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MCDONALD PLEADS FOR BANKERS

Planning to Send U. S. Warships to Brazil

GERMAN RIGHT WING LEADER MAKES REPORT

RUSSIA IN 1924

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

(Report of Speech Delivered in Chicago, July 16, 1924.)

COMRADES.—It was my good fortune to spend four months of 1921 in Soviet Russia. While I was there I studied the situation diligently with all the resources at my command. I tried to see things as they were, not as I would like them to be. And finally, as a result of my investigations, I declared upon my return to the United States that, in my judgment, the Russian revolution was a success; that it had already surmounted difficulties pronounced altogether impossible, and that, even though it were still faced with problems utterly staggering in their immensity and complexity, the same invincible spirit that had carried the revolution forward to that point in the face of the most tremendous obstacles would carry it still further, in spite of every barrier, until the final victory is achieved. I said and said that the revolution had met its greatest tasks and had won the day.

Tonight I am glad to tell you that I was not mistaken in my judgment in 1921. I was not then carried away by a revolutionary optimism that blinded me to fatal realities, as many of our Liberal, Socialist, and Syndicalist friends said. The Russian revolution is a success. I can say that now with utmost assurance, upon my return from a six weeks' stay in Russia in April and May of this year. The valiant Russian Communists have carried their revolution to unmistakable victory. Even the capitalists of the world have been compelled to recognize that "The Russian working class has smashed a great breach in the wall of international capitalism. The exploiters can never patch it up again. It will widen and widen until finally the great proletarian flood pours through and overwhelms the capitalist class all over

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WORST INJUNCTION IN CHICAGO HISTORY GRANTED WESTERN UNION; CRIME FOR INDIVIDUALS TO QUIT

Slavery days have returned again in all their former glory if the injunction granted yesterday by Judge Wilkinson of the Federal District Court in Chicago to Western Union Telegraph company is upheld by higher court. Judge Wilkinson's injunction makes it unlawful for an individual to quit work when his quitting will hinder the operations of the Western Union.

The unions affected directly by the injunction are the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 13, the Bricklayers and Plasterers

Locals 5 and 8, the I. A. of Maritime, State and Ship Workers, the Plumbers and Steamfitters, the Elevator Constructors, and the locals of the Structural Iron Workers.

The injunction grew out of a one-day strike of electrical and other union workers on the 23-story Illinois Mercantile Trust company building. It was not yet certain when the strike would be over, and for this it made the necessary preparations.

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Wanted to Change Party.

The speaker sketches his activities in the party of electrics. He came after the Rathman affair. He wanted to make the party Communistic for at that time the expression "Bolsheviks" was not yet current. The task was to make the party Communistic ideologically and structurally so that it might take over power, and for this he made the necessary preparations.

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Admits Mistakes.

The speaker admits that he made a mistake when he did not try to speak to the party leaders, but the party as a whole thru the advance of Masslow and Ruth Fischer into the Central Committee. At the time of the Central Committee it did not have the power to mobilize the masses successfully to organize shop councils and control committees in Thuringia,

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BIG OIL CROOK
DOESN'T WANT
TO TELL CRIMES

Sinclair Asks Court to
Keep Him Off Stand

(By Federated Press)

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Harry F. Sinclair has lost the first round of his battle to keep the records of his oil company from the public lands committee. The court has ruled that the Western Union Telegraph company must drag out the records instead of non-union men, free of charge, and put in the new wiring on contract, but that the company need not appear in the court to explain its non-union from quitting work on other buildings when its non-union workers

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WANTED: Justice Hoenig declares that

he wants to get information by testimony secured in the usual manner of investigations.

Meanwhile congress has adjourned without having taken any action on the question of the temporary and assumed job of "kleagle" Herring and for Williamson county. Young has stated "because he sees in his heart a desire to be a leader in publishing statements regarding an official of the United States government."

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place.

Keagie Young Kicked Out

EST. ST. LOUIS, Ill., July 16.—S. Glenn Young, former Ku Klux Klan spokesman and anti-semitic Hitlerite, was removed from his temporary and assumed job of "kleagle" Herring and for Williamson county. Young has stated "because he sees in his heart a desire to be a leader in publishing statements regarding an official of the United States government."

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Typographical Convention, Aug. 11.

