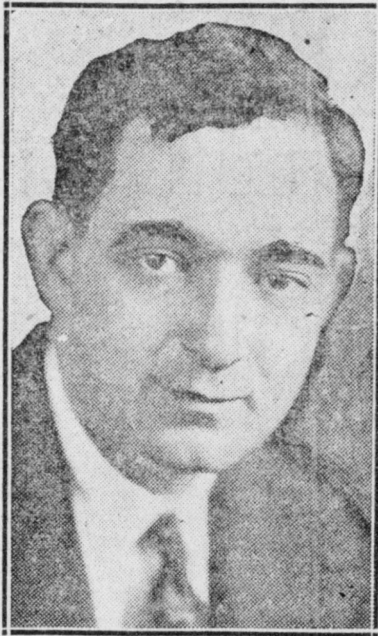


Ben Gitlow



LABOR MOVEMENT IN GRAVE CRISIS ASSERTS GITLOW

Starts Nationwide Speaking Tour

"The American labor movement faces one of its gravest crises" declared Benjamin Gitlow, member of the Political Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party, and for years an outstanding figure in the labor movement of New York City, former member of the New York state assembly and candidate for Vice-President of the United States in the last presidential election, when interviewed by a representative of The DAILY WORKER before leaving yesterday afternoon on a tour that will take him to all the principal cities from New York to the Pacific Coast and back.

For a Labor Party.

"The crisis in which industry now finds itself means a period of suffering for the masses of labor and furnishes an additional opportunity for the employing class that has been waging a relentless fight to destroy organized labor," said Gitlow. "My tour will take me into practically all the big centers where the labor unions have suffered defeat after defeat under the blows of the employers and the reactionary labor leaders. I hope to be able to speak to the masses who furnish the base for a powerful left wing movement that will defend the elementary interests of the working class. I will also visit the agricultural states, where the farmers have been suffering for years under an ever-increasing depression, with hundreds of thousands of the dispossessed. I feel that we must strive to bring together into one powerful class party of labor the two great exploited groups of the country—the workers and farmers—to wage a determined fight next year against the two old parties."