

Morgan Plan Explained

GITLOW MEET IN DETROIT BIG SUCCESS

Fifteen Hundred Cheer Communist Leader

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DETROIT, Sept. 30. — Ben Gitlow, vice-presidential candidate of the Workers Party of America, opened at Arena Gardens here yesterday the Communist political campaign in Michigan.

Fifteen hundred men and women cheered his explanation of the Communist purpose, delivered as a powerful but simple conclusion to a statement lasting two significant hours.

The larger part of his statement was an analysis of the attitude which he said must inevitably be taken toward the working class by the democratic and republican parties and the political organization which has grown up around the personality of the aged Wisconsin senator, Robert M. LaFollette. The republican and democratic movements, he said, are bristling with anti-strike injunctions and are yellow with the fumes of Teapot Dome.

Little Capitalists.

"And the government of LaFollette," he continued, "would be a dictatorship of the little capitalists instead of a dictatorship of the large industrial and financial capitalists, who are represented by the republican and democratic parties. Thirty years ago there were no great trusts or combines.

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Zep Has Stomach Trouble.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, Sept. 30.—Fresh motor trouble has developed on the zeppelin ZR-3, which will delay the departure of the giant airship for the United States. It had been hoped to start for Lakehurst, N. J., about next Sunday.

DAWES PLAN TO SWEAT GERMANS DOOMED TO FAIL

Hailed as a Peace Plan; Is Gigantic War Scheme

By JAY LOVESTONE.

(First Article.)

Every letter, every syllable of the Dawes Plan to salvage and finance the capitalist system breathes the spirit of another and even more infernal imperialist conflict.

A Bridge to War.

The Dawes Plan is not a bridge to world peace, but a bridge leading to the crossroads of a new world war. Its operation marks the most momentous step—bold—starkly naked—brutally frank—in the development of American imperialism.

The Dawes' plan bears all the earmarks of that most fraudulent and "purest" of capitalist democracies—the United States. Actually a gigantic war plan, it is being hailed as a peace plan. The very manner in which it was conceived, in which it was adopted, symbolizes with painful clarity the fact that the leading capitalist power, which in the last war was prating so feverishly about "open covenants, openly arrived at" is in reality, an adept in secret, backstairs diplomacy. Machiavelli, Metternich, Talleyrand, Disarelli, have never, at their worst, displayed more brazen effrontery than did Hughes, Mellon, Colonel Logan, Ambassador Kellogg. J. P. Morgan and the lesser financial satellites in the negotiations at the recent London Conference which brot about the acceptance of the plan by Europe.

And to this very day the loyal lackeys of our ruling class at Washington are protesting that they are not involved in European affairs, while they are working overtime consolidating and extending their hold on the war-stricken continent.

Fix Gigantic Tribute.

Never before have such giant pay-

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Dawes Plan to Sweat Germans Doomed

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Dawes' plan sentences Germany—its working and farming masses—to pay the international capitalist imperialists an unnamed staggering sum for an unnamed period of years.

In the plainest words spoken in the diction of Wall Street, a first mortgage will be placed on Germany's railways, transportation system, sugar, tobacco; her customs will be regulated and determined as has been done in San Domingo and Nicaragua; her taxation system will be arbitrarily fixed to yield the greatest loot in the name of reparations; her budget and currency will be manhandled with the ments, such a gigantic tribute, from one country to others, over and above the normal industrial and commercial operations, been demanded. The same end in view; and the hours of labor and cost of living will be driven upward and the conditions of employment, standards of living, and wages downward so as to assure the allied imperialists, led by the American group, the maximum tribute—ranging annually from a billion to two-and-a-half billion gold marks.

The first lien laid on the industries and resources of Germany, under the

guise of stabilizing her currency and safeguarding the initial loan of two hundred million dollars, is only a prelude to the complete program of the Yankee imperialists. The hundred million dollars flotation allotted to the United States is only a drop in the bucket of what the American capitalists are planning to put into private industrial investments. In this light it is easy to understand why the German Finance Minister Luther said on Sept. 1, 1924 of the first, the reparations loan: "This loan is the safest investment in the world, because it has priority on all reparations payments and is backed by the whole German national wealth controlled by an American."

But this turning of Germany into an American sweatshop, into a vassal colony of Yankee imperialism, is only the first step in the Balkanization of Europe, in the turning of Europe into a pawn in the hands of America's financial and industrial overlords. The role of General Dawes follows closely upon the role of General Pershing in the evolution of Wall Street's receivership of Europe. It was American military prowess, under the leadership of General John J. Pershing, that firmly set the first foot of the

conqueror of Europe on the continent, that made possible the allies' crushing of Germany and the dictation of the Versailles pact. Today, it is American economic prowess, under the leadership of the House of Morgan, whose tool Dawes is, that is firmly setting the second foot of the American capitalist conqueror on the continent of Europe. In 1918 the German Junker-capitalist clique surrendered to the overwhelming forces of American militarism camouflaged by the fourteen points of peace. In 1924 the whole European employing class has yielded to the supremacy of American capitalist imperialism openly represented in the capitals of Europe by the fourteen leading Wall Street bankers.

Doomed to Failure.

And just as Pershing and the Versailles Treaty could not restore Europe and world capitalism to its pre-war health, so will Dawes and his London pact fail. The latest plan to save capitalism thru the establishment of the world hegemony of American imperialism, reeks with too many contradictions. For one thing the Dawes plan does not answer the paramount question: In what form of goods is Germany to pay the reparations?

What class of goods can the allied capitalists accept as reparations without bringing about serious derangement in their own and the rest of the capitalist world's industries?

This contradiction is insoluble because it is inherent in the very system of capitalism. Interesting comment on this point is to be found in the statement of Mr. Hartley Withers, the London correspondent of Barron's Weekly in its issue of Aug. 11, 1924. We read this frank confession: "So that the real problem that we all wanted the Dawes committed to solve was evaded. It told us not what Germany could pay her creditors, but how many marks a year could be collected, for them to convert, if they could, into their own currencies. And this evasion of the core of the problem, seems to have been largely unnoticed by the general public in the creditor countries, which assumes that it is going to receive what the Dawes report tells it can be collected."

More than that. The maximum reparations that the French can get will be less than what they will have to pay to the capitalists of Great Britain and the United States in meeting their debts.