TORONTO, July 16.—The 4th session of the International Typographical union opens in Toronto Aug. 11.

LABOR PREMIER LAUDS MORGAN PLAN AT MEET

International Unity Is Urged for Investors

(Special to THE DAILY WORKER)

LONDON, July 16.—Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald, in his keynote speech at the opening of the fifteenth post-war international conference today, lauded the Dawes plan and praised its adaptations to the international bankers who will float the \$200,000,000 loan proposed by the experts for the economic restoration of anti-Communist Germany.

His speech was listened to with great satisfaction by Owen D. Young, president of Morgan's General Electric company. Young will probably be made agent-general of reparations if the Dawes plan is endorsed.

MacDonald's speech was regarded as a pledge to the Morgan interests that the military resources of England will be used if necessary to exact the harsh terms should the German default from poverty to revolution.

It was also a declaration to the anti-national that the international bankers expect them to quit their posts and agree to pool their resources in support of the program outlined in the Dawes report.

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WORLD FLIGHTS PART OF PLOTS OF MILITARISTS

American and British Armament Race

(Special to the Daily Worker.) PARIS, July 14.—The last of the American military "flying circus" round-the-world flight was to begin this morning. The "heroes," led by General "Blackjack" Pershing, are flying their "victory" almost within their grasp, altho they have yet to cross the Atlantic. The flight is to end in the United States, but not before the hot-air balloons' town, Los Angeles.

Meanwhile reports come from the British that the British air fleet has left for the farthest north, Karsie, still lies before them.

The British boat had to be chartered to take gas and other supplies to the American aviators' landing-place in Greenland, because of the high price. The Scandanavians asked, says one report, "Maybe the British will do a little sabotage of the American military's hopes by delaying the arrival of supplies in Greenland."

The whole "race" between the British and American planes is just a race between rival military powers, each attempting to show that it is the more powerful in the air and to test the expediency of long-distance flying in the event of a war.

All our men of American flying

are commissioned officers of the U.S. Army. The planes are army planes, of course, and the government is paying for the expense.

The Railway Employees Department Conference before the railroad strike plan was fall, a demand was made for amalgamation of all the railroadmen, all the railroadmen, all the railroadmen.

The R. E. D. of the Machinists is one of the greatest opponents of amalgamation.

Today the Machinists must be kept alive so that we can make an efficiency auxiliary to the bosses of our company union.

Today the Machinists are in the metal and railroad industry.

Today the Machinists are in the

carpentry industry.

Today the Machinists are in the

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Gompers' Victories

The American Federation of Labor maintains a costly and useless instrument labelled "The Legislative Committee."

Periodically this department, consisting usually of lame duck labor leaders or lackeys who are rewarded by Gompers with this do-nothing job for services rendered, issues glowing reports on the legislative achievements of American organized labor. Of course, when this committee speaks of organized labor, it has only the American Federation of Labor in mind.

Thus, it was the American Federation of Labor which, in the first session of the 68th congress just adjourned, in a highly eloquent and an even more highly ad tribute to the impotency of Gompers' "non-partisan" politics,

"Labor has no fault to find with the rank and file of Congress," is the keynote of the report just issued by Gompers' Legislative Committee. We wonder whether Mr. Gompers has forgotten the fact that 286,000 postal employees were denied an increase in wages. Why did not Gompers file a Congressional protest? Gompers has no fault to find outside Gompers' veto on this question? Why did not this same rank and file enact any remedial legislation for the bankrupt farmers and the growing army of unemployed industrial workers?

As usual, the Gompers legislative wizards have perennially been finding cause for jubilation in the record of every deceased congress. This year, Mr. Gompers boasts of two extraordinary victories: Number one: this field marshal of big business in the ranks of organized labor has jolted over the head of the 68th Congress did not even mention Soviet Russia. Mr. Gompers monopolizes the discredit for this policy pursued by the United States government against the first workers and farmers republic of the world.

The other big victory won by Gompers is the enactment of the new Immigration Law admitting only two per cent of any nationality, based on the number of its foreign born residents in this country in 1890. The emptiness and costliness of such victories to the workers need no emphasis. The new Immigration Law is an increase in the power of our strike-breaking government to control and determine the movements of millions of workers.

When will the American workers rid themselves of the scourge of such Gompers victories?

