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BEATING UP SOCIALIST NO OFFENSE SAYS COUNTY ATTORNEY

Victim Has No Rights Which Court Is Bound to Respect, Says Webb

Republican Thug Is Sacrosanct When Victim Is a Socialist

Republican and democratic thugs throughout Snohomish county are virtually sacrosanct in the eyes of the law so long as they confine their brutality to Socialist school directors. The latter have no rights to redress which the county courts are bound to respect.

The above announcement is made in view of the refusal of the county prosecuting attorney, O. T. Webb, or his assistant, to issue a warrant for the arrest of Guy E. Lohnes, clerk of the school board at Maltby, who brutally assaulted a fellow school director last Saturday.

After being choked and beaten almost within an inch of his life, comrade N. J. Johnson, member of the Maltby school board, came to Everett seeking a warrant for his brutal assailant's arrest. Calling at the county prosecuting attorney's office he found this official was out. He told the story of his being beaten up by G. E. Lohnes, clerk of the board, to the first assistant prosecuting attorney—whoever he is. This worthy at once inquired to know what kind of a meeting it was that comrade Johnson wanted to allow held in the school house, and to which the lawless republican Lohnes objected. "What kind of a meeting? Are you a Socialist?" This was the first question fired at farmer Johnson. Yes, he pleaded guilty to being a Socialist. That settled it in the county attorney's office. "We've had too much trouble with Socialist school directors in this county," was the learned assistant's off-hand decision. Anyhow, as a matter of form, he would refer the matter to his superior officer, Mr. O. T. Webb, and drop him a line in a day or two.

After four days "and no letter," comrade Johnson again visited Everett in quest of republican "justice." The capitalist politician who holds the office of county prosecuter informed comrade Johnson that he had looked into his case and there would be nothing done. As a Socialist school director he had only got what was coming to him. So the republican plug-ugly will not be served with a warrant. An old-party office holder can do wrong when violating the rights of a Socialist. "Justice" is not only dispensed, but dispensed with, sometimes, at the county prosecutor's office. No doubt Mr. O. T. Webb is strong on "the flag, and the lofty principles," etc., on the rostrum. But what will our adopted citizen, Mr. N. J. Johnson, for fourteen years owner of his own home in Maltby, think of "justice" under the Stars and Stripes, after being told that a G. O. P. "patriot" can, with impunity, beat, kick and choke him? That "the flag" will guarantee him no redress?

JOHNSON'S STORY AS REPORTED IN HERALD

N. J. Johnson, member of the Maltby school directorate, came to Everett today for the purpose of obtaining a warrant for the arrest of G. E. Lohnes, clerk of the board, charging him with the crime of assault. Johnson called at the city hall this morning and told his story to Commissioner J. M. Salter. According to the Maltby man the school clerk threatened his life.

"Henry Fetterhof desired to use the school building as a place to hold a public meeting," said Johnson. "He called on me and said the clerk had refused him the building. I called on the clerk and asked him if he had indeed refused Fetterhof's request.

"'Yes,' he said, 'I have refused him.'

"'You have no right to do that,' I told him. 'The law provides that a school building may be used for a public meeting. I will take the responsibility on myself if you will give me the school house key.'

"Lohnes grabbed me," continued Johnson, "and told me to get off his premises. Then he dragged me into the road and threw me down, placing his knee upon my chest and hurting me.

"'Now,' said he, 'beg for your life; you know I could kill you if I wanted to.'

"'I won't beg for my life,' I told him.

"His wife and sister-in-law were standing not far away and called to him to let me alone. Finally he released me and I got up. I have blue marks on my throat where he grabbed me and I had to go to a doctor, for I am not well.

"I am going to have him arrested today, even though I have to walk barefoot out of Maltby."

JOHNSON SAYS HERALD'S REPORT IS CORRECT

Comrade Johnson called at the office of the Washington Socialist in company with commissioner Salter, and verified the story published in the Herald. He assures us that the attack upon him was wholly unprovoked, and that he stands prepared to prove this by reliable witnesses.

LOHNES' THIRD OFFENSE

Incidentally, we learned that this same Guy E. Lohnes has twice before assaulted peaceably inclined citizens. One of his victims, a mere boy, was pushed by Lohnes from a fallen tree which he was crossing, carrying an ax and cross-cut saw. He fell a distance of some 15 feet and was severely injured. Not long afterwards he died of consumption, his end being hastened, no doubt, by Lohnes' cowardly attack.

If men can be brutally assaulted by cowardly bullies in Snohomish county without redress by law, why should the taxpayers waste their money on a county prosecutor's salary? Of course O. T. Webb is not a permanent fixture, and there is another election coming on. This incident only adds one more evidence to the long chain of facts showing the absolute necessity for the election of Socialist officials in Snohomish county, from governor to constable.

