

WORKERS GIVEN 1-10 YEARS BY OHIO BOSS JURY

Spoke at Anti-War Meet; Force Retrial

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., Nov. 12.—The case of Charles Guynn, Tom Johnson and Lil Andrews, three Communists who were convicted by a steel and coal jury of "criminal syndicalism" and then freed by the Court of Appeals will be tried again according to Yetta Land, attorney for the International Labor Defense who has been notified to that effect by the prosecution.

Charles Guynn, one of the leaders in the Mine, Oil and Smelter Workers Industrial Union, Tom Johnson, southern organizer of the Communist Party and Lil Andrews of the Young Communist League were arrested while speaking at an anti-war meeting on August 1 1929 in Martin's Ferry, Ohio, when the police attacked a demonstration of 1,000 workers and dispersed the gathering.

The three workers were defended by the International Labor Defense and vigorous mass protests were organized throughout the steel and coal sections of that country. The state hired a special prosecuting attorney and backed by the steel interests hand picked a jury consisting of storekeepers and farmers.

The only witnesses produced by the prosecution against the three workers were five deputy sheriffs and police officers. The district attorney tiraded against the three workers in his opening and closing speeches referring to them as "bastard spawn of anarchy which should be removed for all times from this grand and glorious country."

The middle class jury convicted Guynn, Johnson and Andrews within 11 minutes and were sentenced to 1 to 10 years with fines of \$5,000 by Judge Cowen.

Guynn and Johnson served six weeks in the Ohio State Penitentiary and Lil Andrews in the woman's prison in St. Marysville, Ohio when they were bailed out by the I. L. D. who had meanwhile appealed the case.