

Henry Winston: Prisoner Of Wall Street's Cold War

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Henry Winston has been sent to prison—a Negro political prisoner of Wall Street's cold war.

Winston is today the hostage of the white supremacists who seek to export Jimcrow all over the world in the name of democracy. He is a symbol of forty million Negroes, whose entire existence (from Rosa Lee Ingram to Ralph Bunche) is one unceasing fare of Jimcrow in our daily lives. The Negro people recognize the truth uttered by the great Paul Robeson when he said he would defend Foster, Dennis, Davis and Winston and all the 12, "as they defended us, the Negro people."

With him, also denied bail, and likewise remanded to jail for the duration of the heresy trial of 12 leaders of the Communist Party are Gus Hall, Gil Green, and, for 30 days under a "contempt" charge, John Gates.

The ruling class that closed the prison gates behind these four men—three of whom are World War II veterans—are afraid of them. Afraid, as they are afraid of William Z. Foster's historic document, which refutes the lies of the prosecution's stoop-pigeon witnesses, which advances the cause of peace, equality and security for the American working class and all the people. And they are afraid, too, of their co-defendants—Eugene Dennis, Benjamin J. Davis, Carl Winter, Robert Thomson, Irving Potash, John Williamson and Jack Stachel. They fear these 12 because they speak the truth and because they know that millions will understand that truth if they hear them speak. They, therefore, seek to strangle their defense, even in a trial, which they lauded as a "fair trial" in a court of "justice."

WALL STREET HATES THEM

Wall Street hates and fears them because these working class leaders of the Communist Party stand firm with "all Americans who love peace" and because Americans who love peace constitute the vast majority of the land, and this vast majority of the land can enforce its will for peace, equality, security and democracy, if it hears and finds leadership and organization.

Who can rest easy at a time like this when four such leaders are imprisoned in "civilized" America for their political beliefs? Who can dare fail to challenge this outrageous denial of bail-treatment of working class leaders like common convicted criminals—because they dare to think, speak and act against the insane plot of Ameri-

ca's ruling class to drag our land and the world into the abyss of a Third World War and establish fascism at home? Who can dare to wallow in illusion about a "fair trial" now that the pretense of "know nothingness" is stripped from our eyes and stands exposed at Foley Square?

It is over 20 days since the first three were sent to jail.

The desperate jailers of Henry Winston and his co-defendants, chained in handcuffs the white editor and veteran, John Gates, and the Negro Communist leader and veteran Henry Winston.

Fools they were indeed to think that this would embarrass these fighters, whose lives, from early youth, were chained together in struggle for the rights of the Negro people—and in unity—unity of Negro and white!

They spread this picture across the front pages of their boss-controlled press and big business magazines—this picture which only further served to strip the pretense off their hypocritical democratic preachments to millions of white Americans; to other nations and peoples! They didn't count, of course, on having it boomerang—as it did. For it unwittingly portrayed the leadership of the Communists for Negro liberation who demonstrate this unity, even in prison and in the dock.

SYMBOLIZE UNITY

Winston and his co-defendants symbolize that unity today in the Federal Detention madeover jail-house—which was once a stable for horses. Just as they symbolized that unity in World War II—an anti-fascist war in which, though, in similar foxholes, Winston was jimcrowed according to the percentage of his people in the population, and because of his skin-color. Gates and Gus Hall on sea, air and in the infantry, fought jimcrow; at home Gil Green, as did all of the 12, used voice, pen and energies for mixed regiments, for recognition that bullets didn't jimcrow, and the fascists didn't discriminate in wiping out six million Jews; of crowding men, women and babes in the ovens and concentration camps of Auschwitz.

In high place, in the Court of Appeals, in the Department of Justice, the Truman Administration and Congress—all of this and other witch-hunts, other trials and repressive legislation were characterized by President Truman as the result of "postwar hysteria."

A 27-year-old man—in the budding prime of life—Caleb Hill—lies dead in Georgia's red earth by lynching—because a Georgia sher-

iff conveniently left the keys for the forceful and violent mob to string him up—and this is called "postwar unrest!"

A widowed mother of 14 children—Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram—rots in a Georgia jail with two of her sons for over 18 months, cries for her infant son, because, in self-defense, she rose in her dignity to uphold Negro womanhood from



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the indecent advances of a white supremacist—and this is termed "postwar hysteria!"

Over 80 citizens of foreign birth—denied their full citizenship because of their political beliefs—are threatened with separation from families—with deportation—three million more of foreign birth face concentration camps in the infamous Hobbs Bill—and this is dismissed with the glib words "postwar hysteria!"

FOUR IMPRISONED

And four men—Henry Winston, Gus Hall, John Gates and Gil Green—have been imprisoned without bail—in the course of an undemocratic, unprecedented trial of a political party in American history, denied free intercourse with counsel—and this is simply termed by the framers of this gigantic hoax "postwar hysteria!"

Would that the framers of a police state and atomic war, of the sinister Smith Act Department of Justice indictments and trumped up trial of the 12 Communist leaders could really be made to realize that old Abe Lincoln's homilies still lives: "You can fool some of the people some of the time, and all of the people some of the time—but you cannot fool ALL of the people ALL of the time!"

Are you, then, the victim of
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"postwar hysteria" that you have failed to act, speak and rouse your community, your trade union, your neighbors as to the real danger that exists to everything we hold dear?

You veterans who know Gus Hall, John Gates and Henry Winston and Bob Thumpson; you who are kin to Ben Davis and Henry Winston, and by that virtue know of oppression and second class citizenship; you men and women of the great rank and file of the trade unions; you women who see in the symbol of the wives of the 12 and their splendid participation in the fight—a symbol and warning of your own future families and home life; you scientists, physicians and teachers who see in the revelation of the role of the FBI a secret political police threatening universities, schools and laboratories; you ministers of all faiths who see the irreligion of Wall

Street, its mockery of brotherhood and sisterhood and its toll on the people's rights; you young people to whom the future belongs, but of whose future a former U. S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union recently held out the "hope" of "no alleviation of the 'cold war' in this generation"; you followers of William Z. Foster and Eugene Dennis—you say you have spoken and acted!

It is not yet enough! Your shop-mates, friends, neighbors and organizations must, too, be roused and shown that sustained actions count.

Only thus can we wrest from the hellhole of prison and free these four leaders from the clutches of the ruling class white supremacist jailers. The hour is later than you think. But the opportunities to reach the people—the receptiveness is there, is growing, based on their own experience. In the experience of meat prices, which are rising, of milk and bread and butter for our tables.

Only by reaching them can we weld a unity broader and more united than all the past protests on Scottsboro, Herndon, Mooney, Sacco-Venzetti. Only thus, too, can we quash the indictments and free the 12!

Aqueduct Entries

FIRST—7 furlongs; claiming; 3-year olds; \$3,500.

Ontrasail	108	*Ginnas War	108
*Ula	103	Golden Vixen	108
Lock Like	113	Sandra	108
a--Red Banjo	106	*Paulmar	103
*Julibee	103	Extinguisher	113
*Little Topper	108		
a-M. Prickett entry.			

SECOND—5 1-2 furlongs. claiming; 2-year old fillies; \$3,500.

*Tax Lien	108	*Tracelene	103
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