

SPOLANSKY EXPOSES OWN PLOTS

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

IF Calvin Coolidge falls to land in the White House for the next four years, vaudeville may be treated to a long-wished-for novelty in the form of silence. Al Jolson, the noted black face comedian, with a troupe of fun-makers visited the White House, to shake hands with the president and advise him that the country was behind him. They did not say how far, but that what can you expect from comedians?

AL and his merry companions were paid to do this by the republican national committee, so there is no hard feeling. It was the funniest delegation that visited the president since T. V. O'Connor led his labor fakers into the royal presence on Labor Day. Al Jolson is funny, but the funniest joke he ever cracked has nothing on Coolidge.

The Chicago Tribune is again waging war on Soviet Russia from Vienna and Riga. The Tribune general at Trebizond was obliged to surrender that position owing to a strategic Turkish move in the rear. He is now advancing toward the Mediterranean Sea. It is believed that the positions at Riga and Vienna will hold out indefinitely unless the Tribune generals become infected with the scurvy that is spreading rapidly among the Czarist counter-revolutionists.

THE Tribune gloats over the fabricated reports of burning oil wells, wrecked railroads, and murdered Soviet officials. But somehow or other Russia emerges stronger than ever from every onslaught, while her enemies become fewer and more disreputable. Even imperialist France the most brazen enemy of the Soviet government is now obliged to begin negotiations with Moscow. The Tribune will not make peace with Russia until it first bends the knee to the American working class. But it will be a different Tribune then.

J. P. MORGAN is in Paris, looking over that part of his kingdom. His French soldiers are closely guarding his royal person. If any untoward incident should occur during the royal visit the great man might revenge himself on the French government for their carelessness, by hammering down the French franc. Morgan is busy getting the Dawes Plan to work. The only elements opposing it are the Communists.

WE are indebted to T. V. O'Connor, former president of the International Longshoremen's Union, for the startling information that Soviet Russia sent barrels of gold rubbles to the LaFollette treasury via Mexico. We assure T. V. that if such is the case there will be a noticeable strain in the hitherto friendly relations existing between THE DAILY WORKER and the Soviet Government. It was unkind of T. V. not to advise us of the coming of the treasurer. Had we known of it in time we could have taken steps to intercept it.

THE Philadelphia Public Ledger, gives the front page to this rubbish of O'Connor's. The notorious faker is quite well aware that the Communists who control the Russian government know LaFollette to be a reactionary, tho not as ignorant as T. V. O'Connor secured his present position as president of the United States Shipping Board, by being an accomplished traitor. He expects to

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On a Labor Faker's Trail

TOLEDO LABOR GIVES FOSTER BIG WELCOME

LaFollette's Meeting Is Poor in Comparison

(Special to the DAILY WORKER)

TOLEDO, O., (By Mail.)—William Z. Foster, presidential candidate of the Workers Party, addressed an audience here many times the size of that accorded Oswald Garrison Villard, who spoke here recently in support of LaFollette.

Foster's meeting was held at the Labor Temple, the same hall in which Villard spoke.

Workers Hear Foster.

However, there was a remarkable difference in the two audiences, not alone in size but in the makeup. Foster's audience was distinctly working class, scores of aggressive rank and file trade unionists were present and loudly applauded his speech. A large collection was taken up and much literature was sold.

Desperate efforts have been made by some of the local labor fakers to arouse the rank and file to the point of supporting LaFollette. The success of the Foster meeting in view of the fact that these same fakers have vilified Foster, because of his fight for amalgamation of the craft unions, has had a very dampening effect upon the pay roll boys and their local LaFollette movement.

Plan New Activities.

The outstanding feature of the Foster meeting was the fact that it attracted so many local reds who for some years have held aloof from all revolutionary activities. Many of them became so enthusiastic that they said: "The time has come to get into the revolutionary harness again." Toledo Workers Party is enthused over the success of the Foster meeting and are planning new activities with an assurance that in this old time home of the reds Communism will finally prevail. Foster's clear cut enunciation of the Communist program was a complete answer to the LaFollette liberals and pussyfooters. Foster's answer to the dictatorship of Wall street, was the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Good Gathering in Cleveland.

By J. A. HAMILTON.

(Special to the DAILY WORKER.) CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 19.—The Foster meeting in the Engineers' Auditorium here was the most successful held by the Workers Party in this city in many months. The reputation of Foster, coupled with the extensive advertising brought out hundreds of workers to hear the message of Communism.

