

**ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY
SEPTEMBER 1**

Labor leader Walter Reuther was born in Wheeling on September 1, 1907.

CSO: SS. 8.7**Investigate the Document:** (*Ms2007-026*)

1. Where was the Workers Alliance of America headquarters located?
2. What did David Lesser, the national chairman, wish to discuss in Wheeling on June 24, 1935?

Think Critically: Take notice of the use of “comrade” in the letter’s greeting; its use is commonly associated with socialism, made popular during the Soviet Era. Why do you think this term was chosen in lieu of other more commonly used greetings?

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I have been furnished your name as one interested and familiar with the unemployed movement in Wheeling.

As you may know, the Workers Alliance is a national organization of the unemployed with groups in 28 states. We have received endorsement from the Socialist Party and from the American Federation of Labor, which has requested all labor bodies to cooperate with us.

I understand that there is a Welfare Workers Association in Wheeling and that you might furnish me with some information about it.

I plan to be here in Milwaukee at our national headquarters for a week and to go east. I will be in Wheeling about June 24th and would like to meet you and discuss the situation with you.

Could I have some word from you on what is going on among the unemployed of Wheeling and how the Workers Alliance could be of assistance. You can reach me here until June 20th.

With best fraternal wishes,
David Lasser
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national chairman.