

Appeal Fund Celebrates New Year By Topping \$1,000

A Happy New Year for the Working Class!



Twice-Weekly Drive Total \$1,001.70; Branches Promise Action on Balance

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Total to date \$1,001.70!

The Twice-a-week Appeal on the Road to a Daily, like all good slogans, is realizable. In point of fact it is more than that. It is already assured. Each day's mail strengthens our conviction that our membership, friends and sympathizers are in dead earnest about this accomplishment. And if we read the signs correctly, we will not rest satisfied with the twice-a-week but push forward to the daily.

We know the strength of our own organization. But that is not enough. Let us prove in action the superiority of our ideas!

ON TO THE DAILY!

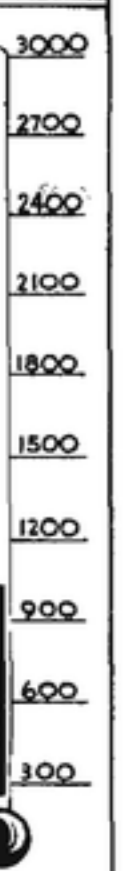
From Our Branches
East Bay, Calif.—This section of our party has grown sufficiently in membership to divide itself into two separate branches. Elsa Meyers is in charge of the East Oakland campaign, and Karolyn Kerry of the West Oakland branch. Instead of the \$15 quota for the entire East Bay Section originally assigned, each branch has undertaken \$20, and Elsa Meyers writes: "We are carrying on separate campaigns for the twice-a-week Appeal and have entered into a bit of Socialist competition between the two branches. The pledges in our branch already run up to \$20. We will raise all of that and perhaps more." All power to you, Elsa, and your branch. But we are sure Karolyn Kerry will not let you beat her.

Fred Valle of the Detroit branch comes back at us with: "You can rest assured that our branch will end this campaign ringing the bell."

Glen Trimble of San Francisco assures us: "Enclosed find money order for the Twice-weekly Campaign. I may collect some more tonight, but I want to be sure to make the Monday deadline with this batch. The pledges now total enough to guarantee our quota."

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Turn On the Heat! Make It Rise!



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FDR: 'WARPLANES INSTEAD OF WPA'

Make Congress Heed Labor

Next week the first session of the new Congress opens. It meets at a time as black as any in the history of this country. Ten raging years of economic crisis find the policies of United States capitalism and its government absolutely helpless in the solving of any major social problem.

After ten long years, twelve to fifteen million unemployed still walk the streets, and at least as many more piece together incomes through part-time employment. One-third of the nation, forty-three million people, live in wretched, squalid quarters, below the minimum level of health and decency. Millions of share-croppers sweat fourteen hours a day, only to sink each year further into debt.

The supreme internal problem immediately facing the country can be summed up in a single phrase: To provide jobs at a living wage to everyone.

What may we expect from the new Congress as its answer to this problem? Since the November Election, the leaders of Congress, Democratic and Republican alike, and the President, have given the answer that satisfies them.

They have said that the new Congress has before it only one item of new business: super-armaments; and that apart from armaments all it need do is "modify, clarify and amend" a few of the existing statutes.

These political harlots of the ruling class, drawing down their \$10,000 a year and expending in return for their services to their masters, reply to the destitute tens of millions seeking jobs and bread and homes: "Let them eat guns and bullets!"

Powerless to stem the internal crisis, the ruling class now proposes as solution the subjugation of the peoples of Latin America and the Far East to the iron yoke of Yankee Imperialism. It makes its plans to drive the masses of the country to death on the battlefields of its new war to make the world safe for U. S. monopoly profits.

The new Congress is ready, eager, anxious to do its bidding. Like all harlots, the greatest fear of a Congressman is to be shoved out of the warm bed in favor of a fresher and more compliant rival.

It is time that these contemptible hirelings be made to feel the sting of another whip, the whip of the aroused fury of the workers.

It is time for the workers, employed and unemployed, to cease begging, pleading, hoping, and to stand upright and say in a voice that will thunder through the halls of the Capitol: We

will not fight your war! We have our own war to fight, and it is a war against you and the masters whom you serve. We demand from you that those billions which you are so happy to vote for guns and battleships and airplanes be turned over to us, at once, to buy us and our children food and coal and clothing.

