

SHOW "RED" BAITER IS PLAIN LIAR

AS WE SEE IT By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

THE Rev. Norman Thomas, orphan socialist candidate for governor of New York state, and Morris Hillquit, the Moses of the American socialists (he is leading them out of Egypt) sent messages of greeting to Ramsay MacDonald and expressed the hope that the British labor party would be allowed to run His Majesty's Empire after the coming general elections. Thomas likened MacDonald to LaFollette, which is just about what we have been saying right along. The fact that a yellow socialist happens to agree with us for once does not necessarily mean that we should change our opinions, that it makes one feel uncomfortable.

BOTH messages are worthy of a place in the record. Thomas said: "American labor and American progressive movement sends best wishes for triumphant return to power of the British labor party in the coming election. We hope to duplicate British labor's wonderful achievement by the election of LaFollette to the presidency and the creation of a powerful American labor party."

HILLQUIT is a little more to the "left" than the preacher. Morris mentions "socialism." This is what he called: "Socialists of the United States send congratulations upon the determined and dignified stand of the British labor government against the petty attack of its combined reactionary opponents. The forces of labor, socialism and progress on both sides of the Atlantic are now engaged in a simultaneous campaign for the rights of the people—social justice and world peace. May both be equally triumphant."

SO the aims of American socialism are whittled down to "social justice and world peace." Unless we are mistaken, this is the program of the League of Nations! Who is not for world peace? Why, even Calvin Coolidge swears by it. But in view of the conduct of the British socialist government during its term of office, toward the subject peoples of His Majesty, in India, Egypt and now in Turkey, the subject peoples of Morgan and Rockefeller in the Philippines, Porto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii and other American colonies, cannot get much comfort out of the prospect of exchanging Calvin Coolidge for LaFollette, provided there is such a striking similarity between the LaFollette movement and the British labor party.

NORMAN Thomas is a nauseating hypocrite. He is not such an ignoramus that he is not aware of the crimes committed by Ramsay MacDonald against the people of India, for whom Thomas and his paymaster of the open shop mine, Villard, profess to have so much admiration. Only yesterday we read in the papers that J. H. Thomas, colonial secretary in MacDonald's cabinet, delivered a jingo speech against the Turks, that even Curzon would hesitate to make. Thomas warned the "foreigner," who happened in this instance to be the Turk, that the labor party would fight for the preservation of the empire's prestige, against all comers.

HE warned the Turks to quit their tomfoolery. Yet the only crime committed by the Turks is that they insist the oil lands British holds with her armed forces is Turkish territory and suggest that the matter be left to arbitration. Thomas waves his sword like a regular defender of the "predatory interests" that Norman Thomas, Hillquit and LaFollette are fighting against here. Of course, it is needless to say that the LaFollette leaders are not fighting the "predatory interests." What they are really after is an opportunity to serve capitalism, and they feel they can do a better job of it and give the system better service than the capitalist hacks now on the job in the legislatures. It is refreshing to learn from such excellent authorities as Hillquit and Thomas, that His Majesty's "labor" government and the LaFollette would-be American government are as alike as two peas.

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Join the Workers Party!

On a Labor Faker's Trail

FARRINGTON IS CAUGHT SELLING VOTES TO "DEM"

Charges Union With Expenses of Deal

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.
(Article Four.)

Frank Farrington is very meticulous about the observance of the union rules by radical members of the rank and file. But he is not so particular about violating the union law when it suits his own plans and his own pocket.

A strong light was thrown on Farrington's mental attitude at the last convention of the miners' union held in Indianapolis. Nick Perkowitz, a coal miner from Dowel, Illinois, was elected by the rank and file of his local to represent them at the convention. But the credentials committee seated his opponent, a lackey of Farrington's, who was not elected and who came to Indianapolis, confident that the Farrington-Lewis machine would ditch Perkowitz.

Radical Won for Once.

Nick took the issue to the floor of the convention however and he was seated by an almost unanimous vote. It developed that Perkowitz is a radical with a holy hatred of the bosses. This attitude towards his masters did not make his association with the coal operators' mine managers any too pleasant for him. His insistence on working strictly in accord with the wage contracts between the bosses and the miners got him into hot water on more than one occasion, and thru collaboration with Farrington's machine the bosses had Perkowitz fired twice and practically blacklisted.

Nick Given Clean Bill.

