

REVIEWING THE NEWS

Weekly Prosperity Note

James M. Curley, Democratic governor-elect of Massachusetts, sees prosperity rounding the corner at last.

Last week Marion Davies, on her return from London to the hills of Hollywood, was astonished to see a New Yorker smiling.

A month ago a federal relief administrator predicted an autumn upturn on the basis of a slight increase in the sale of carpet sweepers and lace curtains.

We are considering a contest. A prosperity contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best poems of returning prosperity turned in by the end of the week.

Morning, Noon and Night

Speaking before the morning session of the National Conference on Economic Security, Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins brought the session to a high pitch when he declared for "a bold stroke" to unite all phases of economic security into a comprehensive program.

The Majesty of the Law

The following should sum up the entire proceedings of the Vanderbilt baby for our readers who usually do not go in for that kind of copy in the press.

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Organization Notes - N.Y.

This Sunday, Nov. 4th, we held another meeting in Paterson. Right in the heart of the strike territory, at Oakley Hall, A. J. Muste, chairman of the American Workers Party, Hugo Ochler, Industrial Organizer of the Communist League of America and Arnold Johnson, Secretary of the National Unemployed Leagues spoke on the dyers strike and the necessity for joint action on the part of the strikers and the unemployed.

The Columbus Day United Anti-Fascist Committee is carrying the battle into the enemy's country. Continuing its offensive against the reactionary, disruptive tactics of the Stalinist controlled League Against War and Fascism, it has issued an open letter to the members of the latter organization and warned them that their organization is perpetuating the disunity which led to the defeat of the German working class.

Continuing the struggle to weld a united working class movement to smash fascism, our newly organized Spartacus Youth branch of Harlem has succeeded in organizing another open-air meeting in Yorkville against the local Nazi-crop of fascism.

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IN THE TRADE UNIONS

A Worker Looks at the A. F. of L. Convention

Those employers who were expectantly awaiting the A. F. of L. Convention, to see if that highest and most powerful body of American labor was going to reorganize their institution so that labor could more efficiently fight the oppressive tactics of the employer, can now lean back in their swivel chairs and rest in peace.

Consider the average worker. But does he think of the convention? It has been the writer's experience, and he is a member of a skilled craft that has long been organized, that the skilled worker wastes little of his time thinking of the A. F. of L.

The A. F. of L. has never stirred in him any desire for more effective solidarity by actually bringing down to his little local union some plan whereby his condition could be improved upon, or made more secure.

The only thing the A. F. of L. officials learned in the past year was that the employers can and do disobey the law.

Chief of these were on industrial unionism. The final decision of the convention on this issue will meet the present needs of labor very well, providing the international officials of the craft unions do not step in and demand jurisdictional rights.

Unemployed to March Nov. 24

(Continued from Page 1) Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Other affiliated bodies are the Florida Federation of Unemployed Leagues, the Dallas, Tex., Central Council of Workers, the Minnesota Central Council of Workers, the Fort Wayne, Ind., Unemployed Citizens League of Allegheny County, Pa., the California Workers Assn.

Some 60 unemployed organizations in six other states will also have local demonstrations on Nov. 24. Among the larger cities involved are New York, Baltimore, Camden, Bridgeport, Schenectady, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Allentown, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Dallas, Springfield, Ill., Toledo, Columbus, Wheeling, Tampa, Palo Alto.

In a number of these cities, locals of the American Federation of Labor have endorsed National Unemployment Day and the eight-point platform, and will mobilize members to participate in the demonstration of the unemployed.

The class in "The History of the International Left Opposition (Trotskyites)" with Max Shachtman as instructor, went off to a flying start last Wednesday.

of dissent in the new Federal Unions where the workers have been led to believe that their vertical union would remain intact. The resolution also gives the A. F. of L. power to appoint officers, form the policies, to direct and administer the financial affairs for a provisional period.

The building trades dispute took a great deal of time at the convention. It is the opinion of many that it was used to take up time and to divert the interest of the delegates from other more important questions.

In the face of all this, Gorman of the textile workers, in speaking of their recent strike from the convention floor, described it "as the most amazing victory ever won by any American labor union".

The more advanced trade unionist can readily see that while the unions are fighting each other they are in no position to give the boss much opposition.

FOOD FOR DELEGATES Can you help us feed the delegates by donating any of the following articles, in any amounts? If so, please inform the Convention Arrangements Committee at 144 Second Ave. and we will send for the contributions.

WANTED The Convention Arrangements Committee wants the services of eight League or Spartacus Youth members throughout the convention, to help in the kitchen. Report to Rose Karnser at the National Office.

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partment. This could be accomplished by uniting all unions interested in this class of work into one International Union, instead of having a complete set of International officials for each trade.

The 30-Hour Week William Green seems to be extremely proud of the fact that he has advocated the 30-hour week for some time. To date that is as far as he has got.

Faith in Roosevelt A year ago Green advised the workers to place their hopes in Roosevelt and the NRA. Now it has been proven even to the workers' satisfaction, that they cannot depend on the codes.

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The Crisis Is Still With Us!

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MARCH OF EVENTS

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W. J. of Oakland responded with \$2 and John Dane of the same city with \$1, while C. of Minneapolis sent us 30c worth of postage stamps, all he could spare.

From another college student in Pennsylvania we get the following: "I read with horror the news that the Militant may have to miss an issue. Right now there is a great need for the Militant on the campus. I received the bundle this morning, and they are all gone."

War Politics and Diplomacy The evidences of the feverish preparations all over the world for the impending imperialist war continue to accumulate.

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RUSH FUNDS! DO NOT DELAY! PAY UP YOUR BUNDLE ACCOUNT. GET SUBSCRIPTIONS. PAY ON YOUR PLEDGE.

JOINT DANCE Saturday, Dec. 15th, 9 P.M. IRVING PLAZA Irving Place and 15th Street Tickets 30c. 40c at door

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