The leaders of Congress, echoing the National Association of Manufacturers, find no need for "new social measures." Senator Carter Glass finds "simply shocking" the idea of another billion for W.P.A.

Let the workers tell them something different. Let Congress know that the workers demand a job at a living wage for everyone, and that they will not stop until this demand is achieved.

Senator Glass wants to stop W.P.A.? The workers must tell him and his colleagues: We demand immediate expansion of W.P.A. to take care of every otherwise unemployed worker at trade union wages.

The Department of Commerce says there are not enough jobs to go around? The workers must reply: Make more jobs by the immediate institution of a maximum 30-hour week throughout industry with no reduction in weekly pay.

The Department of Labor shows that the annual wage of the majority of workers is less than the subsistence minimum. Very well: A \$30 minimum weekly wage under all circumstances throughout industry, public works and relief work.

But the bosses complain that such measures would bankrupt them and force them to shut the doors of their plants? All the better. If the bosses can't run industry, let someone else take over who can. *Open up the factories with the aid of government funds and operate them under workers' control.*

The statistics of the Housing Administration demonstrate that a third of the nation requires new housing? Let us take them at their word: Immediate enactment of a \$20,000,000,000 Public Works Program, stressing above all low-rental housing.

But this can't be paid for? Funny that the same question is never asked in connection with armaments. A good beginning can be made in paying for it: *Turn all the war funds over to the unemployed; take the rest from those who have it—the gigantic monopoly corporations and the coffers of the Sixty Families.*

So Congress hasn't any "new business" on its agenda, apart from armaments? Let's begin to teach Congress just how much "new business" it has, and how it's got to go about doing it.

And let's make clear to Congress that when workers talk, they mean what they say.

10,000 PLANES FOR ARMY WHILE RELIEF IS CUT

Ten Million Need Money That Goes for War Aims

Roosevelt's New Year's greetings to three million WPA workers, terrified at the prospect of losing their wretched means of subsistence, came in the form of an announcement that he will ask Congress to appropriate funds for 10,000 new war planes.

Newspaper correspondents call his new "defense" program "double-barreled" — presumably because it is a hunger edict for the unemployed and a war edict, i.e., more profits and dividends for the 60 families, for the country at large.

Grim Fate for 3,000,000

Only a few days earlier, Aubrey Williams announced that unless Congress makes a new billion dollar appropriation by Feb. 7, three million persons, who with dependents make a total of 10,000,000, would be thrown off WPA—and face slow death by starvation.

Despite the so-called industrial upturn, Williams' statement revealed that WPA payrolls had reached an all-time peak of 3,262,000 on Nov. 5th. That furthermore, since Nov. 5th, layoffs on WPA totalled to some 45,000 per week which continued right on through the week of December 13th; the last week of his report.

"Simply Shocking"

In the past week Roosevelt's blows have struck with increasing fury at the unemployed. In their meaning, they were essentially no different than the Tory insult hurled at the unemployed by Senator Carter Glass of Virginia: "A \$1,000,000,000 relief appropriation is simply shocking."

They began with the promotion of Harry Hopkins to the position of Secretary of Commerce and his replacement as Director of WPA by Col. F. C. Harrington. Hopkins was never a real friend of the unemployed but his name was associated with the relatively large-scale relief appropriations. His removal signifies an end to what the gloated right have called "pampering the unemployed." His replacement by an army man means an end to the silk glove policy towards the unemployed and the beginning of the mailed fist.

And it is not amiss to point out that Roosevelt has the highest regard for Carter ("Let them eat cake") Glass. On the same day Glass was making his pronouncement in the best Hoover style, Roosevelt was sending him high praise for his work on the banking system of the U.S.

Cannon Fodder for Hunger
To Senator Glass a one billion dollar relief appropriation is "shocking" but a one billion dollar army-navy budget is no doubt quite in order. And supposedly Roosevelt thinks likewise because, for one thing, Aubrey Williams' job as head of the National Youth Administration will be to train 100,000 pilots and 125,000 mechanics as a military "backlog." The ideal setup is established: an army man to make the unemployed take starvation and like it; a "friend of the people" to put the unemployed youth in the army for training as cannon fodder.