The LaFollette sentiment is strong in Cleveland, not only among the workers, but as might be expected among the business and professional classes as well. A straw vote taken in the downtown clubs showed LaFollette to have a very high percentage compared with Coolidge. Hence the capitalistic press, in reporting Foster's speech, were greatly impressed with his exposure of LaFollette, and quoted him as saying that "LaFollette is no more the friend of the

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A RED WEEK WIRE FROM NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY has crossed the line in a hot spurt for RED WEEK. An advance order for ONE THOUSAND UNITS of campaign literature reached the national office by wire this morning.

ONE THOUSAND LITERATURE UNITS MEANS that to date one thousand party members in New York have each contributed fifty cents for their 137 piece literature unit, which each one of them will distribute during Red Week, Oct. 26 to Nov. 2.

ONE THOUSAND LITERATURE UNITS MEANS that 137,000 pieces of campaign literature will go forward to New York City alone—leaflets, pamphlets, stickers, DAILY WORKERS—and that at least 137,000 additional workers in New York City will get the Communist message before election day.

New York City's drive for the participation of every member for a Red Week literature distribution can be duplicated everywhere.

EVERY party branch CAN secure the co-operation of its members in this task. Decide, then DO—for ACTIVITY must constitute the greater part of the make-up of every Communist.

EVERY MEMBER MOBILIZE FOR RED WEEK!

JOBLESS COAL MINERS PAYING \$100 FOR JOBS

Charge Mine and Union Officials Divide Graft

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Oct. 19.—As much as \$100 is being paid for jobs by miners at Orient Mine No. 2, near here.

Grafting mine officials—and it is believed that some of the union officials are dividing the loot—taking advantage of unemployment, are forcing ignorant workers to buy jobs by the simple process of hiring no men at the mine.

Many Hunt for Work.

Every morning from 100 to 150 men "rattle" Orient, No. 2, but no one is ever put to work unless he shows up with an order signed by the mine manager in Breton.

One man has already confessed to some of the active union men that he paid \$100 for his job and it is known that others have done the same.

Miners who speak little English are the ones who are victimized and if they complain they are threatened with the vengeance of the Klan, to which most of the mine officials belong.

Careful to Hide Guilt.

The militants here are conducting a rigid investigation and the miners are aroused but absolute proof is difficult to secure as the transactions are carefully handled.

Due to this condition and other reasons the Ku Klux Klan is rapidly losing out in this district. A week ago, Glenn Young and a hundred klansmen had planned an invasion of Orient. The Orient police chief—a member of the miners' union—mobilized 200 miners and planned to meet Young and his forces at the edge of town and annihilate them. The invasion never came off.

In West Frankfort it is common talk that 3,000 workers have pledged and armed themselves to wipe out the Klan forces if they attempt to carry out any such terrorist campaign as they did in Zeigler and Herrin.

GOOD MEETINGS FOR DUNNE IN SOUTH ILLINOIS

Candidate for Governor in Mine Fields

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WEST FRANKFORT, Illinois, Oct. 19.—Two successful Workers Party campaign meetings for William F. Dunne, its candidate for governor, have been held here and in Christopher.

Dunne spoke here from the bandstand in the public square to a crowd of over 300 people who applauded vigorously his explanation of the revolutionary program of the Workers Party. A collection of \$20 was taken.

Won't Hear Democrat.

After Dunne had finished speaking, some democrat candidates tried to take advantage of the crowd gathered to hear the Workers Party speaker, but in five minutes it had dwindled to less than fifty persons.

The party members here have distributed 2000 DAILY WORKERS and covered the city with the campaign literature under the direction of Comrade E. B. Hewlett, Workers Party candidate for congressman.

Speaks at Christopher.

In Christopher Dunne's meeting was held in the opera house. The audience applauded when he reminded the Ku Klux Klan that Morgan, a Jewish financier, was the real owner of the American government and responsible for America's entrance into the war.

"The Workers Party," said Dunne, "recognizes no national and racial lines and I cite this fact simply to show the incorrectness into which these 100 per cent patriots are led when they attack those who expose the evils of American capitalism."

The Christopher audience donated \$20 to the Workers Party campaign.

Other Dunne speaking dates are: Monday, Oct. 20, Belleville, Vellies Hall.

