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Grand Jury Indicts Baker and Cannon

Enthusiastic Defense Meetings

Three Political Prisoners' Defense meetings held by comrade Marguerite Prevey in Belmont County on the 24th and 25th of April proved very successful according to reports from there.

The meeting at Toledo on the 18th at the Labor Temple was splendid. This was the first meeting which Toledo Socialist have held for some time and it proved that they have lost none of their "pep" notwithstanding. The collection amounted to \$130.00.

Enthusiasm of a high degree marked the Bellaire meeting writes comrade Steid. Many people, new attendants at socialist meetings were present. Belmont County Locals are very active in the work of education among the miners and workers generally.

A meeting at Youngstown was held on May 2nd. Two meetings at Portsmouth will be held on the 9th of May. The Strand Theatre has been rented for these occasions and they are certain to prove equally successful with previous meetings. Other meetings in Ohio are being arranged and also some in Illinois.

All Ohio Locals are urged to make arrangements for meetings for comrade Prevey.

Palmer's Sun is Setting

The Wilson administration seems particularly unfortunate in the selection of the heads of government departments. By some ironic fate the administration that has held up before the people the ideals of democracy and has led the nation thru a war for them has placed as the heads of powerful government departments two of the most savage and Prussian-like officials that ever sat in the seats of the mighty. We refer to Attorney General Palmer and Mr. Burlison of the post office department. The administration that has boasted so highly of its accomplishments in the field of applied democracy on a world scale has been a significant failure in bringing democracy to the folks at home.

The trials of the alleged Communists at Boston last week before Judge George W. Anderson of the United States District Court were a revelation of the Prussian methods of Palmer and the Department of Justice in their nation wide raids of the past 4 months followed by the deportations of aliens. So incensed was Judge Anderson at the unlawful and savage activities of Palmer's agents as revealed in the trial at Boston that he repeatedly excoriated the Department for its illegal and cruel persecutions.

"I can hardly sit on the bench and restrain my indignation at the tyrannous methods of the Department of Justice" exclaimed Judge Anderson after hearing testimony in the trials. "More lawless proceedings are hard to conceive."

The first move in the trial was for Judge Anderson to grant habeas corpus writs for the 13 Communists ordered deported, thus bringing them under the custody of the court.

He then granted them bail of \$500, the amount fixed by the Department of Labor having been from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

"Hang First—Try Later"

"This case seems to have been conducted under the modern theory of statesmanship—hang first and try afterwards," said the court in commenting on one of the cases in which one man was held 15 days before a warrant was obtained.

"I wish you would show me one case in which the Department of Justice has the authority to arrest and hold men for two weeks without warrant."

"A more lawless proceeding is hard to conceive. What we need is the Americanization of those who carry on such proceedings."

A careful examination of Palmer's evidence in his so-called "perfect cases" revealed substantially the following matter and procedure:

Exhibit A. Telegraphic warrant for arrest of John Smith.

Exhibit B. Warrant received by mail for arrest of John Smith.

Exhibit C. Copy of Communist Party constitution. Question: Where did you get this paper? Answer: I picked it up in the street.

Decision: An order for immediate deportation.

In some cases prisoners have said (according to Palmer's own "perfect cases") that the so-called incriminating literature used against them came to them through the mails in Department of Justice stationery! Others explained that the literature was given them by friends or acquaintances. The record does not show, in many instances, that the Department of Justice made any effort to establish the criminality of the original distributors.

The exhortation of the Palmer Prussians by Judge Anderson marks the first gleam of reason that has been able to shoot thru the fog of crass ignorance, fear and class hatred that has been cultivated in America since she became the game of creating multitudes of millionaires under the guise of war for democracy. The pendulum is swinging the other way now, the public mind is returning to some semblance of sanity, the victims are beginning to question in no soft voiced interrogations where this governmental repression will end?

The three loud mouthed apostles of democracy, Wilson, Palmer and Burlison are scheduled to receive the retribution which they so justly deserve.

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OPEN FORUM MEETING

Sunday, May 9th, at 50 So. Howard St.
Akron, Ohio—2:30 P. M.

Rev. D. R. Williams, of the North Church Forum, Cleveland.
Subject: "Free Speech and the Forum Movement".

The Glass War in Oregon

Casualties Jan. 1—Apr. 19—1920.
K. W. Oster, state secretary C. L. P., sentenced Apr. 16th to five years in the state penitentiary.

Claude Hurst; sec. Local Portland, C. L. P., sentenced Apr. 16th to two years in the state penitentiary.