Because Perkowitz was not working "in or around a mine" when he was elected to the Indianapolis convention, the Farrington machine sought to have him barred as a delegate. But the delegates were not as much in

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MORGAN'S BIG BLIMP ARRIVES FROM DAWESLAND

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The flying time of the ZR-3 from its hangar in Friedrichshafen, Germany, to the coast of North America, was approximately 75 hours.

The dirigible hopped off at 6:36 a. m. at Friedrichshafen which would be 12:36 Eastern standard time in the United States. It was 3:50 a. m. today when she soared over North Turo, a little town tucked on Cape Cod.

It took the ZR-3, forty-two minutes to make a landing after she was sighted at 9:17. After repeatedly circling the field, she finally turned her nose south and went over a dense grove of trees to a distance of about half a mile from the field. Then she turned back and headed slowly for the center of the field, and suddenly all her motors ceased humming. She appeared to stand poised in the air. Then she slowly descended, touching the ground at exactly 9:55.

Year-Old Baby Drowns.

CLINTON, Ind., Oct. 15.—Mrs. Samuel Vorak was near prostration today as the result of the death of her year-old son, Thomas Robert, whose body was found hanging over the edge of a large bucket of water in which the baby's head was submerged.

POLICE SPY SHOWS WHAT HE DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT COMMUNISM

By C. E. RUTHENBERG
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THE above would have been the best title for the second of the series of anti-Red articles which are being published in the capitalist press by the former government spy, Jacob Spolansky. If Spolansky learned so little about the Communist movement, as is indicated in this article, during his six years of spying for the federal government then indeed the government wasted its money.

Spolansky tells us that the Communist movement gained its impetus in the formation of the left wing of the St. Louis convention of the socialist party in 1917 and Debs and Berger were the leaders of this left wing!

At least the spy Spolansky will make Victor Berger snort. He, the leader of the left wing at St. Louis! Victor Berger, who was bitterly opposed to the anti-war resolution forced thru the St. Louis convention by the left wing, and only accepted the resolution when he saw there was no hope of beating it, has been raised to the position of the leadership of a movement he opposed.

What Happened at St. Louis.

In view of the putting over of the Dawes' plan by the American capitalists, thus preparing the ground for a new imperialist war into which this country will inevitably be drawn, it is worth while to recall what happened at the St. Louis convention of the socialist party about which spy Spolansky makes such a ridiculous blunder.

The left wing socialists in the St. Louis convention stood upon the Communist principle that the workers should refuse to fight in the imperialist war of the capitalists. The American capitalists were forcing us into the world war in order to protect their profits and investments. The left wing socialists at St. Louis said: "We will carry on a consistent and persistent opposition to this war. We will oppose with all our strength conscription laws which make us fight for the capitalists' profits. If we can mobilize enough power, if we can draw into the struggle with us great masses of workers, we will turn the fight against the war into a struggle against the government of the capitalists which forces us into the war and drive it from power and establish a workers' government."

That was the left wing socialist position adopted at St. Louis. That is the Communist position today in regard to imperialist wars. When the next imperialist war for which the Dawes' plan has prepared the ground, develops, it will be the Communist task to rally the working masses of this country against such a war. They will urge the workers to answer the new demand that they give their lives to help Morgan get his profits by ending the system of government and industry which creates imperialist wars. But Victor Berger, as the leader, why, by that time Victor Berger will have joined his comrade, Noske, of the German social democratic party, as one of the chief defenders of capitalism!

From or to Russia.

Spy Spolansky draws a vivid picture of the flow of Russian propagandists into the United States. If he were really up in the spying business he would know that in place of Russian Communists coming to the United States, that the flow is in the other direction. Russian workers, many of them Communists, are shaking the dust of the United States from their heels.

These workers have had their experience with glorious American institutions. They have found that American democracy is a fraud and a sham. They found that under this boasted democracy there was a spy system and police terrorism which could outdo even czarist Russia. Spy Spolansky and his like have taught them what a sham and a fraud American democracy is when workers attempted to express their ideas on the assumption that there was such a thing as freedom of speech, freedom of press or freedom of assembly. The capitalist czars who run American industry taught them that they could only work when the capitalist czars

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BRITISH BLACK SHIRTS REACH 100,000 FIGURE

Armed Reactionaries to Crush Labor

(Special to the DAILY WORKER.)

LONDON, Oct. 15.—British Fascisti numbering 100,000 under the presidency of Brigadier General Blakeney, appeared today as a new factor in the British elections.

Tho the Fascisti claim their part in the election will be non-partisan, a claim substantiated by the fact that they are not getting up any candidates, it is known the organization is antagonistic to labor.