Tuesday, Oct. 21, Collinsville, City Hall.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, Springfield.

Paterson Strikers To Hear Communist Speakers Tonight

PATERSON, N. J., Oct. 19.—The Workers Party will hold a large mass meeting for its candidates in this election. The meeting in Paterson will be held at Helvetia Hall, 156 Van Houten street, at 8 p. m., and the main speakers of the evening will be Rudolph Volgraf, candidate of the Workers Party for U. S. senator from New Jersey, and Harry M. Wintsky, candidate for congress on the Workers Party ticket in New York City. In addition there will be other prominent speakers and the committee in charge expects a very successful meeting of Paterson workers anxious to hear the message of Communism from the candidates of the Workers Party in this election.

Open Forum, Sunday Night, Lodge Room, Ashland Auditorium.

FARRINGTON IS ACCUSTOMED TO DISAVOW ACTS

Retracted His Charges Against T. L. Lewis

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

When Frank Farrington was confronted with the proof of having accepted money from Colonel Frank L. Smith, democratic candidate for governor of Illinois, he at first denied the charge but finally admitted having received one thousand dollars. But like the republican party campaign fund, it is not likely that all Farrington's receipts from the sale of the miners' votes get into the record. He does not do that kind of bookkeeping.

Farrington is not the kind of a man to be bothered over the necessity of making a change of front. He swallowed his words on the Howat case and again in his controversy with John L. Lewis over the Lester mine.

There are two interesting documents on record showing the unreliability of Farrington's word and proving conclusively that he will eat crow when driven into a corner. This bully who expels honest men from the union, who hounds the radicals and joins with the bosses in blacklisting them; who hires pimps and thugs to beat up rank and file delegates crawls on his belly before those who have it in their power to punish him.

Ate His Own Words

He did this in his controversy with T. L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers in 1910. T. L. Lewis was no better or no worse than his namesake who rules the International union today. He is now a non-union (Continued on page 8)

CANTON "REDS" HOLD "TOP" MITT IN CIVIL WAR

CANTON, Oct. 19.—Despite efforts of the merchants and their allies to retrieve the losses received in the heavy fighting which lasted for two days in the streets of Canton, their efforts have been unavailing.

The defeat of the fascists has increased the morale of the workers considerably and they are ambitious to go on the warpath against the enemy. It is now freely admitted by even some enemies of Sun Yat Sen that he has tolerated extreme provocation from the merchants backed by the British government.

Fear of Russia and to a certain degree Japan is the only hindrance to the landing of British and American troops here.

Moscow Reports Earthquake.
MOSCOW, Oct. 19.—An earthquake was reported from Tashkent today.

RUTHENBERG SPEAKS AT MANY MEETINGS IN OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA

C. E. Ruthenberg, executive secretary of the Workers Party will make a series of campaign speeches in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Comrade Ruthenberg is the Workers Party candidate for congress in Ohio. The following is a list of his meetings and their location:

Charteroi, Pa.—Italian Hall, 8th street and Lookout avenue, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 8 p. m.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Carnegie Music Hall, Federal and Ohio Sts., N. S. Thursday, Oct. 23, 8 p. m.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Friday, Oct. 24, Cleveland, Ohio.—Saturday, Oct. 25.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Jaites Hall, 6006 St. Clair avenue, Sunday, Oct. 26.

U. S. SECRET SERVICE SLEUTH UNRAVELLED BY DAYLIGHT HIS CONSPIRACIES PLANNED IN DARK

By MANUEL GOMEZ

How Jake Spolansky, his brother, his brother-in-law and a couple of rank outsiders, got together night after night in Gary, Ind., some five years ago to plot death and destruction, and then met again in the morning as detectives to work out some satisfactory solution of the self-same mysterious, baffling and decidedly anarchistic plots, is a story that would make those who paid the salaries of the Spolansky family tear their hair in rather ridiculous rage.

"The Knights of the Red Star" was the flamboyant name given by the Spolanskys to their dread organization—a name which could only have been conceived by someone whose familiarity with the literature of the revolutionary working class movement was confined to paper-covered novels of the type of "Life Among the Nihilists" or "The Terrible Gas House Conspiracy."

One might have thought that Jake Spolansky would be at least discreet about "The Knights of the Red Star" and would refrain from ever mentioning it again.

