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# Pick Jury in Foster Trial

## Michigan Prosecutor Challenges Right of American People to Revolution

### The Issue in the Michigan Trial—Slaves or Freemen!



Artistic cartoon, Robert Minor, the famous Communist cartoonist, among those facing trial in Michigan. Shows what the bosses of America would like to do to the workers. The Michigan indictment, and is a challenge to every worker in America to get behind the Michigan defense and join in the fight for his emancipation.

### Outline Plan of Michigan Trial Defense

The Workers Party has issued a statement outlining the defense plan for the Communists who will go to trial in Michigan. This statement is issued to set the record straight and to false speculations indulged in from day to day by the press.

The Workers Party of America strongly protests against the new paper charges, gross misrepresentation of the policy of the defense in Michigan in violation of the State anti-Syndicalist law.

The press has been spreading the utterly false report that the defense will contend that the "proceedings" meetings and program were largely planned by the Burns' Detroit agency and that the defendant was just "put" in the trial.

### Minor Writes on Court Duel

COURT HOUSE, St. Joseph, Mich.—The right of the American people to revolution as a method of changing the government and achieving social changes is on trial in the court room here where William Z. Foster is on trial as the representative of the Communist movement in the United States.

"Would you be prejudiced against the defendant, Gray, if it appeared in the evidence that he believed that no great social changes have been achieved in the past history without a resort to force, and that it was his belief that when a majority of the United States demand a change which will abolish the private ownership of the industries of the nation by the capitalists, even the act is in the majority, this change will not be accomplished without a resort to force?"

"The force" thought that, until a few minutes ago, and then Attorney Gray flashed back, "Then you believe that the Declaration of Independence should be suppressed because it advocates the fundamental right of the people to revolution, if necessary by force?"

Attorney Smith was on his feet at once objecting to such an impertinent question as the Declaration of Independence was the subject in which Smith, shouted, "We object to getting the influence of the Declaration of Independence in the minds of this jury."

"You know" that in Hungary the Communist gained power without any violence, the Károlyi Government surrendering to the Soviets there in 1919, but later the aristocracy and the capitalists, with the help of the Roumanian army, made war on the Soviets and overthrew them, and in Finland the Socialists elected a clear majority of parliament but their government was later overthrown by the capitalists by force of arms, and in this country the Socialists elected members of the New York Legislature who were excluded by their political opponents.

By C. E. RUTHENBERG (By Special Wire to "The Worker")

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COURT ROOM, ST. JOSEPH, Mich.—As the duel develops between Frank R. Walsh, attorney for William Z. Foster, and Prosecutor Charles W. Gore, backed by a big crop of Burns men from Chicago and New York, onlookers are beginning to realize that a national political battle of deep significance is being fought here.

The jury that is being selected must express itself on the issue of whether the United States is to be a land of certain political liberties or whether those liberties are to be abolished permanently. This fact begins to dawn upon the more acute, while the duller begin to suspect that at least some strongly fundamental question touching all men's lives is being dealt with.

"Fascist" in Lawrence, Mass. (Special to The Worker) LAWRENCE, Mass.—A meeting in Lawrence to protest against the infamous acts of Mussolini and his black-shirt hordes in Italy, and addressed by C. Fred, editor of the New York Communist organ, Alha Nuova, was attacked by bands of hoodlums, calling themselves American fascists. All of the gangsters were Italian and the Italian population which espouses the cause of Fascism in America.

### Sacco Near Death

By KARL PRETSHOLD (Special to "The Worker") DEDHAM JAIL, DEDHAM, MASS.—The condition of "Nick" Sacco is very serious on this the 27th day (March 13) of his hunger strike. The prison physician doubts that Sacco will be able to attend the hearing on motion for a new trial, for himself and Vansetti, on Friday.

Sacco spent most of yesterday and today in bed, getting up only to see his wife and visits from every day. For 27 days both Sacco's wife and his many friends have urged him to eat, but he has refused to listen to their pleas, and seems as determined today to continue his hunger strike as he was when he began Feb. 13.

### \$10,000 Wanted for Bail!

THE WORKER has received a telegram from Morris J. Loeb, secretary of the Labor Defense Council, 126 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill., in which he is asked to help bail Sacco out of the court at St. Joseph, Mo. All those able to help furnish bail should get in touch with Loeb at the Chicago office, or with the secretary at 126 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. AT ONCE! The issue was not clearly drawn.