COMRADE MARY L. GEFFS PRESENTS SOCIALISM IN NEW FORM — VERY EFFECTIVE

Editor Washington Socialist:

Comrade Mary L. Geffs brought the message of Socialism to Western Klickitat towns in a new form last week, showing by her lecture, "They Shot At You," the class solidarity of all workers. She was greeted with small but very attentive audiences in the backwoods, owing to counter attractions that conflicted with her dates as arranged at state headquarters. Her story of the massacre of Ludlow opened the eyes of the farmers and others, who depend on the plute press for news. Her's was the first message of Socialism ever given publicity to Trout Lake, where the use of the Presbyterian church was refused and the school house granted. Two meetings were arranged for her at Husum on Sunday. Laurel and Glenwood gave her enthusiastic welcome and support.

ROBERT H. CUBB,
Secy. Local Laurel.

TO BUTCHERS

WANTED—Market management, or block work, by competent, sober butcher. Am a comrade of long standing. Address, Butcher, 5427 46th Ave., S. W., Seattle, Wash.

Not "the right to work," but more of the things their work creates, with leisure to enjoy them—that is what intelligent workers demand. — Lafargue.

PICNIC A SUCCESS

The picnic held last Sunday in Everett Socialists' New Picnic Park was a bigger success than we had hoped for.

By noon a good sized crowd had arrived and comrades Mrs. Roeder, Cort, Spink and Hodgins got busy serving coffee and sandwiches. Comrade Mrs. Crosby dished out the ice cream and sold the candies. After everybody had had their fill of the good things they adjourned to the ground where the sports were to be held and indulged in all kinds of sports. Commissioner Salter won the long distance race and made a lot of sports sore and was challenged three times and each time succeeded in beating each opponent. Even Maynard Shipley thought he could beat him, but he also failed. He was sore then, but he's sorer now—at least his legs are. "Never again!"

When everybody had challenged everybody else and had had their fill of laughter they adjourned to the vicinity of the speakers and there listened to Everett's two famous exponents of the class struggle, comrades Olinger and Shipley.

The day was fine and crowds were coming all day and all those comrades who had put in their time and energy clearing the land and getting the ground and buildings in shape went home satisfied with the success of the thing, and it is already rumored that another picnic will be held July 11th.

—H. W. W.

FREE SPEECH FIGHT IN MALTBY

Editor Washington Socialist.

The two bourgeois members of the school board here have refused us the use of the school house for the Ulonska meeting, and when the one Socialist member of the board went after the keys he was attacked and beaten up in a most brutal manner by the clerk of the board, which only proves that the political state clear down to the last petty official does not express the will of the workers, but the masters when they will not stop at even (direct) action to keep the workers suppressed. It also proves that it is absolutely necessary to have a Socialist party local in every school district at least in order to keep the school houses open to the public.

The school laws provide that the school houses shall be used for public welfare and political meetings, as long as they do not interfere with the interests of the masters who own the industries, which can only be construed to mean an (Open Forum) for the discussion of issues of general import to society.

When they (the masters through their retainers, the public officials and political pork choppers) deprive us of the use of this, the only public forum in the country districts, they are stifling free speech, as provided for in the constitution of the United States, which is also under the control of the masters and when it, as in this case, stands in the way of furthering their interests, they say or commit some act which means the same. (To h— with the constitution.)

Now, comrades, we have no local here, but there are few of us here that are conscious of the class struggle and are willing to do our best, but we need more help in order to break this would-be injunction, to the extent of going to jail if necessary.

I would suggest that a series of open air meetings be held in order to thoroughly thrash this thing out and I am sure that we could establish a pretty good sized local as a result.

Yours for Liberty,
HARRY FETTERHOFF.

Submitting to one wrong often brings on another.—Proverb.

Street car employes in Detroit won their demands by a one-day strike.

The Workers' Press

By ROBERT HUNTER

Besides their unions and parties the workers must have newspapers. Without newspapers their battle is lost. A newspaper is the first, the most fundamental and the most powerful of all their instruments.

Without newspapers they cannot know the truth, and, because of ignorance they can be led to slaughter as sheep are led.

Many of us today see the importance of powerful unions and of a really democratic party, owned, controlled, and financed by the workers.

Many of us today see the importance of the initiative and referendum, so that government may be more responsive to the popular will.

All of use see the necessity of free schools, of cheap books and of public libraries.

But how few of us see the necessity of a people's press—one owned, controlled, and financed by Labor.

Yet, without this thing ,our battle is lost. What can a people do without knowledge? How can the blind fight?