Can't Keep It Down.

But he has contracted to write a certain number of "anti-red" stories for the Chicago Daily News, and his imagination seems to be somewhat limited; so we have this discredited, stupendously silly "organization" played up afresh in the form of a "red exposure."

Spolansky's brain may be absent but his nerve is still with him. He treats the little group as if it were still in existence.

"One of the organizations most flagrant in its contempt for United States law," he coolly informs us, "goes under the name of 'The Knights of the Red Star.' It has a large group membership located in Gary. To this group have been traced many pieces of literature, advocating the death of public officials and signed 'The Group of Avengers.' This anarchist society, which has branches in most of the large cities of the United States," he goes on to say, "is ruled by a committee in Boston, Mass., consisting of six persons, one of whom is a woman. . . and any ruling of this body is looked upon as final by anarchists throughout the country."

He Uses Imagination.

The writer has had some experience with anarchists in the labor movement, and has yet to find a single one of them who accepted any ruling as final! I can't help wishing, in spite of myself, that the real, live, flesh-and-blood anarchists were, at least in some respects, a little like the anarchists of Spolansky's fiction. Then perhaps Communists might not find it so impossible to work with them.

Spolansky is certainly drawing upon his imagination when he refers to the many branches of the "knights" covering the country like a network.

As a matter of fact there was only one small group. It was organized in Gary during the great steel strike of 1919, in which many thousands of steel workers, under the leadership of William Z. Foster, struggled bravely against overwhelming odds against the forces of the steel trust. Undoubtedly, the chief purpose of the group was to provide an excuse for wholesale persecution of strikers, with a view to breaking the strike.

The "Knights of the Red Star" was organized by a stool pigeon who went by the name of Azotov. When not busy among the Gary steel workers, he had private offices at 5 S. Wabash

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CAL'S FRIENDS RAISING BIG SLUSH FUND

Big Business Ready to Buy Election

Tho Calvin Coolidge, the strike-breaker president of the United States, is not noted for his fluency of speech he does a lot of political thinking. His silence in this campaign is literally golden, according to reports of big slush funds gathered by bankers and manufacturers to keep the silent automaton in the White House for the next four years.

Cal is not talking in this campaign but a ten million dollar slush fund can do a lot of speech making.

The American capitalists feel that they are crossing a stream and don't want to change mounts. The old and reliable elephant looks better to them than either the descript donkey who is not able to raise the price of oats, or the hydra-headed freak of nature which the LaFollette conglomeration rides on.

Bankers, manufacturers and big capitalists in general have decided to raise a fund that will make Harding, Jake Hamon and Jess Smith raise hell with envy in their summer home on the Styx. Ten million dollars would look big even in the days immediately after the war. And the sum may be between twelve and fifteen millions.

Big Plutes Involved.

The biggest leaders in the financial and industrial world will be called before the Borah slush fund investigating committee to tell the why, what and wherefore of the millions they are raising to substitute for Silent Cal's lack of vocal activity. Among those present at the notable society event will be:

Samuel M. Vaulain, president of the Baldwin Locomotive works, the

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ITALIAN COMMUNISTS DEMAND THAT SACCO AND VANZETTI BE SET FREE

"Demand freedom for Sacco and Vanzetti" was the ringing note at the convention of the Italian Federation of the Workers (Communist) Party at the Emmet Memorial Hall to the 56 delegates representing many industrial centers of the country. "Condemn Judge Thayer for denying a new trial to Sacco and Vanzetti and initiate a campaign for a United Front for the release of these two workers and all political prisoners."

C. E. Ruthenberg, representing the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party, addressed the convention. He gave a report of the political activity of the party and urged the necessity of greater discipline of the Italian press and co-operation of the Italian federation with the central committee of the party.

In complimenting the federation on its achievements in one year, he said that at the last June, 1923, convention when the federation only boasted three or four hundred members he was skeptical about the possibility of their maintaining a daily newspaper.

To maintain a powerful daily like "Il Lavoratore," to increase their membership in such great proportions, representing the workers in important industries like the anthracite coal

committee of the party.

EVERY militant worker is becoming interested in the "Build the DAILY WORKER" campaign now going on. It is the constructive kind of work that builds up the strength of our party, of the revolutionary movement, and of the power of Labor generally.

