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# Socialist Congressman Will Speak to the World

By IRA W. BIRD

"Meyer London won't be able to do anything in congress. Why, he can't land any soft jobs for the boys who voted for him," the Tammany politician told me.

"London? Why they'll bury him on one of the useless committees and you'll never hear of him again," said a member of the Democratic machine that will run the House of Representatives when it meets again.

"If we only had some more members we could do something, but with Meyer London alone on the job we can't expect much, with the great odds against him," said a Socialist.

That is what the croakers said when Victor Berger of Milwaukee was elected to represent the Fifth Congressional District of Wisconsin in the House of Representatives. Yet Berger forced the capitalist press to take notice of his fight for the Lawrence workers and his attack on conditions which cause unemployment. Although enrolled in the House of Representatives from the Fifth District of Wisconsin, Berger considered himself the representative of all the workers of the United States and was hot on the trail of judges, public officials, employers and others who made the lot of the working men and women harder.

No great epoch-making legislation was enacted during Berger's term to give him an opportunity to speak for the Socialists of the United States.

### THE CRITICAL PERIOD

Representative Meyer London is a member of the House of Representatives at the most critical period in the history of the United States, a disciple of the national party that advocates world peace when all others are mad for blood and slaughter. While mad militarists are frothing at the mouth in their frenzied demands for more powder and more bullets and more guns to slaughter the Mexicans or the Japanese or the Germans, Meyer London will sit in the House of Representatives that considers the war appropriations.

Whether there is war or not, Meyer London will be the most prominent figure in congress when the bills for the Powder Trust and Armor Trust and Shipping Trust are considered by the nation's lawmakers.

"Where do the Socialists of America stand?" ask the Germans and the French and English.  
They will know when Meyer London tells the members of the House what he thinks of Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Hearst, Mr. Guggenheim and the others who have hired agents provocateurs to furnish the war with

Mexico that will insure the safety of their mines and mills and plantations. When the crooked senators and Representatives make their howl for "preparedness," so they can get hands crossed with silver from the vendors of armor plate and powder, Meyer London will be there to expose them and their masters.

### THE SOCIALISTS' SPOKESMAN

If some globe-trotting loafer precipitates open strife between the United States and Germany by being exterminated on a torpedoed steamer, Meyer London's name will be called for the vote on the war fund. What Meyer London says on world peace, on militarism will be read at the breakfast tables the next day in London, Petrograd and Tokio. The reports of the kept press will be garbled and chopped and distorted to some extent, but the reporters and editors will not dare ignore the spokesman of the Socialist party, the only Internationalist in the United States congress.

War and preparation for war will be the most important questions before congress when it meets in December or at an earlier war session. If the war madness controls a majority of the members of the House and Senate, a tremendous tax must be wrung from the country to get the \$500,000,000 for battleships and millions more for other murder machines.

Meyer London must fight alone to protect the workers of the United States from this burdensome tax. Again his cry against war, against bloodshed with honor, will be heard.

### LONDON ON GUARD

With the entire nation aroused by the Jingo press, with the blood lust causing the most sane to waver, "big business" will try to slip some pet bills through congress. Some dirty, rotten bills, fathered by the crookedest gang ever sent to congress by "big business," have been lying idle for the moment when the nation's interest is elsewhere.

When the time is ripe, Senator Underwood—"Wall Street Oscar," as you know him—will try to push some anti-conservation measure through the Senate and House. But Meyer London will be on the watch for these bills to show the nation how Underwood and the Power Trust are attempting to grab all the available water power for a huge monopoly which will have the nation at its mercy.

The Shipping Trust is going to fight for the repeal of the seamen's bill, so it can displace American sailors with Chinese Coolies and remove the life-boats which take away profit-

getting space. Meyer London will be in congress to help Andrew Furuseth, of the Seamen's Union, in his efforts to keep the bill on the statute books and make the provisions for safety stricter, instead of more lenient.

### LEFT-OVER MEASURES

The Susan B. Anthony amendment for the enfranchisement of women, bills providing relief for the millions of unemployed, bills to regulate issue of railroad securities, bills to extend Philippine self-government, bills to prohibit importation of convict-made goods and rural credit bills were left by the last congress in the rush to get away from work. These will be introduced again. Every Socialist is interested in this legislation and may be assured at this early date that Meyer London will have a word to say before the committees that consider them and also on the floor of the House.

Socialists are somewhat of a curiosity in Washington, especially in congress. Victor Berger was the first Socialist member of the House of Representatives. He looked nothing like the Socialists depicted in the cartoons of the capitalist press. He did not advocate the extermination of capitalists by "Rough on Rats," or other similar expedient. He made friends on the night of his arrival by advocating "Votes for men and women" in the District of Columbia.

