

LOS ANGELES THIEF BRANDED LIAR BY C. P.

Mooney Joins Communists in Exposing Trickery of L. A. Burglar

SAN FRANCISCO—Arthur Kent, alias Scott, arrested for burglary in Los Angeles early this week, perjured himself when he declared he gave the proceeds of his crimes to the Communist Party, according to a statement of the California State Committee of the Party released here Thursday.

The State Committee statement branded as false the press reports which attempted to link Kent to the Party.

"If this is the same individual who is known here as Arthur Scott," said the statement, "he and his wife were expelled from the Party in August, 1937, as unreliable adventurers, after which they disappeared and their whereabouts were unknown. If Kent made the statements quoted in the press, and they were not fabricated by the police department, then he is a contemptible liar and has let his imagination run wild."

At the same time, inquiries at the headquarters of the Mooney Moulders Defense Committee revealed that Kent was never at any time a director of the Committee. The famous political prisoner denied reports from Los Angeles, declaring that though Scott was at one time authorized to arrange meetings and affairs, his connection with the committee had been severed for some time.

"He has had absolutely no connection with the Tom Mooney Molders' Defense Committee for approximately the past year and one-half," said Mooney.

Held in the Los Angeles jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail, Kent is reported to have said that the burglaries were not "stealing—just compulsory social taxation." Answering this statement and others which purportedly implicated the Communist Party and the CIO, the California State Committee's statement said:

"The favorite device of scoundrels is to blame everything on the Communists. Kent's Robin Hood story rivals the fairy tale invented by Ivan Cox, and probably comes from the same source."

LOS ANGELES—The following statement was issued jointly by J. R. Robertson, CIO regional director for Southern California, and Lou Goldblatt, personal representative of Coast Director Harry Bridges:

"The effort to frame Tom Johnson, business agent manager of the CIO Industrial Unionist, is but another link in the long chain of attempts to slander and destroy the CIO, its affiliated unions and officers.

"We are not surprised that the police, cooperating with the open-shoppers, have utilized a stool-pigeon to perform their part in the union wrecking campaign.

"The public and workers in Los Angeles have had their fill of these ridiculous attempts to frame and slander honest labor organizations and their representatives. We intend to put an end to this sniping. A civil suit will be instituted against the perpetrators of the Tom Johnson frame-up. We intend that full retribution and indemnity be made for his arrest and the slander of his name."

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