

FROM Behind THE BARS by the jailed Communist Candidates

Workers' Savings Gone

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SINCE last November, Hoover has flooded the country with statements about "prosperity," "returning prosperity," "stability," "soundness of conditions," etc. Secretaries Lamont and Davis and Andrew Mellon have added their voices to the "prosperity" chorus. And each time they spoke the stock market broke.

Wall Street pays no attention to this gibberish, for it knows the actual conditions. The functions are divided—the government plays its part in "assuring" the people and "spreading confidence" in the "basically sound conditions of the country," while Wall Street is working overtime to overcome the crisis; to get industry going, to curb the disaster in agriculture, to speed up foreign trade, to "cut the cost of production," that is, to slash wages and speed up the workers.

Wall Street is not pleased with the existence of an unemployed army of 8,000,000. Wall Street does not like the experiences of the free employment bureaus established, where, as in New York, more than 20,000 workers have registered and not even 1,000 jobs could be assigned—and these chiefly on the basis of "a job for a week."

Bitter Struggles.

Wall Street knows that this is a crisis that promises to increase considerably the number and the suffering of the unemployed and lead during this winter to the bitterest struggles this country has seen in demands of the unemployed for unemployment insurance and strikes against wage-cuts.

Now comes along James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, who, in listing the names of fifty-nine men who he says control the United States (he later increased the number to 64), has given the names of the kind of people which make up the future national fascist council of the United States. These names range from Rockefeller and Morgan to Green and Woll. Gerard, comparing the United States with Great Britain, states that unemployment in the United States, although greater than in England, is "temporary," while in Great Britain it is "permanent."

Permanent Army of Unemployed.

We remember some years ago, Harding admitted that in normal times there are 1,500,000 permanently unemployed in this country,

of speed-up and mass dismissals and growing unemployment.

When the Communist Party exposed this scheme and led the workers into struggle against it, to print the propaganda material of the Insull group is the worst kind of opportunism, an attitude of "business is one thing and Communism is another thing," which has nothing in common with our revolutionary movement. Our press is the face of our Party. Always showing what the Party stands for and always open to the working class. The Communist Party does not tolerate "double-bookkeeping" and trickery. What is not in the interest of the working class and what we cannot do openly, we will not do secretly. The Party will take severe steps against those, who, with their anti-Communist actions step between the working class and its Party, which leads it in its day to day struggles, to liberation from class rule.

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STRIKE struggles involving large masses of workers creates favorable conditions for increasing the influence of the Trade Union Unity League, but strike struggles also demand well-planned preparations. Certainly, the calling of a strike such as that which took place a short time ago in a candy factory in Indiana Harbor by the issuance of a leaflet calling for a strike against a wage-cut which had taken place, and the vote to strike was taken by only about a dozen girls out of a factory where hundreds worked, and then the setting up of a picket line of about forty with only two strikers participating, is not the kind of preparation or the kind of strike that will increase the influence of the T.U.U.L.

Dozens of lost opportunities like the one mentioned here can be cited, which shows a wrong orientation regarding leadership and the role of the workers in strike struggles. Revolution-

which number has been greatly increased by new machinery, speed-up and the belt and conveyor system. In other words, our "permanent" unemployed army is even larger than that in England and a large part of the "temporary" unemployed will become permanent members. The fascist Gerard should think twice before making such blundering statements.

The same day, Stanwood Mencken, president of the National Security League, declared in Paris that "the Communists will never control America, because they will be defeated by the common sense, patriotism, savings deposits and life insurance of the working men of America."

If this is true, then why all this worry about the Communists? Why resort to Whalen forgeries, Fish congressional committees, why outlaw the Communist Party and revolutionary unions?

Savings Disappearing.

Because in spite of his bluff, Mencken knows that the savings deposits of the workers are disappearing, and that many who have pulled through the last winter on savings and loans face the coming winter in despair. When a worker has no money, no job, nothing to feed his family on, faces eviction; when poor farmers are ruined and "farm relief" is merely a graft for the rich farmers; when wages are being cut sometimes down to 50 per cent, and when, on top of it all, the new tariff will raise the cost of living—then Mr. Mencken will see what "common sense" and "patriotism" American workers will manifest.

Mencken "forgets" the million and a quarter of workers who demonstrated on March 6th. He "forgets" the 30,000 men who stormed Ford's factory in Detroit and 20,000 a factory in New Jersey.

If Mencken believes that it is "patriotic" and "common sense" for workers to starve, then he will be sadly jarred. American workers won't starve—they will fight, and the Communists are organizing them for the fight. The first step is the fight for the Workers' Social Insurance Bill.

The Communists thus are proving that they are the only fighters for the working class, and we can assure Gerard that the workers and farmers will also battle against any National Fascist council of the United States, and will not cease till the workers, under the leadership of the Communist Party, have established a Workers' and Farmers' Government in the United States.

The workers must learn their lessons from the statements of the fascists and line up behind the Communist Party, support its program and vote for its candidates in the coming elections.

Join the Communist Party!

Build up revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League and the Unemployed Councils!

Don't Starve—Fight!

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