

SPOLANSKY AND HIS OLD PAL, 'BILL' BURNS, KING OF DICKS, CASTING THEIR LOTS TOGETHER

By MANUEL GOMEZ.

Spolansky and his old pal, William J. Burns, king of the dick-fink underworld, are together again. Information has reached the DAILY WORKER thru the Labor Defense Council that about a week ago, Jake was offered and accepted the remunerative job of manager of the "radical department" of the Burns detective agency.

This is the final and sufficient commentary on the positive, out-and-out rottenness of the whole parasitic detective business. Burns, who has seen every one of Spolansky's "anti-red" stories in the Chicago Daily News, must appreciate now at least that he does not know anything about the revolutionary working class movement—because Burns himself was on the inside of most of the conspiracies that Jake "exposes" as "red" plots.

Jake is not being hired on account of his knowledge, which is nil. He is being hired because of his unscrupulousness, be-

cause of his extraordinary eagerness to prostitute himself, because of his long experience as a double-crosser and frame-up man.

Try to Divide Workers.

Such are the qualities which Burns requires in his "radical department," the business of which is to disrupt the labor movement in the interests of the big capitalists, to frustrate strikes either by hook or crook, and to put Communist leaders in jail under one pretext or another. One of them was Allen O. Myers, the illustrious liar.

Myers, whose rapid-fire "confessions" and "repudiations" before the senatorial investigating committee are the talk of Washington, has a truly remarkable record. He has been indicted nearly a dozen times and only convicted once! Then there is Patrick Roach, another vigilant guardian of capitalist law and order.

"Pat" is now working for the government. He is in the military intelligence department, and has just gotten mixed up in an awkward scandal concerning blackmail and a few hundred casks of sacramental wine. Thus, in his new employment, Spolansky will have a free hand for his "patriotism."

Runs Out of Bunk.

Friend Jake is running out of bunk for his stories in the Chicago Daily News. He is now driven to relating accounts of the size and scope of the Communist movement in the United States, membership figures, variety of publications, etc.—all of which could much better be secured by any interested reader of the News, by glancing over the published reports of Workers Party officials, which they are by no means anxious to keep hidden away unsold. Full and detailed reports are contained in "The Second Year," a 130-page book published immediately following the national convention of the Workers Party, last fall. It sells for fifty cents, and copies may be secured from the DAILY WORKER, 1113 W. Washington Blvd. Day-to-day information concerning the activities of the Communists can be had by reading the DAILY WORKER. Anyone can get a six-months subscription for \$4.50, or buy the paper on the news stands for three cents a copy.

Haven't Two Million Members.

Communists are scarcely interested in minimizing their strength. In fact the despairing yellow "socialists" try to make workers believe that we make a practice of systematically padding our membership figures. Nevertheless, we declare in all frankness that we haven't the 2,000,000 members Spolansky generously assigns to our language federations, that none of our publications has a circulation of 180,000, that our Negro membership in Chicago does not total several thousand, and that we were not responsible for the race riots in Chicago, Washington, D. C., Omaha, Neb., and Helena, Ark.

Spolansky affirms that the race riots were "traced directly thru the radical forces in the United States to Communist headquarters in Moscow," when he knows they were a direct out-

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AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

ANDREW FURUSETH, president of whatever is left of the International Seamen's Union of America is running for the official head of T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the United States shipping board. T. V. broke into print recently with an asinine statement about Soviet money being used to elect LaFollette. This got under the hide of canny Andy, who is one of the most rabid red-baiters in America and a hypocritical labor crook to boot. His sanctimonious looks may fool many but that is the kind of rogue who can do the most damage.

HOWEVER, when crooks fall out it is our duty to give them all the publicity they desire, as they usually tell the truth when mad with each other. Andy charges O'Connor with using \$162,000 of government funds to break up labor unions on the Pacific coast in 1922. He makes other charges, but one is enough for us. Is it not strange that Furuseth did not go to bat with O'Connor on this issue until the latter turned his guns on LaFollette. It seems that faker Furuseth could look on the dismantling of the labor unions with equanimity, he could see strikes broken by the United States government without unloosing the vials of his wrath, but when the political fortunes of the capitalistic politician LaFollette were imperiled, then Andy got his dander up.

O'CONNOR is one of the most notorious and unabashed labor fakers in America. But what about Furuseth? Andy blames O'Connor for breaking up his union with money. The fact is that it was Furuseth's red-baiting policy that destroyed the seamen's union. Furuseth's conduct on the Pacific coast was just as filthy as that of O'Connor. The latter was an open agent of the government and openly used his power to smash the movement that put him on the road to fortune, but Furuseth was a dirty stool pigeon, turning over members of the I. W. W. to the government and riding the department of justice in putting radical members of his own union in jail. Between Furuseth and O'Connor there is only a choice between two evils.

THE seamen in Vancouver are well pleased with the way the DAILY WORKER handled the story on the conditions prevailing in the Canadian government merchant marine, written by Sydney Warren, Federated Press correspondent. The DAILY WORKER never pleases the capitalist class nor the labor fakers; it seldom pleases our liberal friends who look on our healthy hatred of the bourgeoisie as something indecent, and which has a

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Next Sunday Night and Every Sunday Night, the Open Forum.

