

Loyal People of Idaho Will Not Stand for Candidates Who Are Under the Thumb of LeSeuer

Overpowering Proof of the Connection of Nonpartisan League Leaders With the I. W. W. Forces Some Admissions--Effort to Give Standing in Idaho to a Notorious I. W. W. and Seditious Breeder Who Was Kept in the Background Until I Tore Off the Mask.

The Nonpartisan league leaders have been smoked out as to Arthur LeSeuer. The proof I have presented has been more than they could stand. IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THIS PROOF THEY WOULD HAVE GONE ON TRYING TO FOOL THE FARMERS OF IDAHO ABOUT THIS I. W. W. LEADER BY KEEPING HIM IN THE BACKGROUND READY TO SPRING AS IDAHO'S LEGAL ADVISER FROM NORTH DAKOTA IN CASE THE NONPARTISANS WIN IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

These Nonpartisan league leaders now admit LeSeuer's connection with the league but deny he was "national secretary", but documentary evidence (see his letter on this page) shows that he signed himself National Nonpartisan league by Arthur LeSeuer, executive secretary.

THESE NONPARTISAN LEAGUE LEADERS IN IDAHO BRAZENLY ATTEMPT TO DEFEND LE SEUER AND TO GIVE HIM SOME CHARACTER AND STANDING IN THIS STATE.

These Nonpartisan league leaders of Idaho express their pride in Arthur LeSeuer, but the loyal people of Idaho do not and will not.

THE LOYAL PEOPLE OF IDAHO DO NOT WANT THEIR PUBLIC SERVANTS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SUCH A PERSON AS—

Arthur LeSeuer, comrade of Bill Haywood, who wrote Haywood a seditious letter against the government, even going so far as to urge opposition to legislation to curb German spies in this country.

Arthur LeSeuer, notorious I. W. W. agitator, LEADER OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT HAS HELD UP FARMERS WHEREVER THEY HAVE OPERATED, AND PRACTICED SABOTAGE OF THE MOST DAMNABLE VARIETY—THE SAME GANG THAT THE FARMERS OF IDAHO WERE COMPELLED TO ORGANIZE AGAINST FOR SELF PROTECTION.

Arthur LeSeuer, who, in another letter signed himself "Yours for the revolution."

Arthur LeSeuer, who, with other I. W. W.s, was arrested

and jailed at Minot, N. D., where they sang, "To Hell With the Government."

Arthur LeSeuer, who, with Townley, has been branded by Roosevelt as being as dangerous for America as Lenine and Trotsky were for Russia.

Arthur LeSeuer, who sent Horace Mann to Idaho to preach sedition and Socialism to the farmers of Idaho.

Arthur LeSeuer, who directs the political campaign of the Nonpartisan league leaders of Idaho as part of a conspiracy to set up a form of Bolsheviki government in this state.

THE TRUTH ALWAYS HURTS
Of course the truth hurts. You talk about loyalty, McKaig and Scholtz. You have the same quality of loyalty as your masters, Townley and LeSeuer. Read about their loyalty on this page. You brought the Townley brand of "loyalty" to Idaho, Ray McKaig. I will see that you do not divert the minds of the people from the real issue.

You act in the capacity of secretary of the Nonpartisan league in Idaho; a new position was created for Scholtz, who is called the Manager of the campaign. IS IT NOT TRUE THAT YOU REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, LE SEUER, ONCE A WEEK. Is it not true that you could be dismissed by Townley without a moment's notice? You and Scholtz are but mere puppets, employed by the most dangerous men this country has ever known.

TO THE FARMERS OF IDAHO
I want to say that I am making your fight. I am making a fight for every good loyal citizen in this state. No one knows the farmers better than I do. Ninety-five per cent of them are as true and loyal Americans as can be found on earth. Five per cent of them are rank Socialists. I am not addressing my remarks to them.

Loyal citizens of Idaho, this government has paid out millions of dollars for war contracts scattered in practically every state in the Union, with the exception of Idaho and two others.

If we keep our state clean, capital will be seeking investments along every line in our state. New settlers will be seeking homes in this great commonwealth of ours. If Townley is

successful in Idaho at the coming election, not a dollar of outside capital will come to this state.

DO YOU WANT TOWNLEY GOVERNOR OF IDAHO?