### NO SOFT JOBS

It is true Representative London will not bring soft jobs for his friends. There will be no patronage for Socialists with Thomas Woodrow Wilson in the White House.

It is true that Representative London will be placed on the Committee for Disposing of Waste Paper or the Committee on Engrossed Bills or some other committee that never meets.

It is true that Representative London will not create the Socialist Commonwealth during his two years in this congress.

I can agree that far with the Tammany man, with the Democratic machine and the Socialist croaker.

But the skeptics do not realize that Representative London, in a speech on the floor of the House, speaks to all the civilized nations. In the rear of the press gallery is a battery of telegraph instruments that flash the news of congress to every industrial city in the world. What Representative London says is news to the Socialist press and to the kept press, and the telegraph wires will carry his message to every workingman and woman who can read a newspaper. That is what the sole Socialist can do in congress.

### COUNTRY PATRIOTS

Byron knew something of "country patriots" who looked out for harvests when war sent prices soaring. Said he:

"For what were all these country patriots born?  
To hunt, to vote, and raise the price of corn."

In Australia there are some "country patriots" who don't care a dump about hunting, and who even consider it a trouble to vote. But they are still as good as their forbears were in Byron's time at raising the price of corn.—Australian Worker.

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### SOCIALISTS OF BOSTON

The Socialists of Boston must be getting to a point where they are worrying the capitalists of the "City of Beans" pretty much, for we notice that wherever the Socialists get to that point, the capitalists always try to have a rival organization formed to fight the regular Socialist organization.

This has recently occurred in Boston. A so-called Socialist Propaganda league has been formed to clean up the Socialist party!

"War, What For?" is for sale by The Northwest Worker at 25c, post-paid, or 5 copies for \$1.

### COTTON LOBBY WOULD KILL CHILD LABOR BILL

WASHINGTON.—That a lobby of cotton mill interests is seeking to kill the child labor bill in its infancy, was alleged recently. Although introduced nearly two weeks ago by Representative Keating, Colorado, the bill is still on Speaker Clark's desk.

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Five hundred and ten picked fighters got into the trenches recently in the Central Opera House, New York, to give backing to the formation of the Department of Labor Research organized by the Rand School of Social Science. The school has organized this department, not merely as a department of the school, but as an instrument in the service of the whole working class, as Juliet Stuart Poyntz the director clearly emphasized in her address.

Among the speakers were three college professors, Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, Prof. Charles A. Beard and Prof. J. Scott Nearing. Other speakers were Florence Kelley and Assemblyman A. I. Shipplacoff. Morris Hillquit presided.

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GARRETT, Pa.—A justice of the peace, auditor and councilmen were elected by the Socialists; also elected councilman at Hooversville.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Socialists were elected as follows: School board S. J. Jones and M. Appogarth; justices of the peace, Frank Ledvinka and James Briggs; constable, Wm. Britton.

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### McADOO'S CONFESSION

Secretary and son-in-law McAdoo has come and gone. During his brief stay in Montana he said three things worthy of record. He said that the LaFollette Seamen's law does not destroy the American merchant marine. He said that, despite the political boasting of Republicans and Democrats and the capitalist press, there has been no "prosperity" in the United States during the past ten years. He said that the best assurance that any proposed legislative measure is desirable for the general public, is found in the fact that the political agents and organs of big business call such measures "socialistic."

The Socialists have been telling the public these same things for years. Perhaps, with the official stamp of respectability which the "unsocialistic" Mr. McAdoo has put upon the information, the average voters will pay better heed to Socialistic advice and counsel.—Montana Socialist.

"Up to now people have been trained to do their thinking in the interests of the capitalist class. The working class is not only poor, but inarticulate. Also, it is in the overwhelming majority. Since everything so far written has been in the interests of the capitalists, the minority, it is about time for the majority, the workers, to begin writing in their own interests."—Prof. Scott Nearing.

Debs, Hillquit and Maurer are a committee of three to back up Meyer London in his resolution before congress "that President Wilson call a peace conference of all neutral countries." This committee will see President Wilson. They have been appointed by the executive committee of the Socialist party.

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"Never before has any representative of my district, in any lawmaking body taken me into his confidence as you have done," says a non-Socialist voter in a letter of thanks to Representative Meyer London for the latter's first written report to his constituents. This expression is typical of numerous complimentary remarks from the people of the Twelfth Congressional District of New York upon London's undertaking to keep in touch with those who sent him to the national legislature.

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