

# Morgan, Thomas and the Block-Fakers

## Part II

### Norman Thomas, Socialist, Openly Assists Police and Fascists

Just as Morgan knew what he was doing, so too Norman Thomas, the socialist, knew that he was aiding a fascist plan. Thomas, in a broadcast, said: "It (block-faking) is an attempt by volunteers to enlist systematic support for the work bureau and other relief, which on the whole is being as well and humanly administered as funds permit and which may cease operation without this aid... There is assurance that funds will be decently used. I hope block-aiding will open men's eyes to the miseries around them, but above all to the magnitude of the lie that we are meeting the situation by charity."

Hitler in Germany is able to maintain his organization greatly through the financial support that he gets from the finance-capitalists, which he doles out to the unemployed. The Emergency Relief Bureau has made a specialty of helping the white collar slaves. Thomas has been particularly interested in them—as the League of Industrial Democracy is. The hope of the fascists is that they will be able to fascitize this section, by giving them relief, and use them against the workers in the shops in case of strikers, and against the unemployed workers. Thus Thomas gives open assistance to the fascists.

But not only that. Thomas knows that the funds for the relief are being obtained through fraudulent means—that the workers are being led to as to the expenditure of the funds (for relief of a needy case in the neighborhood). Thomas knows that the Tommy police are directly involved in the plan. Thus,

Norman Thomas, leader of the socialist party, and representative of that organization, proves that the role of the socialist party is—to assist fascism in placing its iron ring around the necks of the workers.

This is not a chance "mistake" on the part of Thomas. It is the role of the socialists—for which role they have earned the name of social-fascists—fascists in character, socialists in phraseology. This phraseology is adopted in the interests of the capitalists, who know that the workers are being radicalized particularly by the crisis; that they are turning to the revolutionary organizations, particularly the Communist Party, for leadership and organization in struggle. This must be stemmed and the socialist party serves this end.

The role the social-democratic party of Germany recently played in the elections, as it played in all the struggles prior to the elections. They aided the fascist Hindenburg regime in putting through wage cuts, breaking strikes, denying hundreds of thousands of unemployed workers unemployment insurance. The social-democrats thought they could cover up Hindenburg's fascism by calling upon the workers to support him, and by trying to make the workers believe that the only fascists were Hitler and Dueterberg. This is the game of the socialfascists in the crisis.

### Socialists Work With Police

But it is important to examine Thomas' statement over the radio in the light of the declarations of the Emergency Relief Bureau and the block-faking organization. The needy in the neighborhoods will NOT be helped. The funds will go to the central organiza-

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tion for relief of the 20,000 already registered. The police will see to that, with the aid of the social-fascists. The socialists pretend that they stand for unemployment insurance—but Mulrooney instructs the investigators to report the names of all advocates of Unemployment Insurance. The socialists are forming "Unemployed unions," but Mulrooney instructs the investigators to report the names of all advocates of Unemployed Councils.

It is not clear therefore that the socialist unemployment insurance scheme is only a **fake**, that their "unemployed unions" are merely to **head off the organization and struggle of the unemployed through the Unemployed Councils** for adequate unemployment relief **totally** at the expense of the city administration and the capitalists and for Unemployment Insurance!

Thus not only Norman Thomas, but the socialist

party stands branded as **open socialfascists, open allies of finance capital** in exploiting the misery of the unemployed, open allies of the fascists in building up fascist organization of a "semi-permanent character" to be used in "future emergencies!" These "emergencies" are known: not for relief, but for attacking the hungry, miserable workers who demand bread; to break the strikes of the workers who will not accept wage cuts that bring them to the brink of starvation; to attack demonstrations of white and Negro workers who protest against discrimination and lynching; to attack foreign-born workers who will not accept the hell starvation of the United States as paradise.

And above all, to whip the workers into line in war against the Soviet Union, which also otherwise the socialists are preparing, and which work they will now do in open cooperation with the fascist finance capitalists of this country.

(To be concluded)