Fred. W. Fry; member of Local Portland C. L. P., sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary on Apr. 16th and paroled.

Joseph Laundry; secretary of the Workers, Soldiers and Sailors Council and member of the C. L. P. and the I. W. W., was sentenced today Apr. 19th to two years in the state penitentiary.

Note: This does not include the numerous vagrancy charges handed 90 days etc. where membership was doubtful; nor does it cover the many aliens held here for deportation on which no returns have yet been made.

Palmer and his pals did not neglect us here in Oregon, indeed they started bright and early here. On the evening of Nov. 11th 1919 a raid took place on the hall of the Worker's, Soldiers and Sailor's Council. Fifty-eight were arrested out of which number twenty-six alleged I. W. W. were held to answer charges of having violated the Oregon Criminal Syndicalism law—better known as The Oregon Comical Silliness law. All of these are still awaiting trial save for Joseph Laundry who has been tried and "convicted," and who was sentenced today.

On Jan. 2nd the hall of the Communist Labor Party was raided as well as the homes of all who were suspected as being members. A total of some 25 or 30 were made out of which six were indicted for Comical Silliness and about a dozen received deportation warrants. Of those held for deportation one took sick and was taken to a hospital. Frank Cusak, the patient, did not choose to go out the regular way, i. e. through the door, and so he just walked out through a hole in the wall, known as a window, and "escaped". It is only recently that the bail of these have been lowered so as to make it possible to get the most of them out. Victor Sault (delegate to Ntl. Convention) and his wife Julia Sault are still held on \$10,000 bail.

The "trial" of Hurst, Fry and myself was a one-sided farce inasmuch as we had to take an attorney whose name appears in Wilson's "New Freedom"—No others seemed to want anything to do with us! This attorney specialized of the prosecution and instead as try to refute any of the accusations our "peers" he absolutely forgot to go out and get the facts, say what when there was something to object made himself conspicuous by his silence knew that he could not keep out and on objecting to everything which he

Slopping the Hogs!

brought in Tennyson's poems and other poems from which he read to our "peers"—as if Tennyson's poems had anything to do with the Class Struggle. In short he sabotaged on all the way through. His presence constituted a barrier so we could not defend ourselves.

"Guilty" said the jury of our peers, and our bail went up to \$1,000.—A date for the sentence was set, and which was later postponed until April 16th. I shall here quote some of the language of the Court.

"I could not face the picture of my father who died in service, or again clasp the hands of my two brothers who are wearing the uniform of the United States if I did less," declared Robert G. Morrow as the passed sentences.

"The defendant Oster is not entitled to any consideration from this Court. From circumstances surrounding his life and education, he apparently went into this organization understanding just exactly what he was doing, knowing that it advocated the destruction of property, the taking of life and the overthrow of our public institutions. "If the opportunity was offered Oster, Russia would have nothing on the United States in terrorism and crime. Unfortunately he has brains which are of material assistance in his disloyal work. (This kind of "Americanism" would make an American of 1776 homesick for a penitentiary.)

Oster boasts of his connections with the party. He sat on the witness stand and, disregarding the record as he must have known it, stigmatized as "piracy" the action of the United States in sending troops to Russia to protect the interests of ourselves and allies in Siberia.

Throughout the trial I wondered if the Americanism of 1776 had actually become the criminal syndicalism of today. If this be true,—and I think it is—then the prosecution can not glory any more then I in my conviction.

Put for the present all the brains in jail, and let the lowest scum that cringes, crawls and "stools" continue still, to propagate their hellish kind! Exalted ignorance never can prevail,—nor can it, even for a moment, turn back the clock of evolution so as to retard the onrush of the blazing dawn of Industrial Democracy—of "Man's humanity to man".

K. W. Oster.
Mullinoham County Jail;
Portland, Oregon, April 19, '20.

In the occupation of Archangel the Bolsheviks took possession of the correspondence of the former Russian government, from which it is clear that the government made unheard of exertions in order to obtain the support of England, but in vain.

Among others, there was found a telegram from General Miller to Sazonov, in which it was stated that Bolshevik propaganda and the many losses of the population had awakened feelings of hopelessness as well as the view that it was idle to struggle longer. The alteration in the attitude of the troops came clear on February 8, when three regiments passed over to the Reds.

