

STEEL TRUST IN OHIO CONVICTS 3 OF SYNDICALISM

Communists Face Ten Years Prison

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., Nov. 21.—It took but five minutes for a steel trust jury to convict Tom Johnson, Charles Guynn, and Lil Andrews, members of the Communist Party, on charges of "criminal syndicalism" in court here yesterday. The three were arrested on International Red Day, August 1, when the police at Martins Ferry attacked a demonstration of 1,000 workers, breaking it up with great brutality.

Johnson, Guynn and Andrews face sentences of ten years each, and the steel trust, as part of the terror reign being waged against all militant workers, has stated its determination to see to it that these workers are railroaded.

The state hired as special prosecutor Attorney Walker of St. Clairsville, who had previously offered to get the indictment quashed providing the defense would engage his services, for \$500.

Walker's summing up before the jury was a tirade of red-baiting and incitement to lynching. He called on the Belmont County American Legion to march on the District offices of the party and of the International Labor Defense.

Attorney Land for the defendants has filed a motion for a new trial. Johnson, Guynn and Andrews have been released on \$2,000 bond each.

The state, acting for the open shop bosses of Ohio, is attempting to railroad two other members of the Communist Party, Betty Gannett and Zorka Yoki under the criminal syndicalism act. Their cases have been continued pending the outcome of the motion for a new trial for Johnson, Guynn and Andrews. * * *

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 21.—The reign of terror by the police, private and city detectives, gangsters, A. F. of L. scab officials, and "socialists" against militant workers continues in Philadelphia unabated.

Twenty-four pickets, members of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, were arrested while on picket duty at the Raab Dress Shop, where many other pickets have been arrested in the course of the strike against this company.

In court, the 24 arrested pickets were asked such questions as "Do you believe in religion; in free love; do you receive instructions from Moscow?"

In the past six weeks over 400 pickets have been arrested in Philadelphia. Picketing will continue each day, despite the terror, states the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union. * * *

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Thousands of Chicago militant workers will take part in a mass demonstration against the reign of terror here against militant workers, and against the railroading of seven Gastonia workers and strike leaders on Sunday, November 24, at People's Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. They will hear K. Y. Hendryx, Louis McLaughlin, and if the workers succeeded in freeing him on bail, Joe Harrison. A district conference of the International Labor Defense is planned for December 9, and a Labor Defense Bazaar at People's Auditorium, December 13, 14 and 15. * * *

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—The trial of two workers, Lombros and Kallas, arrested last Friday as they were distributing Gastonia defense leaflets in front of the Addressograph Plant, will come up on December 20.

The two workers were arrested when the bosses called the police. They were held incommunicado until 2 p. m. the following day, then charged with "illegal distribution of leaflets," and released on bail.

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