BEAR IN MIND, ALL THE TIME, THAT TOWNLEY HAS ELECTED HIMSELF FOR 12 YEARS AS THE MASTER AND THE CZAR OF THE NONPARTISAN LEAGUE IN THIS COUNTRY AND THAT HE WILL BE IDAHO'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, DICTATING ITS POLICY, THROUGH HIS REPRESENTATIVES, MCKAIG AND SCHOLTZ.

Many are asking the question, why, if Townley is a traitor, he is still at large. This question was asked by Senator Sherman. Read his remarks in the Congressional Record of May 8, page 6716. I leave it to you why Townley is at large. I do not know: Here is what Senator Sherman said:

"Townley, the man who, on the 8th of July, 1917, at Buffalo Lake, in Sargent County, N. Dak., delivered himself of these sentiments, AT HEART WAS NOT A GOOD CITIZEN, whatever promises he may make now, however plausible may be his denunciation of others, however much he may accuse others of falsehoods.

"Mr. Townley is on record not only in this extract from his speech, BUT IN MANY OTHERS AS A SEDITIOUS CHARACTER HIMSELF. As I stated a few days ago, he was five times on the platform with Frank Little in the state of Montana. HE WAS THERE FOR SEDITIOUS PURPOSES. He was caught in the company of the I. W. W.s in that state. They were engaged in disturbances of the public peace. What they did is well known in that state."

DON'T FORGET THIS

Every legislative candidate of the Nonpartisan League is pledged to vote only for such legislation as is approved by their executive committee, which means Townley and LeSeuer. Are not the candidates of the Nonpartisan League for state offices similarly pledged as to their duties?

FRANK R. GOODING.

Read the following facsimile letter written to Governor Burnquist of Minnesota by Arthur LeSeuer, notorious Socialist and I. W. W. agitator, and executive secretary of the National Nonpartisan league. LeSeuer is the man who sent Horace Mann to Idaho to spread sedition. LeSeuer is the man who wrote Bill Haywood a seditious letter against the government. You will notice LeSeuer signs himself "Executive Secretary" of the National Nonpartisan League. I have a photograph of this letter, sent me by the governor of Minnesota.

NATIONAL NONPARTISAN LEAGUE
A. C. Townley, President.

National Headquarters
ST. PAUL, MINN.

March 6, 1918.

Hon. J. A. A. Burnquist,
State Capitol,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Governor Burnquist:

The Minnesota branch of the National Nonpartisan League in cooperation with Organized Labor of the Twin Cities will hold the 1st Nonpartisan Campaign Rally at the St. Paul Auditorium on March 19th, 20th and 21st.

I am authorized to extend to you, as Governor of this State, our cordial invitation to attend this Rally and address the meeting for such time and upon such subjects as you may desire. We would like an early response in order that our Program may be completed and adjusted to the Speakers who will be there. If possible give us the subject of your address and the specific day and time of day most convenient to you.

We expect to have a very large attendance at this Rally and will appreciate your attendance and address, should you find it possible to honor us with your presence.

Very respectfully yours,

NATIONAL NONPARTISAN LEAGUE

By ARTHUR LESEUER,

Executive Secretary.

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Read Governor Burnquist's Reply to Arthur LeSeuer, Executive Secretary of the National Nonpartisan League. Do Not Miss a Word of This Letter. It States Many Important Truths.

Arthur LeSeuer, executive secretary, the National Nonpartisan league, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir—Your invitation to address the Nonpartisan campaign rally is declined by me for the following reasons:

The name of your league implies that it is non-partisan, but in fact, there is no organization more partisan. At this time, when other political parties are trying to put aside for the good of the country, any factional spirit that might exist, your organization is doing everything within its power to increase it.

At the time of our entrance into the European conflict your organizers condemned our government for entering the war. When it became apparent that this course would result in disaster for their organization, they changed their course and made an eleventh-hour claim to pure loyalty, but, notwithstanding this claim, the National Nonpartisan league is a party of discontent.

It has drawn to it the pro-German element of our state. Its leaders have been closely connected with the lawless I. W. W. and with the Red Socialists, pacifists and peace advocates, whose doctrines are of benefit to Germany, are among their numbers.

Those in charge of the league have catered to that faction of labor which has violated the law and been opposed to compliance with just orders of duly constituted authority.

You, who sign yourself as the executive secretary of the league, were connected with the People's Peace Council, which through my proclamation of August 28, 1917, was barred from holding meetings in this state, and thereafter in Wisconsin and Illinois, but which was invited to North Dakota by its governor, who was elected through the efforts of your league. The cheering and the applauding of the unpatriotic utterances of Senator La Follette at your last convention put a stamp of disloyalty on it that can never be erased. Your present publicity agent lost the position he held at that time because he supported La Follette's unpatriotic ideas, and after his discharge by his employer he was employed by your Nonpartisan league.

