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SACCO AND VANZETTI

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A MILLIONAIRE governor of the state of Massachusetts, Mr. Fuller, after conducting a farcical review of the case has sealed the doom of Sacco and Vanzetti and has ordered that these two innocent workers shall die in the electric chair. A cold formal verdict was rendered marking the end of one of the most dastardly judicial frame-ups against workers whose only crime has been their loyalty to the workingclass. Governor Fuller's final decision is the decision of the capitalist ruling class of the United States. The bankers, manufacturers and corporation magnates like shylocks, not satisfied with the wealth they extract thru the intensive exploitation of the workers demand their pound of flesh in the burned up, baked corpses of Sacco and Vanzetti.

The case of Sacco and Vanzetti is one of the most important cases of its kind that has taken place in the United States. So clearly has the innocence of these two workers been established that millions of workers and others all over the world raised one mighty protest against the death order of Governor Fuller. The protest was not only a protest against the contemplated judicial murder but also against the whole oppressive and predatory system of American imperialism. The American ruling class was stunned with the mighty wave of protest and the execution temporarily delayed for another twelve days.

The reprieve granted by Governor Fuller is only designing move of the part of the capitalist executioners to stay the indignation of the masses and to create a condition that will make possible either the execution or else the imprisonment of Sacco and Vanzetti for life, in other words to a living death. This must never be allowed to happen. The workers must be prepared to raise such a mighty protest movement that the capitalist ruling class will be forced to return to the workingclass free and uninjured, Sacco and Vanzetti.

The case of Sacco and Vanzetti is not an isolated case. It is part of the whole plan of the capitalists to intensify the exploitation of the workers thru longer hours and lower wages. Part of the whole plan is to smash the unions, to terrorize the militant workers and in that fashion prevent any resistance on the part of the workers to their plans. It is no accident that the Sacco and Vanzetti case should take place in the state of Massachusetts. It is the state of President Coolidge the representative of American imperialism and the wage cutting mill barons of Massachusetts. It is in Massachusetts where the workers have had their wages cut, their hours of employment lengthened and their organizations smashed. Unemployment is rife in the mill towns. Starvation stalks in every workers' home. All attempts on the part of the workers to give expression to their grievances are ruthlessly suppressed in this so-called state of old American culture. Freedom of speech and assembly in the Bay State are best expressed in the brutality of the police in breaking up meetings—the arresting of speakers, and others.

It is the Massachusetts system that the capitalists want to institute all over the United States. They

hope with the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti to strengthen reaction in the United States sufficiently enough to do so. The case of Sacco and Vanzetti is therefor of the most vital importance to the entire workingclass of this country. Organized labor in particular should be aroused about the dangers that it faces in the event that the capitalists succeed in their determination to electrocute Sacco and Vanzetti.

The workers have responded splendidly on behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti in spite of the indifference and outright opposition of their reactionary trade union leaders. President Green when he gives expression to the idea of jailing these two innocent workers for life is mouthing the sentiments not of the workers, not of the labor movement, but of the bitterest enemies of the workers and organized la-

bor. He is acting like a low down treacherous traitor of the organized workers and not as their leader. The workers in the United States must not be fooled by President Green because he does not voice their sentiments. The workers must now more so than before demonstrate to the capitalists who desire to murder their fellow men that the workers will not tolerate it. The order of the day should be mighty protests, big strikes, meetings and demonstrations everywhere. Sacco and Vanzetti must be freed. Sacco and Vanzetti must not die. Death to Sacco and Vanzetti will be a victory for bloody reaction and the enemies of labor and crushing defeat for the workers.

The Workers (Communist) Party has realized this fact from the very beginning of the Sacco and Vanzetti persecution. It has done everything in its power to stir up the masses against this outrageous contemplated murder of innocent workers. It calls upon the workers to renew with greater vigor their protest and together with the workers in all other countries stay the hands of the executioner and open the jail doors. The liberation of Sacco and Vanzetti will mark an important step forward to the ending of all exploitation and oppression.

The International Proletariat and the Sacco-Vanzetti Case

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THE attempt to railroad Sacco and Vanzetti to the electric chair has lead to such extensive expressions of international workers solidarity as had never before been witnessed. The case has become symptomatic for the growing international class consciousness of the proletariat. This is especially important because it is the practice of international workers solidarity alone which will save these two intended victims from the chair; it is also this manifest practice of international solidarity by the workers of the world which will help the American workers to learn value and necessity of it; finally the active international solidarity is a sign of the waning of illusions of the workers as to democracy in general and American democracy in particular.

The case of Sacco and Vanzetti is a battle in the class struggle. It is not as some liberal protagonists of capitalism want to make us believe, a case of justice and fair play. Prosecution and judiciary are parties to the frame-up against the intended victims. The frame-up is perpetrated against two enemies of capitalism and because of their enmity to capitalism.

Capitalist justice, at best, is a rope in the hands of defenders of capitalism. If this rope is not formed into a noose around the neck of an accused, it is not because the accused gets justice and fair play, but it is because capitalism has no bone to pick with him. Chicago bootleggers parade the streets one day in armed cars, mowing down their competitors with machine guns; the next day they walk down the same streets arm and arm with members of the state attorney staff. According to the letter of the law they are criminals; in practice the arm of the law protects them. The noose of capitalist justice never descends on their necks. It rather forms a halo around their heads, elevating them to the sainthood of protectors of capitalism.

Sacco and Vanzetti are opposed to capitalism. They are innocent of the crime charged against them, but capitalist justice gold-bloodedly places the noose around their necks and declares: "You may be innocent; but you are reds. Let the law take its course. Hang!"

What of justice! What of fair play! Capitalism is the law. Whoever is against it will be devoured by it. This is the language the Sacco and Vanzetti case speaks to the world, the world of the proletariat hears and answers it.

The international proletariat well understands that the struggles for the freedom of Sacco and Vanzetti is not a legal battle. It understands that by threatening the lives of Sacco and Vanzetti capitalism threatens the workingclass itself. Justice in this case is the unadulterated execution of capitalist interests by a judiciary machine of the state. Justice will not save Sacco and Vanzetti; it condemns them. The saving of Sacco and Vanzetti involves the necessity of defeating capitalist justice, not of invoking it.

Capitalist justice in this case takes the mask of bareness from its own face. As a result the film of democratic illusions drops from the eyes of the proletariat.

American capitalism sees this clearly. It attempts now to save by bullying what it lost by being caught with the hypocritical mask of fairness off its face. Caught in the act of murdering two innocent workers American capitalism asks the proletariat of the world: "What are you going to do about it!"

There is only one answer. The clearer it becomes that Sacco and Vanzetti are to be sacrificed not to the goddess of justice, but to the moloch of profit the stronger becomes the determination of the international proletariat in their imperative demands: "Sacco and Vanzetti Shall Not Die!"