Lenin On Tactics

LONDON.—The advice of Nicolai Lenin to the English Labor movement on the question of joining the Third International has just been published here in the London Daily Herald by George Lansbury, its editor. Lansbury, whose recent trip to Russia has made a profound impression on all classes in England, talked over British labor problems at length with Lenin.

Lansbury describes as a misconception the prevalent belief that subscribing to the Third International would mean the abandonment of the trade union movement, and cooperative, municipal and parliamentary work. Lenin said very definitely on this point:

"All Socialists and Communists should take the lead in trade union, municipal, cooperative and parliamentary life, and thus use every means in their power to obtain the triumph of the cause."

The Labor and Socialist movements of Great Britain and the rest of the world are followed very closely in Moscow by means of newspapers, said Lansbury. Lenin declares that the method of destroying the capitalist system must vary in every country, but that there is no means of avoiding a violent revolution, no matter how well developed the educational and evolutionary movements are.

Declaring that the division which exists between the various labor groups in England on the question of tactics is more apparent than real, Lansbury decries the "labels of illusion."

"I am convinced that if people generally understood that Bolshevism means more, and soviet means council, and that commissar only means an executive officer, much foolish opposition to the Russian revolution would have been saved," he asserted. "There is no reason to attach more violence to these words than to any other words in the Socialist vocabulary."

MILWAUKEE.—The authorities at Alcatraz have been releasing military prisoners convicted of criminal and degenerate acts, yet they still hold five political prisoners who have committed no crime of any sort.

This statement was made here by Leroy Horlacher, war objector, on his way to his home in Philadelphia.

Horlacher served with Carl Haessler, Milwaukee draft objector, both in Leavenworth and in Alcatraz. They travelled to the latter place together after the famous Wire City Weekly episode in which political prisoners in Leavenworth succeeded in publishing a radical magazine under the very eyes of the authorities.

"Carl Haessler holds the universal respect and confidence of his fellow prisoners," said Horlacher. "He is a man whom the authorities cannot cow, whose spirit they cannot break." Horlacher stated that Carl Haessler is due for release on Sept. 17, 1920.

Refuse to Convict Dolson

Disagreement after deliberation of 76 hours in the case of James H. Dolson, charged with violation of the state Criminal Syndicalism law of California was the outcome of the trial of Dolson which was concluded at San Francisco last week.

The trial of comrade Dolson, which is but one of several members and officials of the Communist Labor Party of that state, consumed five full weeks. It contained many unusual features of such trials, one of especial moment being that comrade Dolson conducted his own case entirely. The length of time consumed in the trial and time which the jury occupied in considering its verdict are the longest on record of such cases tried in California courts.

That comrade Dolson conducted his case in a masterly manner may be taken for granted judging by the results of the Jury's deliberations, six jurymen stoutly holding out for acquittal. A retrial of the case is set for June 1st at which time it may be dismissed. All other California cases of the Communist Labor Party have been Comrade Person of Rockford, Illinois, one of several Communist Labor Party members charged with violation of state Criminal Syndicalism laws was acquitted there last week.

It has been later learned that 8 in all C. L. P. cases at Rockford were acquitted.

Defense Contributions

Here are some recent remittances for the defense of these three Ohio comrades. Other than these are numerous smaller contributions from many comrades in all parts of the country. The defendants extend their appreciation and gratitude for the loyalty to the cause of Socialism which is manifested in these donations.

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A CORRECTION.

In your last issue, column one, page two, you credit the Catholic Holy Name Society with the definition of Bolshevism as Socialism in a hurry. This is incorrect. The definition emanates from the clever pen of Israel Zangwell. It is he who characterized Bolshevism as Socialism in a hurry and Socialism while you wait, also as Socialism applied in practice. Honor to whom honor is due.

DR. WM. J. ROBINSON.

THE PRESENT CRISIS IN EDUCATION

a lecture by Roman Pazderski under the auspices of the SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY Pythian Temple, 919 Huron Road, near Prospect Av., and E. 9th St., Cleveland Sunday evening May 8th, 1920 at 7:30. Questions and discussion invited.

THAT CARTOON FUND IS GROWING.

You bet it is and we want no better proof than our readers are "catching on" to the cartoons in fine shape. If receipts are a gauge to measure our readers' approval of them we will admit that they fill the bill in every respect.

Here's receipts since last accounting. Previously subscribed \$47.50

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J. E. Filipowsky	1.50
G. W. Market	1.00
H. Filipowsky	1.50
Ralph Bisdorph	1.00
J. A. Goodheart	50
G. Dekker	50
Geo Schuller	50
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