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THE TRUTH ABOUT "THE REDS"

WILD TALES OF U. S. SLEUTH IN CHICAGO DAILY NEWS WILL BE EXPOSED BY THE DAILY WORKER

By MANUEL GOMEZ

The Chicago Daily News, publisher of "The Black Joker," "The Stained Dagger" and other equally blood-curdling "mystery stories" in serial form, has a new thriller for its readers.

It is all about "Reds" and "Red Plots," and what makes its sensational success almost certain is that the "Reds" portrayed in it are as unlike real "Reds" as it is possible to conceive.

The story is called "Secrets of the Reds Told by an Insider," and, strangely enough, purports to be true.

It is written by Jacob Spolansky, notorious anti-labor fink and frame-up man who, "in a series of amazing revelations" pretends to show "how Russian Communism, setting out to overthrow the government of the United States by violence, chose

Chicago as the center of all radical activities in the western world, manufactured bombs, and carried out systematic assassinations."

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

MUSSOLINI finds his footing getting slipper every day. He is now forced to request the assistance of D'Annunzio, the crazy playwright, who would feel as happy under the leadership of Mussolini as a hungry cannibal, hogtied within sight of a fat bishop. The Fascist movement is nearing the end in Europe. In Spain the black shirt dictatorship under De Rivera hangs on the Morocco expedition, which means that it hangs on a hair with the Rifian sabre in dangerous proximity. The capitalists have found it more advantageous to work thru the social democratic parties, than thru the more crude Fascisti. It wears better camouflage.

ANOTHER feature of the present European situation is the growth of anti-clericalism, which is chiefly manifested in the Latin countries of France, Spain and Italy. While the Vatican made considerable temporary gains by allying itself with the Fascisti, the fall of that dictatorship will certainly bring down upon the head of the Catholic church the wrath of the masses who suffered under the black-shirt regime. The republican elements in the Latin countries are anti-clerical and the fall of Fascism in Italy and Spain will undoubtedly bring about a state of affairs as far as the church is concerned, as took place in France in 1905.

A CLASS war prisoner in San Quentin sends in a clipping containing the drivel that oozed from the now dried-up brain of one Joseph Wise, in regard to William Z. Foster and the Workers Party. Our imprisoned comrade is extremely angry over the Wise attack, but he would not be if he only knew something about the contemptible nonentity who was used by the big labor fakers to attack a man whose ability as a trade union organizer they envy and who they hate because of his sincerity and the esteem in which he is held by the masses of the workers, even those who cannot yet see eye to eye with him politically. Wise has been already handled in THE DAILY WORKER and if he is at all worthy of his name he will keep his fool mouth padlocked, except for the performance of the only purpose nature intended it for—in the case of Wise—to eat his slops with.

JAKE Spolansky, until recently a stoolpigeon of the department of justice, and very likely a stoolpigeon now for some detective agency, is trying to make a name for himself and incidentally make some cash, by competing with Nick Carter, the famous dime novelist. Jake is now a writer, of course—like the Prince of Wales, he gets somebody else to do the literary work for him. But there are so many unemployed stoolpigeons around nowadays that Jakey will have no trouble, we presume, in securing a co-worker to fix up his yarns so that the copy readers will not be under the impression that some moron hit the literary warpath.

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Join the Workers Party!

COMMUNIST TICKET GOES ON BALLOT IN STATE OF INDIANA

With the filing of one thousand petitions with the secretary of state for Indiana in behalf of the presidential candidates of the Workers (Communist) Party, the workers of Indiana will have an opportunity to vote for William Z. Foster and Benjamin Gitlow, Communist candidates for president and vice-president, in the coming elections.

Arne Swabeck, district organizer, yesterday filed one thousand petitions for electors pledged to Foster and Gitlow in Indiana. This makes the fourteenth state to place the Workers Party national ticket on the ballot.

murder of a number of individuals. Twentyseven men of prominence in all parts of the United States were said to be marked for slaughter. The story gained considerable credence among worried plutocrats, and as a result the Thiel, Burns and Smith agencies reaped a happy harvest, until it gradually became discredited, ceased to call forth revenue, and was finally discarded altogether—not to bob up again until Spolansky decided to write his "revelations" for the Chicago Daily News.

Burns' Brazen Hoax.

