

"Socialist" Promises to Jobless Cover Their Starvation of Jobless in Practice

*Donald Takes E...
Their Dole Away; S.P.
Here Clubs Hungry*

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
(Prisoner No. 52351, Hart's
Island Prison; Communist
Candidate for Governor of
New York State.)

Just now the leaders of the "socialist" party are filling the air with talk about what they would do to relieve the unemployment if they were in power. But the time is far past

when the workers in judging this party, have to rely only upon what its spokesmen say and promise. Now we can look into the field of practice and see how

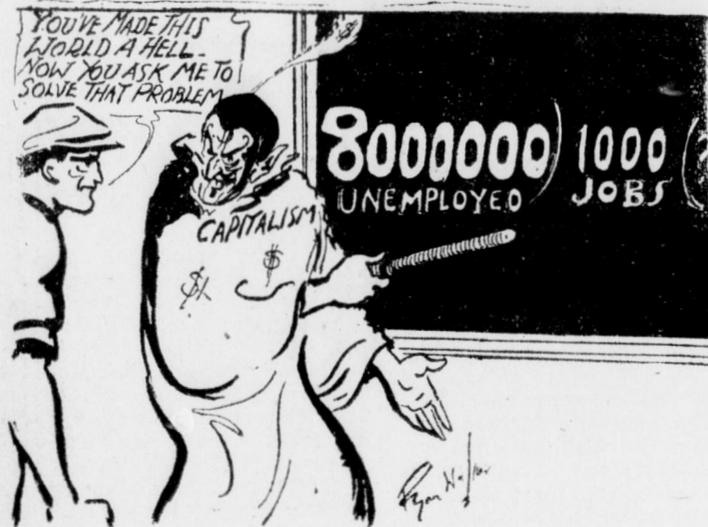
the "socialists" translate their promises into action. And when we do this in the case of unemployment, as in all other issues, vital to the working class, the record of the social-fascists stand out clearly as one of treachery and betrayal.

What Has MacDonald Done For the Unemployed?

The present great outstanding example of this is in Great Britain. About a year ago the British Labor Party, which is a socialist organization, was elected upon a program of the relief of unemployment. MacDonald and the others criticized the conservatives violently for their inability to solve the question of unemployment. Just give their party a chance, the social-fascists said, and they would take care of it all, pronto. So the working class voters, harkening to these glib promises, turned out en masse for them and enabled them to lead the government.

A Million Unemployed More!

When the British Labor Party took the leadership in the capitalist government the total of unemployed was 1,100,125, but by July 28, 1930, it had mounted to 2,011,467 and was



rapidly going higher. This is an increase of 911,342 in 14 months, not taking into consideration the hundreds of thousands of part time employed.

Much of this unemployment is directly due to the speeding up of the workers through the collaboration of the Labor Party leaders and the capitalists. This tremendous growth of unemployment, under the conditions of expanding world capitalist crisis, shows that the social-fascists, like their masters, the capitalists, will not and cannot take the necessary steps to check or eliminate it.

Besides a big growth in the number of unemployed workers under the Labor Party regime, the conditions of the unemployed have also been greatly worsened. The social-fascists have systematically cut off great numbers of workers from the unemployment benefit lists, making it harder for the workers to get relief. Moreover, they are now about to slash the amount of the weekly unemployment dole. No conservative or liberal government would have dared to attack the unemployed as viciously as the labor government has done. And the social-fascists do it all in the name of "socialism."

"Labor" Breaking Records.

These betrayers of the workers have grown cynical in their smug but ill-founded assurance that the workers will not awaken to their game and repudiate them. For example, J. H. Thomas, a \$50,000 a year labor minister, says: "Do not be keen on this humbug about breaking records. I broke records in the number of unemployed." And meanwhile, as the New York Times says, while at least 10,000,000 of British workers and their

(Continued on Page 3)



(to be continued.)

M'DONALD RULE STARVE JOBLESS

(Continued From Page 1.)

Families are in actual starvation. Ramsay MacDonald is vacationing with the King and the Duke of Sutherland in their great castles.

This is the "socialist" party in action! This is how it always acts.

The story of its activities in Germany, and other countries shows a similar future. What the British "socialist" MacDonald is doing, "socialist" Norman Thomas would do if that is what the American "social-given the power. Have we not, in fact, already had a taste of "socialist" treatment of the unemployed in Reading and Milwaukee, where their actions in clubbing the demonstrators on March 6th, in evicting unemployed workers, etc., are indistinguishable from the usual brutal treatment of the unemployed in other cities? The promises of the "socialist" party to the unemployed are written on! The unemployed are worth less than the Unemployment Solved in the Soviet

Union.

of the "socialists" in action on the Compare this treacherous record question of unemployment with the way the Communists have handled it where they control, in the Soviet Union. There the problem of unemployment is solved. The army of the unemployed is practically liquidated, in fact, millions of new industrial workers are being trained to fill the insatiable demands of the flourishing new industries and

In Warsaw the left socialists called a public protest meeting against the execution of the three young workers of Lemberg. The meeting was prohibited by the police and the place where it was to have been held cut off by police cordons.

As reported a few weeks ago, a sensational scene took place in the court of justice at Lodz. A young worker, sentenced for membership of the Y. C. L., shouted, after the sentence was pronounced: "We are beaten in prison." Since then conditions in Lodz prison have not changed. On Aug. 22 three young people were again charged with "anti-state activities." All three shouted in court, first to the judges and then to the public: "We are beaten in prison." On the orders of the presiding judge, the prisoners were taken out of court.

what few where are out of work consist mostly of peasants freshly from the country, functionaries from the old regime, etc.

Workers, support the Communist Party. Vote its election ticket. Demand the enactment of its Unemployment Bill. Repudiate the treacherous social-fascists.

Only Three More
Giga
DAILY W
Morning F
A Million