A NATION THAT TAKES THE NEWS FROM THE COUNTING HOUSE, FROM THE VERY ENEMIES OF LIBERTY AND JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY, WILL NOT LONG KEEP IN ITS HANDS THE INSTITUTIONS OF LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRACY.

It is more dangerous to have our sources of knowledge corrupted than to have our ballot corrupted. It is more contemptible to starve for lack of truth than to starve for lack of bread. Where is there a greater menace to all that mankind holds dear than that our minds should be filled with lies so that we know not what to do?

Many things may be polluted without bringing us to ruin, but the sources of information, of knowledge, cannot be permanently polluted without bringing us to ruin.

We must have newspapers—newspapers unlike other newspapers. We must have newspapers that know news and that will not defraud us by filling their columns with murder stories, police court scandals society's lewdness and the thousands and one other things which now fill the columns of our modern police gazettes.

We must have newspapers that are not financed by the trusts, the moneyed men, the public service corporations and other great theives whose hands are in our pockets.

Some things may be doubtful, but this is not doubtful.

Democracy has passed forever from us unless we can have knowledge.

We may have anarchy, we may have madness and ruin, we may have blood-red revolution, but democracy we cannot have until this one thing is done.

WE ARE AS CHILDREN IN THE HANDS OF GIANTS; WE ARE AS FOOLS IN THE HANDS OF WISE MEN; WE ARE AS BRUTE BEASTS IN THE HANDS OF SHREWD AND SKILLED TRAINERS, UNTIL WE HAVE FOUGHT AND WON THIS BATTLE OF THE PRESS.

"If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch," and "in the land of blind men the one-eyed is king."

You know these ancient sayings, and what other are we if we lack the means of knowing the truth about politics, strikes. industry and social evolution, of knowing right from wrong, of knowing our friends from the knaves in this our day now and here.

And how shall we obtain eyes? Must we rely upon Melville B. Stone and the Associated Press? Must we rely upon papers owned by the enemies of liberty, justice and democracy? Must we ask Hearst or Pulitzer or Lawson or Munsey to be our eyes? God forbid.

The workers must have newspapers. They must have their own eyes and ears.

They must have their own private wires to bring them knowledge. They must demand the news, the true. unadulterated news, and they must undertake to get it no matter what it costs.

SOMEBODY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT—

A Picnic.
"What's that?" I asked
And somebody answered
"A big Socialist picnic
On the Fourth of July
At
Beautiful Hall's Lake
Where it's cool and
Comfortable."
I sighed wearily
And somebody went on:
There will be cool
Pink lemonade and—
Juicy hot dog sandwiches
And—
Steaming coffee and—
Ice cream—
I became aroused.
There will be dancing
On a fine hard floor with
Hale Dewey and orchestra
Playing ragtime and love waltzes
And Glenn Hoover and Carl Ulonska
Will furnish oratory that will
Charm and hold you,
Besides Ethel and Gertrude
Are going.
I mopped my sweaty brow
"So am I! How do you get there?"
And somebody said:
You can take an interurban
From Everett or Seattle
And get off at Cedar Valley station,
If you hail from Edmonds take a
Stage to the picnic grounds—
Of you can walk
Or
Bring the wife and kiddies
Along with your Ford.
Remember it's on the
Fourth of July.
Come and have the
Time of your
Life.

THE FIRING LINE

Rufus Wren gets a 42-centimeter trained on Gold Bar and brings down three. He also orders more ammunition.

Ed. Maurer, of North Yakima, captures one that is doing outpost duty.

G. M. Cuthbertson, of Everett, sallies forth midst shot and shell and fixes one.

W. L. Carman, of Everett, says: "Its a long way to Socialism," but this one might help.

Sophus Bonnivie, late of Everett, and now in the city where the law mills are (Olympia), sends in a wireless message for ammunition.

According to the United States department of labor, and capitalist authorities of recent years, the present difference between the amount paid as wages and the value of commodities in our own country is now about five-sixths, or a surplus value of 500 per cent.

Socialists of Miami, Ariz., succeeded in electing two out of five of the city councilmen after a severe fight

The world is content with words; few think of searching into the nature of things.—Pascal.

You can't hold a real position without strong opposition.

Chance for Purchase of Printery Ends July 1st

We are Now $200 Short of Necessary Cash for Purchase and Running Expenses

We are going to give our readers till the first of July to decide whether or not they want us to purchase the printery. On that day, if there is not in our possession an additional $250, we will return what has already been sent in and drop the subject. If the plant is sold to someone else before that date, we will return the money now on hand.

The only way, to our notion, that is left to raise the funds, is to get five Socialists to donate $50 each. Smaller contributions are at present coming in too slowly to be in our hands in time to purchase the plant. Can't you fellows hurry up?

