist, so physical emaciation does not favor the development of a Spencer, Darwin, Marx, Plat or Hegel brain.

No, before the letter attributes of humankind can play freely in the proletarian, the outer chamber and fore-courts must be satisfied; and as long as this class is whirled along in the rapids of ungratified desire, so long will attempts at the regeneration of the submerged be futile, discouraging and non-productive.

The well-meaning but ill-fortuned, in order to stick his point, play the Peter the Hermit of this Crusade at the overall man's economic penitentiary—the shop and mill.

Are you the man who wanted to cast his Socialist ballot on March 3, but couldn't because he forgot to register? That S.I.K. Hat didn't forget, if you Greasy Cap did. Who's the job? Who deserves to go without a job? You cannot register any longer in your own precinct, but only at the City Hall. There the books will be open till midnight of Saturday, February 1. Then they will be closed till the morning of Tuesday, February 4, then reopened for one week, and closed for good at midnight of Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The very last chance will be from Tuesday evening, Feb. 4, to Tuesday midnight, Feb. 11.

"Never put off till tomorrow what can be done today" is the Capitalist Class motto. "Never do today what can be done off till tomorrow" is the motto of some fool proletarians.

The Carpenters' Union has two thousand members in this city. At least one thousand of this number are out of work. The Union cannot provide three thousand meals a day for them. The Kitchen in the Labor Temple which was ordered opened by the Central Labor Council last Wednesday night, will provide about five hundred meals a day at the outside and soon play out at that. But there is a way to get that 2000 meals a day, and that is to vote the Socialist Ticket on March 3. The Socialist Party will set those thousand carpenters at work at Union rates and at the city's expense. Will those thousand carpenters vote the Socialist ticket and work for the Socialist ticket? They can elect it

if they do. Will they vote themselves a meal ticket? Not if Mike Maloney can prevent it.

You have not registered, have you? Seattle Socialists can help the paper by buying goods of these merchants which advertise in "The Socialist." We now have advertisers in almost every line, and if we can keep them the continuance of the paper is assured.

Have you Registered? When "Labor" Mayor Moore is defeated, then we have seen the last of a Fake Labor Party in Seattle. Already the body of Union men here perceive what a farce this administration has been. What is the Mayor doing right now, when Union Labor is fighting for its existence and the Employers are forcing the "open shop"?

Has he said a word in all his various speeches in behalf of Organized Labor? Has he asked his official position in any way to oppose the "open shop"? No, all his talk is twaddle about "Virtue" and "Protection of the Home," while he rakes in Six Thousand Dollars a Month from the poor folk in the Tenderloin, the most profitable Trader in Vice the city ever had. That is why some taxpayers love him. But how about the Wage Workers? What has he done for that class?

Why have you not registered? There was never a better time for the work of circulating Socialist papers to be pushed. Get after that fellow who wants to keep more about Socialism and make him subscribe.

Did you get one other voter to register? A tough job the "Labor Leaders" have indeed, to hold their following in line for Moore. If they succeed, then indeed we may call the Wage Workers of this city the fools the Capitalists say they are.

The Socialist candidates will be nominated Feb. 3. That is the law for all minor parties.

Did "Labor" Mayor Moore know those thousands who stood before the City Hall last Monday demanding bread and shelter, were being led by men who would never vote, who don't believe in voting, but who do advocate "direct action" only? It looks like it, for he gave them the "key mist." He isn't paying any attention to workers who indulge in nothing but hot air. It's votes he's afraid of. But he made the same mistake those other "leaders" at the Labor Temple are making, namely, they don't count on the rank and file being wiser than their leaders and voting for their own interest. Some day the "rotting cattle," as the leaders are fond of calling the rank and file of Labor, are going to surprise these politicians who think they will always remain "dumb driven cattle."

Conrades in Ross, Fremont and Ballard are requested to pay particular attention to the adv. of the Ross Marche, which appears in another column. This store is one of the best in the city, and can save you money on groceries. Try them.

Why not? Why not what? Why not REGISTER? Don't believe anyone who tells you the Socialist Party will not have a full ticket in the field in the City Election. Whoever he is, he's a liar.

You know registration last year, 1937, is no good for this year, 1938.

Up Hill We Marched -- then Down

By Abe Hershch.

A gloomy day, a muddy way; We hiked, eight thousand strong. No flags unfurled, no horns hurled, But silent swung along.

Up hill we trilled, then down again, And in the middle stopped, we went into Hinzoner's battle wad. And there our troubles dropped.

The "toler friends" with greasy smile Gave hearing to our cry. Then handed us this trouble cross: "To City Fathers you must go."

We went, we saw, we got it. Where we wear a hot iron. For the paternalistic jubelet. Gave our men the glassy eye.

Our motto, "Direct action"—on politics we sneeze; But here we have a lemon That is up to us to squeeze. So we marched, and we were glad. Got turned down—then marched right out again!