All the live-wires among the workers will give their active support to this campaign. By all means every militant should become a member of the "DAILY WORKER Bricklayers' Union"—that live section of constructive militants who are making stronger their one great newspaper that never lets up in the fight for the workers' cause.

You do the labor movement a real service when you send in your sub—and that of your shopmate—to the DAILY WORKER. And you also show that you are one of the dynamic factors in the making of our working-class history.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

A Brick on the inside page—"HEAVE IT BACK!"

SHOW SPOLANSKY HIS OWN PLOTTER

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avenue, where he described himself as a "social worker."

"Azotov" and Jake Spolansky were friends, and Jake's brother was a charter member of Azotov's little gang of "avengers." Co-operating from time to time was Spolansky's brother-in-law, Margolies, who had come on from Seattle with a fake I. W. W. card in his pocket and had established himself as a stool pigeon, spying on the local Communist movement.

His Memory Changes.

During deportation proceedings in Gary, Spolansky denied knowing "Azotov," but later, in Chicago, he admitted it.

The "Knights of the Red Star" were in existence less than a week. As soon as Gary Communists got wind of the organization, they pulled out the few honest workers who had been deceived into joining it, thus leaving it nothing but a body of detectives.

For a long time, especially during the period of the "red raids," all sorts of wild crimes were attributed by the police to the non-existent "Knights of the Red Star." Threatening letters were received by prominent government officials. Bombs were discovered in corridors and under front porches. Always there was a big hullabaloo, with scores of public and private detectives hired to drag out the villains—but no "member" of the death-dealing "Knights of the Red Star" was ever discovered by the eager pursuers.

Fraud Put Over Poorly.

One of the crudest incidents came in connection with the alleged attempt on the life of Maclay Hoyne, then state's attorney of Illinois, and now accused of blackmail by a poor ex-coal miner. Hoyne was at that time in charge of the trials of a large group of "reds" consisting of 41 members of the Communist-Labor Party and 85 members of the Communist Party, who had been arrested in the brutal Palmer raids.

According to Chicago newspapers an attempt was made upon the life of Hoyne by a would-be assassin, who fired a shot thru the window of the Hoyne home. The "Knights of the Red Star" was first declared to be responsible, and then an attempt was made to frame up Alfred Wagenknecht, now an active member of the Workers Party and at that time executive secretary of the Communist-Labor Party.

It was declared that on May 25, 1920, Hoyne had received a threatening letter, signed by Comrade Wagenknecht. The make-up of the letter

was ridiculous. Wagenknecht no doubt has his faults, but the spelling and general misuse of English displayed in this letter would not be attributed to him even by his worst enemies in the radical movement. Following is a copy:

"New York—May 21, 192—Mr. State's Attorney Hoyne and dirty dog Henry Berger; and Barnhardt and Mike Flannegan of the Thiel agency—We want you all to know that you all have been found guilty by our committee; of conspiring against 200 men and women and therefore I have been instructed to write to you and let you know that you will be shot at the first opportunity we get. We mean all of you; especially Flannegan, the dirty crook dictative; this is our second letter to you—relize the men or you will be shot soon. We have spies as well as you got and we know what you are planning as well as you know what we are planning.

"You can sat goodby to all your friends if don't relize these men in ten days; we know that the bankers including the prsident of the first national bank; that we will put him in hell just as well as not. We may meet him some this days and make him a surprise of something and the other bankers too.

"By order of the national executive board:

"Baker, Lindgrand and Bilan.

"A. Wagenknecht, executive secretary.

"This is you last notice."

Detectives Wrote Letters.

The Labor Defense Council has a copy of this letter on file, as well as a number of similar letters written by detectives and purporting to come from radicals. We have reason to believe that most, if not all, of them were written by Mike Flannegan, of the Thiel Detective Service Co., the same Mike who did such heroic work in putting over the Illinois criminal syndicalist law.

In a future issue of the DAILY WORKER, I shall give some other instances of Mike's frame-ups, with which the adventures of Jake Spolansky are intertwined. Buy the DAILY WORKER, and read of the adventures of Mike and Jake, both honorary members of the order of "The Knights of the Red Star"!

Lincoln Pleads Insanity.

GENEVA, Ill., Oct. 19. — Insanity will be. For, in addition to a snappy, Lincoln, lawyer-horticulturist, goes on trial for his life here for the slaying of his wife, Lina, and her brother, Byron Shoup.