SWEET PROFITS IN CHOCOLATE

WASHINGTON.—Profits in the chocolate and cocoa-product industry were more than twice the total paid in wages and salaries, in 1923, according to the department of commerce, in the 58 chief establishments in the United States. Value added by manufacture was \$84,588,404, while wages and salaries amounted to \$11,455,811, leaving a gross profit of \$23,132,593.

The wages amounted to \$7,728,938, divided among 6,876 wage-workers, or \$1,124 a year on the average. Salaries figured out on the average \$2,497 a year for the 1,492 persons listed as drawing salaries in these 58 plants.

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growth of the vicious, scab-herding methods of American capitalism.

As to taking up the fight for the exploited Negro, the Communist movement is not ashamed of its activities in that direction. The fight of the Negroes is our fight, and the fight of all workers, of whatever race or color. We are not ashamed of enlisting Negroes in our ranks. We only wish Spolansky's figures were true.

Now about the "secrecy" business. Apart from Spolansky's confused nonsense in the Chicago Daily News, there are a number of erroneous conceptions which have gone abroad, and which have been diligently spread by the friends of capitalist exploitation. These need to be cleared up.

An Open Movement.

The Communist movement is now an open movement, and was an open movement when it started. The Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party were organized in 1919, adhering to the Communist International, and making their appeal to all workers. In January, 1920, ex-Attorney Palmer, a willing tool of capitalism, began his series of spectacular and brutal raids against radicals, making liberal use of "under-cover" men, stool pigeons, snugs and frame-up experts, of the type of William J. Burns and Jake Spolansky. These raids have already been exposed in the DAILY WORKER. Nearly 7,000 warrants of arrest were issued and upwards of 10,000 workers were arrested—a great part of them members of the Communist and Communist Labor parties. The Labor Defense Council is still defending cases arising out of these raids and is collecting funds at its office, 166 W. Washington street, Chicago, to carry on the fight.

These mass persecutions forced the Communist parties to organize underground to escape annihilation. The movement was forced to lead an underground existence for three years, not by romantic mystery or secret instructions from Moscow, but rather by the brutal, vindictive terror of the United States government in the service of American capitalism. It is true that the Communists did not meekly surrender when attacked, but were

determined to keep a revolutionary working class movement alive and functioning at all costs.

However, it is ridiculous superstition or ignorance to believe that a Communist party must always be underground. In France, Germany, England and other countries, we have Communist parties with hundreds of thousands of workers in their ranks, quite openly organized. It is only in the most backward countries, such as Roumania, Jugo-Slavia, Poland, Hungary, Finland, and in Italy which is plagued with fascism, that the brutality of the government has condemned the Communist parties to an underground existence.

Have Nothing To Hide.

The Communist underground organization was not a means for hiding anything from the workers. The Communists said this clearly and emphatically, as far back as 1922, in the very Labor Day manifesto which Spolansky misquotes:

"The Communists are not a sinister secret band of conspirators. Our aim, the liberation of workers, the abolition of wage slavery, working class control of industry, and state power, can only be achieved if the great masses of the workers stand with us.

"Workers' rule is only possible when the millions of workers support the Communist program. It is an essential feature of the Communist program to convince the majority of the workers of the truth of the ideas of Communism.

"We have nothing to conceal from the workers. We once more appeal to the workers to look upon the persecution of the Communists as a matter concerning all workers as well.

"The Communists are today outlawed because the capitalists are planning to outlaw the whole working class. When William Z. Foster was forcibly run out of Colorado, Adjutant-General Hamrock declared that he did so 'for the best interests of the state.' And then he added, 'No law was consulted.'

Capitalists Break Own Laws.

"The capitalists break their own laws whenever their interests demand it. If the workers will not defend the advance guard, the persecuted Communists, then the workers will have

to get ready to have the whole working class face the same declaration from the Hamrocks, Hardings, Daughertys, Pershings—that the organized workers must be crushed 'for the best interests of the state'—and in this instance also 'no law will be consulted.'"

The conditions of the class struggle made it absolutely necessary for the Communists to exist as an underground organization during the years 1920-1922. But the change in conditions has made it possible, and therefore, necessary, for the Communist Party to be dissolved as an underground organization. Today we no longer have an underground Communist Party in the United States. The Communist forces have united in the Workers Party of America, which is fraternally affiliated with the Communist International. The Workers Party fights openly for Communist principles. It is leading the fight against reaction, in the trade unions, in the shops and factories, in all phases of the political and industrial struggle. Its candidate for president in this election is William Z. Foster, leader of the great steel strike of 1919, the man whom "Pat" Hamrock once deported from Colorado, for the best interests of Rockefeller and Rockefeller's friends.

(This concludes the series of articles by Manuel Gomez. A new series by Karl Reeve, will begin in the DAILY WORKER tomorrow.)

Wood Turners Organization Meeting!

Mation Men, Variety and back-knife operators, Machine hands, Cabinet makers, Finishers and Gliders who are working on lamps.

All above mentioned workers attending this mass meeting will be admitted to our union free of initiation fees.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30
8 P. M.

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