## For the United Front of Labor

### A Call to Action by the Workers Party

To All Labor Unions, All Organizations of the Working Farmers, the Farmer-Labor Party the Socialist Party, the Proletarian Party, the Socialist-Labor Party and the Industrial Workers of the World:

A new offensive is being organized against the workers. The employing class is preparing a new Open Shop drive, more intense and more widespread. Everywhere we see the employers solidifying their ranks, reforming their lines, and reorganizing their army for the new onslaught on the laboring masses.

Capitalists Are Amalgamating This is the golden age of business mergers. Billions of dollars of capital are amalgamating. The railway capitalists are uniting; witness the plan for dividing the country into 19 great railway systems, and the proposal to merge the western railways into four great systems. The copper capitalists are uniting; witness the Anaconda-Chile and the Calumet-Hochberg mergers. The oil capitalists are closing their ranks; witness the Mutual-Meritt oil merger. The bankers are joining together; witness the \$65,000,000 consolidation of the Industrial Bank and the Manufacturers'

Trust Co. of New York. The textile capitalists are amalgamating; witness the \$250,000,000 alliance of the Wool Trust with the Consolidated Textile Co. The packers are uniting; witness the \$600,000,000 merger of the Armour and Morris Cos. The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. is organizing a billion dollar corporation, the largest in the world.

The objects of these mergers are obvious. The more concentrated the ownership and the more centralized the control of capital is, the more easily can the workers be manipulated and raise the cost of living. Because of increased prices the workers and working farmers will find it much harder to make ends meet. And the great flood of stock dividends totalling over \$2,000,000,000 in the last year is only an advance notice to the workers that the capitalists are preparing for huge profits.

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that it deals with the experiences of the workers of the United States, illustrating the principles presented with facts from the recent labor history of this country.

THE PARTY HAS SET OUT TO DISTRIBUTE AT LEAST A MILLION PROGRAMS. These should be ten millions distributed. Every worker in the United States should know the facts of the life of the workers as set forth in this program, which is called in the pamphlet form "The United States Today." It is a picture of the United States—a picture in which delineated in clear cut lines the facts about the oppression and exploitation of the workers.

The program is printed in four pages half the size of this paper and is illustrated by four cartoons. The price is \$5.00 per thousand, or 50¢ per hundred. Party branches and members who have not ordered their supply should do so at once.

of the Communist organization on trial will be only one kind of defense. The Communists will take full responsibility for everything that was done at the Bridgman Convention. Throughout the trials the defendants will maintain that they had a full right to assemble and to discuss the problems and struggles of the working class. The defendants will fight for the right of all workers, Communists included, to the freedom of speech and assembly. The militant workers on trial will not shrink one inch from the facts of their right to believe in and propagate their Communist principles.

This and the party will be the defense policy of the Communists. The Workers Party of America urgently requests that the press give the full possible publicity to the above statement and, once for all, discontinue the campaign of misrepresentation in the trials of the workers going on in Michigan.

C. E. RUTHENBERG, Secretary, Workers Party.

Will Urge That United States Recognize Russia!

Workers! Join Throughs Going to Madison Square Garden this Sunday Night

U. S. Senator Borah Will Urge That United States Recognize Russia!







# Unions Join United Front for May Day

Many unions are responding to the Second Conference for a United May Day Demonstration, among them being Locals 1 and 2 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers. The proposition will also be taken up by the Joint Board of the Wages and Dress Makers.

# As to Labor Banks

The failure of cooperation in movement of its own, is almost complete in the United States when compared to the great and successful cooperative movement of other countries. Intemperance, graft, and a general lack of solidarity among the workers has made it practically impossible for the cooperatives to flourish. The situation has reached such a stage, apparently—if we are to have cooperative institutions, the trade unions themselves must take the matter in hand and bring the co-operators into existence.

# Don't miss the March "LIBERATOR"

FLOYD DEL, editor of the British Red Paper, will give a lecture entitled "The Outlook of Marxism." Max Redacht, treat of Communist tactics in "Are the Communists Ready?" "An Imperial War," by R. W. Postgate, reviews the successes and failures of capitalism in Great Britain.

# AMERICANISM A World Menace

By W. T. COLYER. Preface by TOM MANN. W. T. Colyer, formerly a member of the Communist Party of America, was deported to the United States and has written a daring book upon America and its boasted "democracy."

# Paris Commune Celebration

March 16th, 8 P. M. at NEW STAR CASINO, 107th St. and Park Ave. RUSSIAN QUARTET. Arcadi Berkenblatt, violin; Violinist will play a few solos.

# FREE SACCO and VANZETTI

SAVE SACCO WHO IS ON HUNGER STRIKE MASS MEETING Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 p. m.