The Fascisti say their part in the election will be confined to putting down election disorders. They deny any affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan.

Black Shirts Fall.

In their role as peace maker, the black shirted followers of General Blakeney failed to stop disorders at Whitechapel last night which forced Sir John Simon, liberal leader to curtail his address.

The laborites claim the Fascisti are a "comic opera organization."

Former Premier Baldwin was to open his campaign at Queens hall this afternoon. A combination of liberals and Tories is seeking to avoid a triangular contest with labor in doubtful districts and if their object of placing only one candidate to oppose labor nominees in such districts is carried out, their leaders predict, labor will lose thirty seats in the next parliament.

Communists Active.

The Communists are carrying on a vigorous campaign in the elections and while supporting the labor party against the Tories and liberals, point out the treacherous character of the so-called labor government and its open alliance with the capitalist class.

The actions of such men as J. H. Thomas, Ramsay MacDonald, and Philip Snowden, the Communists declare, show them to be just as loyal to the British empire as the Fascisti and much more servicable to the capitalists in their present dilemma.

Thomas' Speech.

The speech of the colonial secretary in which he threatened war upon the Turkish Republic, has aroused a great wave of anger thruout England. Since MacDonald came into office it has been amply demonstrated that changes of government mean nothing to the foreign policy of the British government. It pursues the even tenor of its way under Tory, liberal or "labor" governments.

Political observers, see in Thomas' speech a bid for office under whatever administration comes into power after the next general elections. Referring to Turkey, Thomas said:

"I want to make it clear to the foreigner and to the world that, in the defense, maintenance, and preservation of its rights, privileges, and obligations of this empire, no general election, no party difference will allow those who are charged with responsibility for this government to be unmindful of their obligations."

"Events have occurred which are very disturbing to his majesty's government. I don't know whether the political situation itself is responsible for the incidents, but if they were I only hope that the reference I have now made, not only on behalf of the people of the government but on behalf of the people of this country, will not be misunderstood."

ASTOUNDING GROWTH.

While the labor party officials make little of the Fascisti, the announcement that the membership of this organization has reached one hundred thousand, caused consternation among the rank and file of the workers.

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STUFF BY SPOLANSKY IN THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS SHOWN UP AS "WORTHLESS TRASH"

By MANUEL GOMEZ

Jacob Spolansky now stands convicted out of his own mouth. The very first of the anti-Red articles written by this discharged federal fink for the Chicago Daily News, proves conclusively that he is either a perjurer or at least an ambitious liar.

And the Daily News stands exposed as a survival from the antediluvian era of newspaperdom, its eagerness for sensation and its blind hatred of the Communists having led it into paying out thousands of dollars for worthless trash.

Spolansky's much-advertised initial article, which the News played up with an eight-column streamer head, purports to be the story of a secret meeting on Nov. 7, 1918, at which the American Communist movement was founded.

Ahead of His Time.

Spolansky declares that he as a government operative, had been shadowing the participants for weeks preceding the meeting. He relates realistically how he followed one of them to the meeting place in the Mid-City Bank building and overheard all that took place thru a crack in the door of the room. But according to Spolansky's sworn testimony in the Ruthenberg case, he did not become a member of the department of justice until nearly six months after the date when he says he listened in on this little conference. If he did not commit perjury in the Berrien county court, he was in the army on the date mentioned, and could not possibly have seen and heard what he says he did.

The DAILY WORKER now challenges the Chicago Daily News to print the truth about Spolansky's initial story. Below are given citations from the court record which the News is at liberty to verify. We have no hesitation in saying, however, that we expect the News to ignore us.

It will continue to publish Spolansky's lies, and perhaps even to syndicate them thruout the country, because it is more interested in protecting its investment in the matter than in doing justice to the revolutionary working class movement. To print the truth about Spolansky's first article would be to make a laughing stock of itself and discredit all the other articles to come, articles for which the News has paid good money.

Cite Spolansky's Testimony.

It will be remembered that Spolansky, altho a federal operative, paid by the federal government and supposed to keep his hands off state affairs, was so anxious to "get" William Z. Foster, C. E. Ruthenberg and others that, under the direction of Burns, he arranged all the details for the assault upon the Communist Party convention at Bridgman, practically forcing the local sheriff to make the raid. When called to the witness stand in the Ruthenberg case, he gave a lengthy account of his career. The Labor Defense Council, which is conducting the Michigan defense, and which is collaborating with the DAILY WORKER in the present series of articles, has in its possession a complete copy of the record.

