
Exposes the Third Degree: Lambkin Tells of Brutalities Following Arrest in Michigan Raid.

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DETROIT.— Third degree methods used by federal operatives on the labor men arrested in the Michigan red raid on the night of August 21st are set forth in an affidavit sworn to by Cyril Lambkin, Detroit, one of those maltreated in the county jail at St. Joseph and since released on \$10,000 bail. The affidavit, to be forwarded to Gov. Groesbeck with a demand for investigation of jail conditions and practices in Berrien County, reads in part:

“I, Cyril Lambkin, being first duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

“I am a citizen of the United States, and have been a resident of the state of Michigan for nearly ten years. I am a public accountant by profession.

“On the 22nd day of August, 1922, at Bridgman, Mich., I was arrested by a group of men led by one whose name I subsequently ascertained to be Spolansky.

(Spolansky is a Department of Justice stool pigeon who has passed himself off at various times as a member of the Socialist and other radical parties.)

“The following day, Aug. 23, while confined in Berrien County jail, Spolansky personally called me downstairs, to the sheriff’s office in the rear on the ground floor. While passing through a doorway, before a single question was asked of me, I was struck a blow on the right hip by someone whose name I do not know. The first night it pained so that I was unable to sleep. After this blow was struck and while in pain and apprehension, I was pushed into an adjoin-

ing room and ordered by Spolansky to take off my glasses.

“I found myself alone among five or six federal agents or deputies who immediately began firing questions at me. I answered all formal questions, but in view of the treatment I had already received, I stated that I must decline to answer any other questions except in the presence of an attorney. I was thereupon slapped in the face by one whom I believe to be Mr. Wolf, and flung about 10 feet clear into the next room, where I landed prostrate on the floor. Then I was ordered to rise. I found myself unable to do so. Mr. Wolf then pulled me by my hair, attempting in this manner to raise me from the floor.

“When I was again upon my feet Mr. Spolansky gratuitously informed me that this was really no beating at all and that soon a certain Sgt. McDonough would get a hold of me and I would then know what it meant to be really beaten. He also advised me to remember that I was not in Detroit, but in a farm county and that a nice farmer jury would be fixed which would positively convince me. He said that I would be sent up for five years. I was then sent back to the cell. At no time did I offer any resistance.”

Lambkin also swears that he could not get his traveling bag when released on bail, the deputy sheriff saying that the federal agent would have to be seen, although the men arrested are being held under state criminal syndicalism charges.

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