As for the famous Wall Street bomb explosion, this forms part of one of the most brazen hoaxes ever perpetrated by unscrupulous detectives. The bomb was planted by an employee of a certain detective agency, and exploded on September 4, 1918, killing four persons and injuring nearly thirty. If there had not been \$500,000 lying around loose which the detectives believed could be diverted into their coffers for anti-Red investigations, the bomb never would have been manufactured. Despite the fact that for several years the dicks and farm-up men strove to implicate Communists, they have been entirely unsuccessful, and the Wall Street bomb explosion still remains a mystery, which the police say they cannot solve. The DAILY WORKER intends to aid in the solution. The Labor Defense Council has in its possession feasible documents and sworn testimony, which it will make public thru the DAILY WORKER, that the whole thing was cooked up by the Burns and Thiel agencies, operating with the connivance of the federal department of justice.

These paragraphs indicate the degree of reliability of the material which Spolansky is weaving into sensational for the readers of the Daily News. Anyone who reads Spolansky's intrepid fiction is assured of all the thrills attendant upon the perusal of a hectic dime novel, but he will learn nothing whatever about the revolutionary working class movement, which does not consist of fantastic "groups of avengers" engaged in planning isolated murders and evolving bomb plots, but it is a mighty concerted struggle to free the working class from wage slavery. The Workers Party, which is the Communist organization in this country, scorns to conceal its real purpose; it does not wait for a slimy sleuth like Jacob Spolansky to "expose" it; but it exposes itself day after day in the DAILY WORKER, which can be bought freely from the newstands.

Spolansky Knows He Lies.

Spolansky knows all this. He knows he is peddling spurious stuff. He is not a young innocent whose distorted ideas of socialism and Communism took shape naturally as a result of seclusion from revolutionary influences. But Spolansky needs money. And his whole career indicates that he could not allow mere principle to stand in the way of material gain. Perhaps he would prefer to write the truth for the Daily News, but the editor would call it "propaganda," and refuse to print it. The Daily News does not want the truth. It does not believe in giving publicity to the Communists, except to discredit them as crack-brained or secret medieval conspirators, and at the same to furnish a few cheap thrills to its readers.

Who is this Jacob Spolansky? Born in Russian Poland, he came to this country, and for a number of years had a bitter struggle to make both ends meet. Before the outbreak of the world war, while still a youth of 19 or 20, he became a member of the socialist party, joining Russian branch No. 1, in Chicago. At that time he was wretchedly poor. He dropped out of the party in 1916, going directly into the employ of the federal department of justice.

During his membership in the socialist party, Spolansky was, for a

time, financial secretary of his branch. Aside from that, he was not active, and showed no particular capability in the movement. His talents lay along different lines.

Has Spy Connections.

Spolansky asserts that he is opposed to professional spies in the labor movement and that he did not become connected with the secret service until after he had severed all connections with the socialist party. However that may be, it is quite clear that his negotiations with the police began long before 1918. His uncle, Malke Mills, was for 25 or 30 years head of the "anarchist squad" of the Chicago police department—and it was thru Mills' influence that Spolansky landed the job with the department of justice. There can be no doubt that Spolansky sold out, became a turncoat and capitalized his rather narrow acquaintance with the radical movement because he was poor and he saw a chance to pick up easy money, because he lacked the moral fibre of which staunch working class fighters are made.

The high spot in Spolansky's career as a detective was his organization, under the direction of super-dick William J. Burns, of the brutal raid on the convention of the Communist Party at Bridgeman, Michigan, in the summer of 1923, which resulted in the indictment of William Z. Foster, C. E. Ruthenberg, William Z. Dunne and 29 other Communist leaders. While some of the defendants were imprisoned in the county jail at St. Joseph, Spolansky openly declared that the real purpose of the raid was to terrorize the militant workers thruout the country and thus aid in smashing the big railroad and coal strikes which were then in progress. The attempt to convict Foster (now Workers Party candidate for president) failed. In the case of Ruthenberg, however, the prosecution accomplished its purpose, by playing skillfully upon the prejudices of a handpicked jury. Ruthenberg's appeal comes up before the Michigan supreme court this week. It is being financed by the Labor Defense Council, 166 W. Washington St., Chicago.

Shows Sleuths in Real Life.