Deadly Efficiency

The United States boasts of having the most efficient coal miners in the world. The American miner has the greatest output of any miner in the world. The production per man in 1918 was 942 tons. At the same time the British miner managed to dig only 250 tons per year.

There are many clouds to this silver lining of American efficiency that only serve to darken the picture. The United States is a探查者 in mining. It探查者 the status of the coal industry, rarely utters a word regarding the intolerable working conditions most of the miners are subject to. The sundry private investigating agencies are in the main mum on the same matter.

Welcome light is shed on another dark phase of this deadly efficiency by a recent investigation on coal mining fatalities made by Mr. W. W. Adams, statistician of the United States Bureau of Mines. This survey indicates that more miners are killed by accidents in the United States in proportion to the number of men employed than in any of the industrial countries of Europe. After spending three hundred days in a full working year, Mr. Adams has found that the number of miners killed per thousand employed in 1922 was 4.89. In Great Britain, where the miners do not turn out such huge profits for their bosses as the Americans do, the number killed per thousand employed was only 1.09. The 1920 figures, affording a comparison with France, Belgium, and Prussia, are even more instructive. For every thousand miners digging coal in 1920 3.78 were killed in the United States; 1.61 in Belgium; 1.18 in France; 1.12 in Belgium; and 2.16 in Prussia.

American capitalists have a decisive lead over their competitors—in the number of miners killed while digging profits and coal. A similar condition prevails in other industries. Approximately two hundred thousand accidents, of which fifteen thousand result in permanent blindness, occur annually in American industry.

The anti-social, the destructive character of capitalism is reflected most grossly in the relation of industrial accidents to profits. Only the Communist ownership and operation of industry can preserve and enhance industrial efficiency without destroying the workers.

Haunting the American Legion

The spectre of Communism is haunting the American Legion, which is the reason that organization is conducting contests over the country for the best "essay" telling why "Communism is a menace to Americanism." We received a copy of the prize-winning effort produced by Post-Clinton, Ohio, Legion, as is usually the case. Here are the extracts to show what it takes to win prizes in the Legion, and to help us understand what an abyss of ignorance yawns beneath that organization.

"In Athens there was almost a perfect form of Communism; the slaves did the common labor."

"The Communists have a great deal to do with revolutions. They say all men are created equal. This brings about social revolutions, which are a lurch backward to a primitive stage. If there is ever a revolution in the United States, we will have to beware of the social forces."

"The Communists are very cruel to the prominent leaders in Russia." The younger generation and the intelligent people have left and gone to different countries."

"Two reasons why Communists will not succeed are first, it is not successful, and second, if the state attempted to set in operation in the U. S. there would be civil war."

"The conclusion of the whole matter is that Communism is only a dream."

"There was a revolution right from the American Legion. Communism failed about 500 B. C. in Athens because it wasn't Communism; to say men are created equals brings revolution; revolutions are lurches backward; we must beware of the social forces; 'prominent leaders' (we suppose this includes the Czar) get created entirely in Russia, so the 'younger generation' has gone away to other countries leaving, 'presumably, only the hardened old Bolshevik sinners to keep Russia going all."

Finally, to clinch the whole argument, we are told that Communism will not succeed because it is not successful. That out to settle it forever.

This "prize essay" has been entered in the State contest of the American Legion, and will doubtless take the prize there also. From Ohio it should march triumphantly into the national contest, and thereby become the Lord's Prayer of the American Legion, the K. K. K., the 100 per centers, and Sam Gompers.

Converting Capitalism

It seems that the capitalists are becoming converted to the British Labor party, while the enthusiasts of the socialist are being distinctly cooed. The masters of Britain find that the policies, including the most-orthodox Imperialism, are being administered just as conscientiously as they formerly were by Lloyd George, while the masses are more quiet because they think they have made a change in government. MacDonald and his cabinet are converting the British capitalists to socialism, by converting socialism into a mask for the most brazen imperialism on earth.

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This flat statement is the culminating point of an argument against the unions, against the "Red shanks," and in favor of the Negroes "Jim Crowing" themselves in the interests of the capitalist class, hoping thereby to scrape a few crumbs from the capitalist table.

