

Gallup Defense Funds Needed

Complicity of Officials Cited by Anna Damon, Head of I. L. D.

The people of the entire United States, and especially those who belong to trade unions, were called on to come immediately to the support of the ten Gallup, N. M., miners framed on murder charges and facing the death penalty, in a statement issued yesterday by Anna Damon, acting national secretary, in the name of the National Executive Committee of the International Labor Defense.

"The kidnaping and slugging of Robert Minor, chairman of the National Gallup Defense Committee and one of the most beloved figures in the entire American labor movement, and of David Levinson, famous labor lawyer, at Gallup, exposed before the world the deter-

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mination of the government of New Mexico, linked with the Rockefeller interests, to railroad to their death these ten miners, with the intention of smashing the struggles of the United Mine Workers of America, of the unemployed, and of all trade unions, in the Southwest," the statement said.

"The cynical statements of the authorities at Gallup, who pretend to be 'mystified' by the kidnaping of Minor and Levinson, and have even charged that it is a 'frame-up,' are only further proof of their complicity.

"The hand of President Roosevelt himself is seen in this frame-up, through the activities of his Secretary of Labor, Frances Perkins, who has ordered the immediate deportation of more than 100 Gallup miners to fascist Yugoslavia and to Mexico, among them ten vital defense witnesses, three of whom were arrested in the courtroom itself during the preliminary hearings.

Big Defense Movement

"This terror must be answered with the most powerful defense movement, involving every U. M. W. A. local, every trade union in the country, and the people of the country as a whole, who view with growing resentment the fascist moves to deprive them of their remaining vestiges of civil rights, to save these ten miners from the legal lynching that is being prepared for them.

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"Undoubtedly the tremendous country-wide protest saved the lives of Minor and Levinson. They are not safe yet. They are in Gallup, where they have been rejoined by Attorney A. L. Wirin, continuing their work of preparing the defense of the ten framed men, interrupted by their kidnaping. Only a rising storm of protest will safeguard them and make their defense work effective. Governor Clyde Tingley at Santa Fe, N. M., must be flooded with demands for their protection, for an end to the terror, for the unconditional freedom of those arrested. Secretary of Labor Perkins must hear the voices of millions demanding an end to her part in the frame-up, an end to her deportation terror against the foreign-born.

"The biggest mass campaign will be necessary to save these ten fighters in Gallup. Thousands of dollars will be needed to defeat the attempts of the mining companies and their fascist vigilantes, the government of New Mexico, and Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor in Roosevelt's cabinet, to murder these ten men. Solidarity must be expressed in mass action and material help.

"Send funds to save these ten lives to the Gallup Defense Committee of the International Labor Defense, Room 610, 80 East 11th Street, New York City."