# Beat Bankers at Own Game

By H. M. WICKS. We challenged the assertions of Dr. Walter F. McCabe to the effect that labor could control the banking power in the United States. In ten years, at a meeting held for Union printers in the city of New York, he mildly suggested that he had better study the simple fundamentals of economics before he appears before other audiences of working people with his inane claims.

A move which is bound to cause much trouble is trying to impose a recent affiliation of Warren S. Stone to the Empire Trust Co., a directorship by considering it a matter of course that such an alliance, which in a crisis, will inevitably be broken up.

# CANNON MEETINGS

J. P. Cannon, Chairman of the Workers' Party, who returned from Russia, will speak at a six-month study of Russian conditions, in making the four or five months to build the life of their Russian comrades.

# Another Anti-Soviet Lie Nailed

AUSTIN, Tex.—Russian agitators in regard to the Red Army, according to the Austin Daily Mail, are claiming that the Red Army is a band of marauders and thieves.

# Why Does the World Know About This Famine?

In Russia families have been a common occurrence since the year 1891. During the Czar's regime Cossacks were always sent to the afflicted area with instructions to force the peasants not to leave their villages.

# To-Day

The Soviet Government has thrown open the best buildings to the sufferers. It has attempted in every possible manner to save the unfortunates. It has appealed to the workers of the world for assistance in this gigantic undertaking.

# There Are Two Million Orphans

The greater portion are the toll paid for the capitalist war and blockade waged against the First Workers' Republic.

# The Farmer and the Labor Party

By ALFRED KNUTSON. The conditions under which the American farmer has been forced to work and earn his living in the past, have made it rather difficult to get to the him the idea of socialization.

# Statement by the Workers' Party

During the past weeks two groups have been fighting each other within the Technical Aid Society. This conflict has not merely been fought inside the organization but has been carried outside of the organization.

# Save Russia's Children

I cannot pledge to adopt a Russian Orphan but I wish to contribute to the General Orphan Fund.

# Save Russia's Children

Fill in blank below and mail to FRIENDS OF SOVIET RUSSIA, 201 West 13th Street, New York.

# Workmen in the South

Dear Comrades—Enclosed find \$12.25 per day for their labor. Most of the workers get less than \$12.25 and have families to keep and living is just a little above subsistence.

# Workmen in the South

These slaves pay taxes and they constitute 60 per cent of the South Carolina and North Carolina. They are not allowed to vote. Comrade Stueckert made a big hit with them.—F. W. Dietrich, Laurens, S.C.

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Don't know This Paper. Am on P. 5 on to Your Neighbor.

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Workers' Victories in Peace
The London Correspondent of the New York Times is shedding tears because E. F. Wise, rated as one of the leading economic experts of the British government...

Down with the King!
We have been assured by the labor lieutenants of British capitalism that the King can do no wrong to labor...

Isadora Duncan Loses Her Citizenship
There is a breath of relief sighing through the departments of government in Washington, D. C., Isadora Duncan is no longer a citizen of these United States.

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The department of labor, headed by the Pittsburgh millionaire, Mr. Davis, has ruled that Miss Duncan made the mistake of marrying the Russian poet, Sergei Esenin, on April 1, 1922, instead of August 22, 1922, the date of the passage of the Cable Visions Separate Citizenship Bill.

The War
The World War Veterans are to have their twenty-ninth annual meeting held at the Lexington Opera House, Sunday, it was a great throng, and Sam Stagner, reporter after five years at Leavenworth Prison, put the spirit into the gathering...

Free Speech in Logan County
The Civil Liberties Union is again to be commended on the performance of another real service rendered the labor movement...

Overabundance of Space
We're compelled to print this advertisement for the sake of the members of our worthy party. We would have liked to have more space to have printed the full text of the letter.

RATHER SERIOUS
With your kind permission we will stop the circulation of this paper for a moment and endeavor to register the event that is taking place at the moment...

Slaves Kneel and Bow
Sleep wrapped her magic cloak around us-carried us far away into the planet Mars. And what do you think we saw? Dear old Woodford peddling his "point" among the Martians...

TIME FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION
The French miners have demanded that the mine owners should be forced to accept the following conditions...

Appeal to French Railwaymen
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Not only in Name, But in Actual Life, the International of the World's Working Class

By ARNE SWABECK
Last year, where 125 delegates representing 42 countries has responded to the call and gathered to review the past struggle and to lay the practical plans for future work.

the masses. It was made a supreme duty of the militants to remain with the workers in the struggle for the immediate demands of the workers who day by day will be driven by the position of the revolutionaries and ready to accept their leadership. Only in this manner will it be possible to weld the labor movement into a single fight...