It is "shocking" to allocate a billion to keep the unemployed from cold and disease but quite in order to appropriate \$30,000,000 "or more" for "educational" orders for munitions. This thirty million is merely for the purpose of keeping industry in practice at

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Arms Program Displaces Open Door for Refugees

WASHINGTON, D. C.—It is clear, as Congressmen and Senators arrive for next week's opening session of Congress, that the Roosevelt Administration is making a determined effort to stave off any discussion of opening America's doors to the refugees. At the least, the administration would postpone the question until the armament program is adopted and out of the way. The same pressure is being applied to proponents of a continuing WPA program and other measures, and for the same reason: the sum and substance of the Roosevelt program now is armament.

This is the explanation for the anti-German speech of Senator Ickes and the sharp rejection of Hitler's protest by Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles. Bourgeois Jews twitter with pleased excitement at the "anti-fascism" of the Administration and forget completely that the government's diplomatic gestures provide no aid to the victims and refugees. What the gestures do provide, however, is the requisite warlike atmosphere for railroad-rushing through the government's vast arms program.

No Help from "Labor Leaders"
Only widespread demands from organized labor for aid to the refugees can now bring help to them. The national leadership of the American Federation of Labor, making perfunctory statements of sympathy for the refugees, firmly maintains, however, its traditional policy of opposition to easing immigration restrictions. The C.I.O. leadership, much more verbose than the A.F.L. in anti-fascist talk, in actuality follows a policy identical to that of Bill Green. Neither leadership is likely to reverse itself unless a groundswell from all parts of the country moves them.

Although a considerable number of unions and central labor bodies have taken up the question at the instance of local progressives, and resolutions have been adopted and forwarded to con-

gressmen and senators, there is also found marked reluctance, even among usually decent trade union officials, to go on record for opening the doors to refugees. They fear the effect of such a step in increasing unemployment, and argument, however logical, is insufficient to convince them. The way must be found to link up the struggle against unemployment with the struggle for the refugees.

Lundeen's Statement
The statement made here this week by Senator Lundeen, Minnesota Farmer-Laborite, that he would oppose easing of immigration restrictions for refugees, on the grounds that there is already too much unemployment in the country, is an alarming sign.

Apparently even those congressional groupings ostensibly friendly to labor and the oppressed will not back a serious program of aid to the refugees. Only the revolutionists and the progressive trade unionists close to them are at present firmly calling for such aid. This is not so strange as it seems: the refugee question involves sharply raising the question of just what and who is responsible for the economic crisis and unemployment, and only the real left wing in the labor movement unambiguously lays the responsibility at the door of the

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Lima Parley Is Cold Comfort to U. S. Diplomats

British Succeed in Checking Wall St. Program

Completing its labor on behalf of the capitalists of the various American countries and of the unseen—but very much felt—British empire, the Eighth Pan-American Conference held its final session at Lima, Peru, last Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The "Declaration of Lima," was adopted after much wrangling and compromising. The United States delegation had been pushing for a much stronger statement denouncing the totalitarian powers of Europe and Asia and establishing Roosevelt's leadership of the two continents. The U.S. plan was opposed very vigorously by the Argentine delegates in particular.

Britain Main Opposition

Argentina, chief representative of British imperialism in the New World (See article on Argentina on page 3), has no intention of submitting quietly to U.S. domination of the continent. At the same time the British are menaced by German competition, which while not so important on this hemisphere as elsewhere is not to be forgotten.

Thus caught between two fires and also desirous of keeping the U.S. friendly because of events in Asia and Europe, England through her Argentine representatives was willing to sign a compromise resolution which is in reality almost word for word the counter-proposal originally presented by the Argentine delegates

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Progressive Sweep Mpls. Drivers Poll

MINNEAPOLIS—The entire progressive slate was swept in to office in the two-day elections, December 23 and 24, for the leadership of General Drivers Union, Local 544.

Carl Skoglund was re-elected President; George Frosig was elected Vice-President in place of Jack Smith who retired on account of ill-health; Farrell Dobbs was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer, as was Grant Dunno as Recording Secretary; Kelly Postal was elected Trustee.