Another of your leaders, Joseph Gilbert, called a director and manager, I believe, has been convicted by a jury because of his disloyal utterances. He, together with Mr. Manahan, an attorney of your organization, unpatriotically used a strike situation here to advance the political interests of the league.

These two men have maliciously slandered public commission, in an attempt to bring together the farmers and wage earners for the political purposes of your political party's self-constituted leaders, who are neither real farmers nor real laborers,

but self-seeking demagogues, who, the actual farmers and the actual laboring men of our state will sooner or later find, are nothing but pretended friends, wolves parading in sheep's clothing.

You, who appear to be the executive secretary of this organization, were the attorney who defended the murderers in the I. W. W. trouble on the range two years ago, and who has assisted the I. W. W. organization, which has already announced that it has its intention ultimately to take the farms from the farmers, whose headquarters since the commencement of the war have been raided by the federal government, and whose members are now taking refuge in such organizations as the National Nonpartisan league.

How, under such circumstances, the farmers of Minnesota, who have been threatened with the loss of their farms, who have time and time again been compelled to appeal to peace officers for protection against members of this lawless anarchistic organization, can now join a league with promoters whose sympathies have been with this lawbreaking Bolshevik element in our society, is well nigh incomprehensible.

Another reason for declining your invitation is the possibility of construing my presence at your partisan campaign rally by some as an endorsement of your propaganda. It is, of course, the duty of the governor to be fair to all classes and to oppose any program which is apt to result in a division of our state into classes. Such arraying of class against class would be welcomed by the enemies of our republic, for such a course would tend to defeat our nation in this war and will eventually mean the dissolution of our form of government and the undermining of the economic and political freedom of our people.

In declining to speak at your party's rally I wish to say further that for men there are, during this war, but two parties, one composed of loyalists and the other of the disloyalists. The only party whose cause I shall strive at this time to advance is the party composed of those Americans who, by heart and soul, are loyal to their country. The only issue that to me is paramount at this time is the winning of this war, and that cannot be done if our house is to be divided against itself through raise accusations on the part of political agitators such as those who head your organization.

The only party and politicians I am in this campaign going to oppose are that party and those politicians who, for party purposes, by inuendo or otherwise, are discouraging our people by claiming this a war begun by the rich, or that the burdens of the conflict will fall more heavily on one class than another,

who make statements which in some way or another will lengthen the conflict by creating dissatisfaction at home and thus indirectly cause the death of additional thousands, if not millions, of our fellow citizens on European battlefields.

We all agree that war profiteers should be dealt with as drastically as it is possible to deal with them. But it cannot be said that this is a rich man's war, for those who have gained most from it would have made greater profits if the United States had not entered it. I hold no brief for any class, but to make the farmers or laboring men believe their sons are discriminated against in this war, as implied in your statement of principles, is treasonable conduct, for the rich man's sons are conscripted proportionately to a greater extent than some of the farmers and laborers.

Your leaders are continually attacking what you term "big business." Personally I am as strongly opposed as anyone to what is known as government by big business. I would be equally opposed to a government by any particular industrial class. The public official who would allow himself to be controlled by the self-appointed guardians of some element of society would thereby render himself unfit to hold public office. If I, as governor of this state, would permit myself to be put in a position where I could be compelled to cater to any particular set of men, I could not be fair to organized labor or unorganized labor, to farmers' organizations, to big business or to little business.

Knowing, as I do, the political ambitions of your organization and the false charges that some of its leaders and agents have made through your official newspapers against honest and patriotic public officials, I cannot believe that back of the invitation you have sent me is any sincerity of purpose. The failure of the part of anyone to turn over the state government to those of your officers who have assumed the organization of the alleged Nonpartisan league and the control of the millions of dollars collected from its members, will undoubtedly create opposition, but I know that such men pretending to be friends of some particular class and deceiving some well-intentioned people, cannot long continue their policy of deception, for the patriotic farmers in the country and the loyal laboring men in the city know that their true friends are among those who strive for the maintenance of law, order and justice, especially in this, the most anxious hour of our history, for that unity of the American people essential to the successful termination of the war. Very truly yours

J. A. A. BURNQUIST.

"I Am Fighting Disloyalty in Idaho and the Agents of Disloyalty Are Fighting Me."--Frank R. Gooding