

Is It a Crime to Be Loyal to Labor?

From INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE.

A strike was called in Los Angeles recently to protect a man's right to be loyal and active in the labor movement. A ship building corporation began punishing by exile men who had been outstanding figures in a previous strike a few weeks back.

The management started a campaign of reprisal against those who had participated in the suspension of work May 3, 4, 5 and 6," said the Metal Trades council in an official explanation.

The workers felt that if their movement was to live, they could not allow the employers to single out the

most courageous, determined and loyal brothers for exile. So a second strike occurred. First, the machinists walked out to the last man of them, then all the metal workers followed, leaving the yard as silent as a cemetery.

It was not a question of wages or hours, mind you—the question was whether the foremost fighters could be penalized for their courage and devotion while battling for the masses of labor.

Strikes of this kind have been numerous in the American labor movement. They are strikes that grow out of the spirit of brotherhood; strikes based on the knowledge that a movement sucked of its red blood by blacklist and jail, faces decay and death.

A national strike to protect some of the red blood of organized labor is scheduled to take place July 4. Tom Mooney is the man in whose name this strike is being called. But there is something more than the life of one brave workman involved. The right of a trade unionist to strive for the betterment of himself and his class is at issue in the Mooney case. Mooney committed no murder. Nobody knows that better than his disgraced and discredited prosecutors. He offended only as those "Mooneys" of the Los Angeles shipyards offend.

He was seized in the height of his efforts to organize the underpaid and overworked slaves of a soulless street railway corporation in San Francisco. He was arrested during a campaign of reprisal started by that corporation and others. He was prosecuted only because of his loyalty and activity in the labor movement. His persecutors have just one thing in mind, that is to successfully penalize militant activity for the betterment of the masses of wage workers.

Wrecking the Movement.

We find politicians with soft white hands and hard luck hearts making the assertion that Mooney's friends would wreck the labor movement to get him out of jail. The fact is Mooney's enemies would wreck the labor movement by keeping him in and conceding the employers the right thus to penalize loyalty to labor.

By draining the best blood of Russia into Russian and Siberian prisons, the czars, during their criminal reign, kept the Russian people under their power for a long time. That is what the employers of

America (with some exceptions) would do to the American labor movement—bleed it to death by means of the jail and the blacklist. But the rank and file of labor will not let the bosses get away with it. The rank and file as a rule feel the necessity of protecting their men of color.

The employers believe that such men are the strength of the labor movement. Remove them and the movement will be helpless and harmless. That is what the Los Angeles shipbuilding corporation had in mind when it began to exile the active ones.

To protect the pathfinders of labor is a duty always before the workers. There is seldom a strike settlement but what it must be stipulated by the toilers that the brave men who were forward in the fight for justice be not penalized.

Whenever the rank and file have allowed the employers to exile the bravest, the movement has either perished, or lived in an empty, meaningless name.

Why a National Strike for Mooney? Here is one reason: The Mooney case is a class issue throughout America. The employers as a class have backed the frame-up. The workers as a class have opposed it. The locking up of Brother Mooney in a penal institution for life was hailed as a victory by the employing class of the nation.

Tom Mooney, as President Wilson's investigating commission expressed it, "symbolized organized labor in the eyes of labor's enemies." He typifies the advancing elements of labor. He was a standard bearer. Let us set down an incident to show how the employing class of America backed the Mooney frame-up.

The Sunset magazine of California is one of the mouthpieces of the business interests behind the conspiracy. It is the personal organ of Koster and the "law and order" crowd that supported the persecution. During the war, various unions and central councils of the Pacific coast denounced a series of lying attacks upon labor in general by the German editor of the Sunset. The federal government was asked to investigate him as a possible German agent trying to foment trouble in the shipyards.

The national manufacturers' associations, then holding conventions in the east, adopted resolutions pledging their support to the California organ of the Mooney frame-up and endorsing the anti-labor propaganda of its German editor. This is an example of the spirit of brotherhood among the employers of America. They did not leave one of their own; the editor of the Sunset, to the mercy of Pacific coast labor. He had been fighting their battles. When he was in trouble, they rushed up to help him.

Organized greed is loyal to its own. Organized plunder is class conscience. The profiteers stick together. Labor is learning, learning the need of solidarity. Labor is loyal and will yet, through united power, thwart those that would use fraud and perjury to convict and hold in jail loyal labor men and women. The Mooney case is an illustration of how far the opponents of labor will go. There are no depths of infamy to which the designing labor oppressors would not stoop to accomplish their purpose.

There is a spirit of justice manifesting itself in the rank and file of the American labor movement in its determination to vindicate the labor principles involved in the Mooney case. Labor will speak July 4 and will be heard. It will speak for cleansing the courts of our land; it will give emphasis to the Declaration of Independence enunciated on July 4, 1776. "All men are created free and equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, among them the right to life, to liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

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Various western regiments, battalions and divisions are holding reunions in connection with the convention, and erstwhile "buddies" are comparing notes as to peacetime pursuits and meeting the "top kick" and "the old man" on equal terms.

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