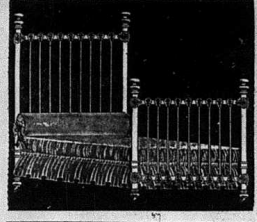
A Portion of the Crowd of Unemployed Which Waited On the Mayor January 20--Reproduced by Courtesy "Seattle Times."

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Local business meetings are held each Sunday promptly at 6:30 p. m. in Egan Hall.

Propaganda meetings begin at 8 o'clock.

Local Executive Committee meets every Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. in Party Headquarters, 112 Pike street east.

The Membership Committee meets on Thursday evening at 8 p. m. in Party Headquarters.

Have you paid your dues for January? Have you paid them for December?

Do you feel you are behind in your dues? Can you not help out in this way?

Let us know if you are behind in your dues for one month or you are not, according to the Constitution entitled to take part in the official proceedings of the Local.

The welfare of the Local and the cause for which it exists demands that every member be present at its business meetings.

Prompt payment of dues and the freeing of the Local of its present debts are no less imperative.

The loan of \$50.00 made by willing comrades in the month of December for chairs for our propaganda meetings has not been paid nor any portion of it.

We should start payment on this immediately. We can't do it without funds, and the funds will have to come from our own pockets.

The Socialist Party cannot do business on air; that is, promises. We have to pay.

Some comrades have a habit of giving a certain sum aside from all other contributions, into the Local treasury each month.

Can you not help out in this way?

Little Ways in Which Each Member Can Help.

By the regular payment of dues at the first of each month.

By indicating when working men to subscribe for "The Socialist" and other revolutionary Socialist papers.

You can recommend to your friends the reading of books on the Socialist philosophy—the books that have educated you.

By regular attendance at business meetings.

By showing the necessity of organization to those class-conscious Socialists, friends of yours, and inducing them to join the Socialist Party.

By being more interested than in the affairs of the Local, doing the work that is assigned you the best you know how.

By doing your kicking in the Local business meetings and not outside, where it does no good.

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Local Seattle's Recent Vote For National Executive Committee and National Secretary.

For National Executive Committee:

- Bernard Berlin... 15
Emil Herman... 17
Morris Hilkut... 17
F. L. Schwartz... 4
A. M. Simons... 4
G. C. Tuck... 4
J. D. Graham... 6
Arthur M. Lewis... 11
H. F. Titus... 19
M. W. Wilkins... 11
The Maurice Edridge... 2
Geo. H. Goebel... 2
J. W. Kelly... 3
J. J. Conroy... 3
Lea M. Lewis... 14
Summer W. Rose... 2
A. H. Plonien... 3
Dan Hogan... 2
T. J. Conroy... 2
J. W. Martin... 2
Jos. M. Patterson... 2
Wm. Brown... 1
Theodore W. Curtis... 1
E. P. Gary... 1
Charles H. Kerr... 2
Victor L. Berger... 1
Geo. A. Little... 1
S. C. McAllister... 1
Gertrude B. Hunt... 1
Josephine Kaneko... 1
J. H. Brower... 1
S. M. Reynolds... 1
Fred W. Clayton... 1
Fred W. Strickland... 1
Theodore W. Curtis... 1
J. Mahlon Barnes... 1
Murray Tows... 13
James A. Shanker... 1
E. P. Gary... 1
J. W. Catley... 1

Number of members voting, 25.

I wish to thank the following comrades for my entertainment: Mr. and Mrs. George and Mrs. John Finley, Cross of Gate, Couch family and Mr. and Mrs. John Platz, of Cedarville; John and Mrs. Mrs. D. McLarrow, of Porter; Mr. and Mrs. Highlands and Mrs. John Finley, of Elma; Mr. Worman and Mr. Wolfe, of Satsop; George and Mrs. Croston, of Hoquiam; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Aberdeen.

A. WAGENKNECHT, State Organizer.

Not only register yourself, but see that some other workingman registers.

Herman Convicted

"The Socialist."

Dear Conrad:—I have noticed and admired the splendid courage and persistence which the Socialist comrades have continued the fight for speech. Nothing like it was ever before witnessed in the United States and great interest is aroused in your fight.

Since my return here I have been speaking almost every day, and on Kings day in Oakland we called the first meeting of the unemployed, and perfected the local organization.

Since that time I have held meetings of the unemployed in Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco. The San Francisco meeting was held in Walton's Pavilion and 3,000 unemployed were in attendance. At Oakland I have leased a hall and held a meeting of 1,000 men. Last Sunday I perfected a state organization known as the "California State League of the Unemployed."

The organization is controlled by the Socialists, and is receiving financial support from the trade unions.

The annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor, held at Vallejo endorsed the State League of the Unemployed and recommended to all affiliated unions to give the League their moral and financial support to the end of securing a public work for the unemployed, resist any reduction in wages and maintain the present standard of life for all.

Inside the party organization in California there is a fight on between the opportunist element and those of us who under the black flag of the class struggle.

You will see something about it in this week's issue of the "World."

Hoping to be in Seattle again about the 20th of February and join hands with you in the municipal campaign, I am as ever,

Your comrade, J. B. OSBORNE

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