Nothing can overcome the baleful effects of such propaganda, except the education of the Negro masses, who are being developed by their cooperation with the class-conscious white workers. The Workers Party offers this cooperation, is carrying out this work, and should have the intensified assistance from all who would fight against racial prejudices and discrimination.

The New Republic, liberal weekly, is supposed to be edited by alert and intelligent bourgeois gentlemen. But it is so far behind the times that it says in the current issue, that the Communists are "virtually underground" and "will not appear at all" on the November ballots. Guess again, brothers!

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RUSSIA IN 1924 — By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

(Continued from Page One)

the world. In Russia the sun of the new social order has dawned.

The Dark Days of 1921.

In order to give you concrete proofs of the success of the Russian revolution and to show you the indisputable marks of its victory, it will be well to recall to your mind the tragic state of affairs prevailing in Russia in 1921, at the time of my last visit. Those were, indeed, days to make a shudder. Industry and agriculture were at a standstill. The long years of the world war, the civil war, the blockade, the capitalist sabotage, and all the other upheavals accompanying the revolution, had done their deadly work to such an extent that the mass of the population, agricultural as well as industrial, were starving. Never in modern times has a people been confronted with such a desperate situation.

Anyone who lived in Russia at that critical period could not help but see the pinch of poverty and general want of all kinds. I have no need to detail it here. I know all from first hand information. Although a visitor to the country and living on the so-called "diplomatic ration," which was far superior to what the average Russian got, yet I found it inadequate enough, as I lost no less than 25 pounds in weight. Much worse, of course, was the fate of the masses in Russia at that time. All were thin, haggard, and worn out. Diseases made ravages on all sides. No one was getting sufficient food. To be fat or even "well kept" was prima facie evidence that one was cheating and getting more than one's share of the famine rations.

The workers lived in a hell that would terrify Americans or most Europeans. They were lucky indeed if they got regularly one-half to one pound of black bread daily. Many times I visited them in factories and watched them eat their horrible fare. I have seen the "soup," which was cooked in community fashion, so foul that one could smell the stench of it cooking in the great pot long before coming into the factory. Often, after the workers had worked, there was nothing whatever to give them, not even the miserable *payok* (ration). I myself saw, right in a key government office, where every effort was made to keep things going, when they had to tell the workers at the end of the week's work that they had no bread to give them. The result was demoralization of the working force. In the same important office I saw carpenters, called to put in a job of shelving, beg first to be given some bread before they would go to work. Imagine the demoralizing effects of such a terrible food shortage, which ran all through the industries. The shortage of other necessities was just as bad. Clothes and shoes were practically unobtainable. The workers did not dare to go to the market for several years. Particularly vivid in my mind were the conditions of privation which I saw at a normal school in Moscow. The professors were hungry and in rags, likewise the students. Some even had the soles of their shoes tied to the uppers with strings. But they were going ahead gamely, reorganizing the whole method of teaching. Their only particular complaint was that their new methods laid more stress upon the use of apparatus and materials than upon books, and such things were unbearable scars. Those on hand were irreplaceable. To break even a pane of glass, which could not be produced, the workers had to use stones. In many cases the windows were literally tearing the houses to pieces and burning them for fuel. In 1921, the Russian city workers were starving, freezing, and generally impoverished; and as for the peasants, many millions of them were just sinking into what was destined to be one of the most terrible famines of modern times.

It was a desperate situation for the revolution and an acid test of the Russian working class. The capitalists of the world did not think the Workers' Government could withstand it. Like vultures they flock around awaiting the undignified feast which the revolutionaries were bound to offer to the enemies of the Soviet regime. But they reckoned without their host. The Communist Party proved equal to the impossible task. It was not only the vanguard, but also the rear and flanking guards of the proletariat. It was a great iron band which held the disengaged masses together and made them fight on long after they had lost heart and would have quit. In this great crisis the Party was the brain, and sinews and nerves and bones of the working class. It fought on doggedly and successfully when only those militiamen of the most unflinching courage and far-seeing idealism could sense anything but disaster in the desperate situation. Resolutely and relentlessly, it carried the struggle on in spite of the most crushing obstacles.

(To be Continued Tomorrow)

Who Owns The Democratic Party?

By JAY LOVESTONE

(Continued from yesterday.)

PART II.

Financing the New York Convention.

THE last democratic convention has

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This was a satire of the

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