Page 232 of the transcript of evidence shows that on Monday, April 23, 1923, Spolansky said under oath, in the circuit court of Berrien county, (Continued on page 6)

DAILY WORKER VERY POPULAR AT ST. LOUIS LA FOLLETTE MEETING

By ELLA REEVE BLOOR.

(Special to the DAILY WORKER.)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 15.—Six hundred special St. Louis campaign editions of the DAILY WORKER were sold here at the LaFollette meeting Tuesday night. Comrade Mason, chairman of the publicity committee for the Gitlow meeting and Comrades Mrakis, Fogel, and Levin, of the Young Workers' League, picketed the main doors of the LaFollette meeting with signs reading: "You read capitalist newspapers. Now read the only workers' daily paper in America." Each paper contained the program of the Workers Party, and the work probably gained numerous sympathizers away from the LaFollette camp.

WOBBLIES ARE SEEKING UNITY IN CONVENTION

Lone Lumber Worker Is Sulking in Tent

The convention of the Industrial Workers of the World was still busied yesterday with the report of the credentials committee, after having absorbed practically all the delegates who first were inclined to adhere to the split convention called by Rowan and the other G. E. B. members who had applied to the capitalist courts for an injunction.

No one was at the hall at 180 W. Washington St., where J. A. Griffith had asked all delegates to gather, altho the hall had been paid for.

At Emmet Memorial Hall it was stated that all delegates but one, from the lumber workers, had come into the convention. The whereabouts of this "Lonesome Lumberjack" is unknown. Similarly, the leaders of the Rowan group, Rowan, Bowerman, Griffith and the rest, are not present at the Emmet Memorial Hall. I. W. W. members, when asked if they were expected, declared that it was unlikely as the membership were very bitter against them.

Fighting Doyle-Fisher.

However, altho this group has failed in getting a split convention to start with, the delegates from the unions controlled by them—altho not themselves involved in the controversy, are fighting inside the convention to wipe out some of the stigma attached to their representatives on the G. E. B. by allegations of the Doyle-Fisher group, and to attack Doyle and Fisher for their conduct which, it is asserted led to the split.

The demands, sixteen in number, which were made upon the convention as a price of continued unity, are quite lengthy and varied. Among them are the demand that delegates from both factions in the metal workers be seated and that the report of the auditing committee, which found Raddock and Bowerman short some \$800 in accounts, and upon which as partial evidence they were expelled from their industrial union, be declared void and their books subject to a new auditing.

Will Elect New Delegate.

The opposition to Doyle and Fisher won a point, or so it was considered by Doyle and Fisher, in the unseating of Mike Gapper as delegate from the small industrial unions, on the grounds that he was involved in the controversy. These unions are planning to elect a new delegate.

Tom Doyle, the general secretary-treasurer, told the DAILY WORKER reporter that the whole convention, from first to last, may be closed to all but I. W. W. members. This is an unprecedented procedure in the I. W. W. In the days of its early struggles, it made no effort to conceal its procedure from the whole working class which is asked to support it.

Doyle declared that the delegates which had come up from the Washington street hall, were there only "to filibuster, make trouble and delay proceedings."

Get The Truth About "The Reds" Every Day in the Daily Worker

Stuff by Spolansky Is Worthless Trash

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Michigan, that his career as a detective began in July, 1919, when he became a special agent of the department of justice, going from the army directly into the secret service. "I have been a special agent since July, 1919," he repeated.

Q: "You have only been a special agent since the war?"

A: "I have been a special agent since July, 1919."

Q: "How long were you in the army?"

A: "I believe from April 1918 to July 1919."

"Chapter I," of Spolansky's Daily News narrative starts off like the first chapter of a ten-cent thriller.

"Strangers embraced each other in wild abandon and passed off, singing and shouting. No time, this, for gloom or prophecies." It was Armistice day! No doubt in the world about the date. Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. Spolansky repeats it a number of times to make sure. The entire scene is depicted with a vividness that fixes it definitely in the memory.

Only one man took no joy in the celebration. With a squar look on his surly face he alighted from his automobile, "dismissed the chauffeur with a nod, and, after pausing to light a cigar, picked his way carefully across the sidewalk to the building entrance. Here he paused again and looked about, then opened the door and went quickly inside."

This was William Bross Lloyd, the villain in the piece, "to whom," says the erudite Spolansky, "may be attributed in large part the founding of the Communist movement in the United States."

The Truth About the Meeting.