In the movies, and in popular magazine serials, secret service men are invariably clean-cut, upright, courageous youths, who give their lives unselfishly to protecting the honor and interests of their country. But in real life they are sneaks and turncoats like Spolansky, ever willing to accept a bribe, and without the slightest conception of what honor means. More often than not, detectives are a combination of stool-pigeon and gunman usually with a shady past. They take part habitually in unlawful and violent raids, searches and seizures, cause fraudulent arrests, and use the third degree to force men to accuse themselves or others falsely. In one way or another they have become practiced in the black arts of inquisition. They utilize this training to fasten themselves like leeches on the men who possess wealth, striving to convince them that only by employing "protection" of the type they offer, can wealth be preserved in capitalist hands and continued opportunity afforded to plunder industry and exploit wage workers.

If you wish to read the full truth about Spolansky and his associates, read the DAILY WORKER. In the succeeding articles of this series, we shall relate some of the notorious frame-ups engineered by Spolansky against labor. We shall expose the connection between the government and the Burns Detective Agency. We shall tell the complete truth about the Wall Street bomb explosion, the "Gary Avengers," the plots to kill prominent Americans, and various other interesting matters—which are advertised for exposure by the Daily News, but which, nevertheless, will not be actually exposed except in the DAILY WORKER.

BATTLE GROUND SHIFTS SCENE IN I. W. W. MEET

Thrash Out Problems at Emmet Memorial Hall

The battle ground of the contending elements in the Industrial Workers of the World shifted yesterday from the Phoenix Hall, 405 W. Division Street, to Emmet Memorial Hall, where all but six members of the Rowan-Bowerman-Griffith group were reported to have agreed to meet and thrash out their differences.

These six members of the Rowan group who have already declared themselves the "official I. W. W. convention," are composed of one delegate from the metal workers' union and five delegates from the lumber workers' union.

Delegate Johnson, of the lumber workers has been made chairman of the Rowan-Bowerman convention.

Frame Series of Demands.

The "convention" of the six members of the Rowan group adjourned early yesterday afternoon after drawing up a series of "demands" upon the convention of delegates meeting in Emmet Memorial Hall.

This convention is composed of all the delegates who decided to meet in one convention in the interests of unity. Delegates in the Rowan group, who have so far declined unity, told the DAILY WORKER that they will meet again at 180 W. Washington St. to consider the reply of the large convention at Emmet Memorial Hall to their "demands." They declare unless their demands are met they will remain outside the regular convention, but refused to disclose what these demands are.

Claim Complete Unity.

Reports emanating from the closed session of the I. W. W. convention at Emmet Memorial Hall were to the effect that almost complete unity has been obtained by the I. W. W. delegates. The report of the credentials committee was acted upon yesterday afternoon by the executive session. The delegates honored the credentials of adherents to both the Rowan-Bowerman-Griffith faction and the Doyle-Fisher group. Only those delegates were seated, however, the DAILY WORKER was informed, who were regularly elected by groups of the rank and file I. W. W.

All but two of those followers of the Rowan group who had been meeting at 180 W. Washington St., are now present at the Emmet Memorial Hall unity convention, according to the I. W. W. delegates. The one delegate who has been holding out against unity, the DAILY WORKER is informed, is delegate Wilson of the lumber workers.

Keep Control on Dispute.

"One of the chief actions to be taken by this convention will be to see that such factional disputes never again get out of control of the organization and go into the capitalist courts," one of the western delegates told the DAILY WORKER. "The big fight will come over the report of the executive board."

A dick from the department of justice demanded admittance to the hall and the I. W. W. were forced to admit him. They declared perhaps he was looking for more material to write another series of capitalist newspaper articles.

LAFOLLETTE'S VOTES IN U. S. SENATE ON IMMIGRATION EXPOSED

Startling revelations of the part LaFollette played in the senate in the recent immigration legislation is made in Alexander Trachtenberg's article appearing on the editorial page today. Read this article, it contains valuable information.

BORAH GLORIES IN HIS ATTACK ON THE POST OFFICE CLERKS

(By The Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Senator Borah, replying to an inquiry as to whether the Associated Press told the truth when it quoted him as calling President Coolidge "the greatest man in the political history of the United States," denies that he made that statement. However, he says he did pay tribute to Coolidge for vetoing the post office employees' wage bill and other "extravagances." Borah called this matter of reducing public expenditures one of the supreme issues of the age, and Coolidge heroic for his action.