We would not urge you to buy this plant if we did not realize its value to you. In the analysis of present day society we know that conditions tend to get worse. The upkeep of a Socialist paper published at a capitalist shop will require greater efforts from Socialists later on than are necessary now. But with our own tools of production it may be possible to get out the paper without a great deal of effort, ON THE PROFITS OF JOB PRINTING.

Business failures are on the increase, and it will be ever harder to get advertisers to help pay for the paper. When it becomes impossible to get enough advertising to pay for the printing of the paper there will be no way to lower the cost of production unless we have our own shop. All that is needed then is labor, paper, ink, rent and power. Labor is the most expensive item and if we cannot pay for that labor we can all get in and do a little ourselves and thus get the paper out for the cost of the paper, ink, rent and power, thus eliminating the greatest item.

Without our own shop it would be practically impossible to get out a bi-weekly which we planned on doing and it would be more than impossible to get out a daily.

We have pages upon pages of good interesting news items come to hand every week but we have no room to publish them so you do not get the benefit because we are handicapped with a small weekly paper.

We want to advertise Socialism by big colored posters all over the state, but we cannot because the cost is too great when printed in a capitalist shop.

We want to get away from these institutions because we can do better. At present we get 56 inches less of reading matter in this paper than we did on the one published by the people whose shop we want to purchase and this paper costs us more. If we buy the shop, it means that the paper will be bigger than the one you are now getting. We have to pay in advance for this paper before they will set up a line of type. That means that we have to pay for this paper almost a week before we get it, almost an unheard of thing in the business world.

This state of affairs cannot be kept up long, and sooner or later there will have to be another move taken which will probably mean more expense.

We are not going to beg of you to buy this pant, but we want to make plain to our readers what the facts in the case are. This is our final announcement. If $250 more has not been received in this office by July the first, we shall let the matter drop. The fate of the Washington Socialist is now in YOUR hands. What are YOU going to do about it?

Maynard Shipley	$50.00	H. Hendrickson, city	5.00
DeForest Sanford, City	$50.00	C. P. Morrison, city	5.00
J. H. Prather, Freeland	50.00	R. Van Dyke, city	5.00
J. M. Witt, city	25.00	F. E. Craig, city	5.00
A. M. Yost, Edmonds	25.00	J. W. Paplow, city	5.00
Carl Malmgren, city	25.00	Steve Adams, city	5.00
J. M. Salter, city	20.00	A. L. O'Connor, city	5.00
Local Monroe	10.00	A. Lund, City	5.00
A Rebel, Seattle	10.00	Geo. H. Lee, City	5.00
R. D. Hodgins, city	10.00	A Comrade, Coupeville	5.00
John Westberg, city	10.00	Earl G. Neely, Orin	2.00
H. Hanson, city	10.00	B. A. Peyton, Vancouver	2.00
C. Peterson, city	10.00	John Morris	2.00
Proletaria Bill, Charleston	10.00	J. E. Wrage	$1.00
L. E. Katterfield, city	10.00	William De Witt	1.00
Otto Weinz, City	5.00	Loren Toles	1.00
A Well Wisher, City	5.00	A. Burke	1.00
Emil Norby, City	5.00	Mike S.hananhan	1.00
George Reider, Hartford	5.00	Soll Olson	1.00
E. W. Wormsley, City	5.00	Walter Price, Outlook	1.00
W. L. Carman, city	5.00	Ed. Maurer, North Yakima	.50
F. L. Wellington, city	5.00		
S. A. Engstrom, city	5.00	Total	$433.50
Mrs. E. J. Schott, Snohomish	5.00		

ULONSKA MAKES HIT

Socialist hall was crowded to standing room Friday night, June 4, to hear Carl Ulonska deliver an interesting lecture on the world crisis in which he asked that the people think and act. He was well received, getting hearty applause as well as many hearty laughs. He is witty, and speaks to the point reaching his hearers with simple plain words. After the lecture some good vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed then the lady members served home grown strawberries, cream and cake.—The Monitor, Monroe, Wash.

China and Japan have again demonstrated their unfitness to rank with the civilized powers by signing a treaty that assures peace in the Far East.—New York World.

Mary L. Geffs Will Speak Tuesday Eve.

Eminent Woman Orator, will speak on the corner of Hewitt and Wetmore Tuesday evening, June 29th.

Her lecture will commence at 7 o'clock. Come along and bring your friends.

"We profess one day in the week a doctrine of human duty which we renounce in practice the other six days."
—Herbert Spencer.

There is a frightful interval between the seed and the timber.—Johnston.

Comrade JAMES SUTTON Will Lecture in THE FORUM, 1612 California St., SUNDAY EVE., JUNE 27; Subject, VITAL ISSUES OF THE DAY. Questions and Discussion. ADMISSION FREE