As a matter of fact, there was a meeting in the Mid-City Bank building that day, but it was not the sort of meeting written up so luridly for the Chicago Daily News. Spolansky did not have to do any shadowing to

learn about it. It was in no sense a secret meeting; nor was the American Communist movement founded there—because the movement had already been founded, in the shape of an organized left wing inside the socialist party. Some of the socialist party offices were located in the building, and the meeting was a get-together of socialists opposed to the reactionary Hillquit-Berger leadership. While a number of those present never became a part of the regular Communist movement in this country, the meeting resulted in the formation of the Communist Propaganda League of Chicago—in no sense an "underground" organization.

Spolansky's fairy tale is absurd from start to finish. He speaks confidently of Alexander Stokilsky, as a man who "had been sent here by Trotsky for the express purpose of spreading propaganda and furthering the Communist idea thruout America." Stokilsky had been living in New York for eleven years before the appearance of even a trace of the organized left wing movement.

Lloyd Doesn't Smoke Cigars.

Even the minutest details of the story are out of harmony with sober reality. For instance, Lloyd's cigar. Lloyd never had a cigar in his mouth. He smoked cigarettes, one after another—and when Spolansky declares he had been following Lloyd for weeks, he certainly does not do credit to his own powers of observation.

Those who read the present series of articles in the DAILY WORKER will agree that its capitalist contemporary, the Daily News, deserves scant praise for hooking up with such a discredited sneak as Jacob Spolansky. The News refers to Spolansky as a former agent of the department of justice. It does not say that he has been kicked out of the department as an undesirable character. Spolansky was one of a group of 60 finks and gunmen, holdovers from the vicious Burns-Daugherty regime in the secret service, who were fired re-

cently in the attempt to institute something like a pretense of decency in the affairs of the department of justice.

Thrown out of a job, the resourceful Spolansky bethought himself of the numerous Red scares and bomb plots which he and his Burns associates had used so profitably in the days gone by. He decided to be a great feature writer, an expert on "the Red menace." With the help of someone more literate than he, he quickly worked over the mess of junk. And so the series of articles on the Chicago plots of the reds was born. He peddled trash from newspaper office to newspaper office, but his stories had long since been thoroughly discredited. Nobody accepted him, nobody would trust him.

Read the DAILY WORKER.

It remained for the Chicago Daily News to purchase and publish these silly "mystery stories," which had been rejected everywhere else and which were known to be as notorious a collection of fakes as has yet been conjured up. That the News could do this proves to what lengths a capitalist newspaper will go to confuse the workers. Workers will never find their interests reflected in the capitalist press. They should read the DAILY WORKER, a labor newspaper, pledged to the interests of labor.

In my previous article I pointed out that fakery is no new thing with Spolansky, nor with the school of sleuthing to which he belongs. In January, 1919, he tried to establish himself as an anti-Red hero by pulling off a flashy raid on the Technical School maintained by the Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia, an organization of Russians which has done praiseworthy work in sending tractor units and other technical help to the Workers' Republic. The school was then located on Robey street, near Division. Spolansky had 100 members of the school arrested and over 600 Russians thruout Chicago, whom he swore were members of

the Communist Party. After a thorough investigation, involving repeated visits to the school and examination of witnesses, every one of the prisoners taken in Spolansky's "personally conducted" raid was discharged. Sam H. Holland, who was called by the government as a special witness during the investigation, declares that the Technical School affair was a plain attempt at frame-up.

Labor Must Fight Frame-up.

Frame-ups such as the ones specialized in by ex-fink Jacob Spolansky are among the most dangerous obstacles which the workers have to face in their struggle against the bosses. There is a whole tradition of frame-ups, by secret service men and private stoolpigeons, for the purpose of getting militant working class leaders out of the way. The well-known case of Jacob Dolla is one of the most recent. The Labor Defense Council is at present collecting funds for the defense of six steel workers, five of them members of the Workers Party, who were framed at Farrell, Pa., by government agents working under the orders of the steel trust. With the assistance of fake witnesses, an attempt is being made to railroad them to jail on a trumped-up charge of "sedition against the state of Pennsylvania." As always, the workers are at disadvantage. The prosecution has behind it the power of the steel trust, while the defendants must rely on the small sums sent in by their self-sacrificing fellow workers.

Nevertheless, the Labor Defense Council intends to fight the Farrell case thru. With the continued help of Spolansky and the Chicago Daily News, the whole caboodle of professional finks and frame-up men will soon be so discredited that every intelligent worker will see the need of springing to the aid of his comrades when they are attacked.

Chapter II of Spolansky's lying "expose" will be treated in a subsequent article.