He has not yet replied to the challenge of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks as to why he does not censure Coolidge for signing the bill raising the salary of his political chiefs in the postoffice department from \$5,000 to \$7,5000 a year.

BRITISH ARMS HOLD TURKISH OIL FROM TURKS

John Bull Will Not Trust His Own League

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 13.—Wars are so common nowadays that only a real whopper excites more than ordinary attention. In other days the Turko-British imbroglio would be front page news. But with hundreds of thousands lined up in battle array in China, the skirmishes between Turkey and England over the Mosul oil fields receives only slight attention.

Big War Threatens.

But it would not surprise seasoned political observers here if a big struggle develops out of the present tension. Actual fighting is taking place right now between Turkish and British troops. Before MacDonald was defeated in the commons, his troops were shedding blood in defense of the oil wells stolen from the people of Mesopotamia by the Lloyd George government, for the British capitalists. He is still in charge of the bloody work.

Turkey Prepares.

The Turkish government at Ankara is in extraordinary session. The British are threatening to attack Mosul. Turkey has all the appearance of a country getting ready for war.

Yet war with the British empire is a serious proposition. Turkey will not undertake it lightly, at least not without learning the attitude of France and other big powers.

Won't Trust League.

The British are occupying Turkish territory, declaring they have a mandate from the league of nations to govern it. The natives would be just as well pleased if England dropped the "white man's burden" and left them alone, but there is oil on their native land, which compels them to sleep with strange bedfellows.

The Turks are willing to let the league of nations define the boundary but England will not even trust the league. France is a member of the league and France's vassal states have votes.

The capitalists are in a pretty fix.

Daugherty Contempt Case Goes Over Until Election Has Passed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—In an election broadside, Santiago Iglesias, labor leader in Porto Rico, recites the report made by a committee of members of the American Federation of Labor, that "We find Porto Rico to be a living graveyard," and asks the Unionist-Republican alliance to tell the voters just what measures they have planned, or would propose, to alleviate the terrible poverty of the mass of the people henceforth.

He challenges the alliance to say whether it will favor a small-holdings law which would break up the big sugar and coffee plantations to the extent required to give gardens or small farms to agricultural laborers. He further challenges them to say whether they would vote for legislation retaining in Porto Rico sufficient of its products, or the return thereof, to afford a living to the people of the island who are employed in creating them.

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Building Bolsheviki—the D. W. B. U.

ARGUE ISSUES IN RUTHENBERG CASE ON OCT. 18

Decision up to Michigan Supreme Court

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 14.—The issue, whether "assembling with" can be made a crime in the United States, is to be settled so far as the state of Michigan is concerned by decision of the supreme court here.

The issue comes up in the charge against C. E. Ruthenberg, convicted at St. Joseph, Mich., last year for "assembling with" the Communist party convention at Bridgeman the year before.

Hearing Set for Oct. 18.

The date of the hearing before the Michigan supreme court of the Ruthenberg case has been set for Oct. 18. The defendant's brief was filed some ten days ago and today the attorney, general, Daugherty, of the state of Michigan, filed the brief of the state.

The argument of the defendant is that the Michigan criminal syndicalist law is unconstitutional being in violation of the constitution of the state of Michigan, and that of the United States. The defendant's argument is based upon legal grounds. The answer of attorney-general Daugherty for the state of Michigan is that the Michigan syndicalist law "stands on guard against the destruction of the state and the United States constitutions."

Besides the issue of the constitutionality of the Michigan law, on general principles the defendant's argument is that the application made of this law in the Ruthenberg case is unconstitutional even though the state has the power to enact such a law.

He Only Assembled.

The basis of this argument is the fact that the only charge made against Ruthenberg was "assembling with" an organization and no evidence was submitted that either Ruthenberg or this organization had committed any act in the state of Michigan which created a clear and present danger for any overt act of any kind.

The state of Michigan will be represented in the hearing by the attorney-general of the state, Daugherty and O. L. Smith, assistant attorney-general, while the defendants will be represented by Frank P. Walsh and I. E. Ferguson.

PORTO RICO, LIVING GRAVEYARD, SUFFERS WITH STARVING INDIA

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