

New Danger Signals in the Sacco-Vanzetti Case

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SOME people tend to look upon the Sacco-Vanzetti case as an isolated, special example of the miscarriage of justice in the American democratic court system. We Communists take the very opposite view. We look upon the Sacco-Vanzetti case not as a miscarriage of justice, but, on the contrary, as a crass example of the carrying out of justice by capitalists against workers, by the exploiting class against the exploited. To us justice is not an abstraction. To us justice is part and parcel of the whole system of the capitalist, class society of today.

More than that. The Communists do not look upon the Sacco-Vanzetti case as an isolated incident of reaction which is an exception to the rule of the trend of events. To us, the Sacco-Vanzetti case is only a symbol, a high-water mark of the sweep of capitalist reaction now crushing the American workers.

Make This Execution Impossible!

The International Labor Defense declares:

"Sacco and Vanzetti have been suspended between life and death for seven years. Governor Fuller now prolongs this agony for twelve days more. (Six days more remain as this issue of The DAILY WORKER appears.) History knows no parallel for the deliberate prolonged torture inflicted upon innocent and idealistic men.

"For our part we will work with all our power and energy in these days to help the movement for Sacco and Vanzetti grow in volume and intensity.

"Our local organizations in two hundred cities are already organizing a new series of protest meetings and demonstrations for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"We are advocating protest strikes of the workers everywhere and predict that the strike movement will now take on a volume which will render the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti impossible."

Sacco-Vanzetti Case Part of Whole Offensive:

STRIKINGLY clear manifestations of the fact that the Sacco-Vanzetti case is an integral part of a whole offensive against the working class

by the black capitalist clique, are evidenced in the preparations now being made for an attack on those workers who are unskilled, semi-skilled, deprived of political rights, and most proletarian section of our working

class. The writer has in mind the repeated threats and intensified preparatory measures that are now being resorted to for a big drive against the foreign-born workers. Within the last three days there have been three

ominous instances indicating that such a campaign is in the making.

The Sacco-Vanzetti case is so clear, so naked, so crass an example of pure American democracy as applied by the imperialists that even the most purblind can see the mockery, hypocrisy and terror of the whole game. It is very many years since an event in our working class struggles has stirred up so much interest abroad as well as at home. Naturally, among the great masses awakened and inspired in the United States to protest energetically against the Coolidge brand of justice as handed out to Sacco and Vanzetti are great masses of foreign-born proletarians. The extreme ire of our capitalists has been aroused. Two foreign-born workers must be executed. The thin veil of the dignity of capitalist justice has been torn to shreds. The "safety of society" must be assured. The weakest section of the working class must be taught a lesson. This means

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that a new attack must be launched against the foreign-born workers. The preparation are in full blast. Here we have them.

The High Crime of Workers Thinking

1. Congressman Albert Johnson of Washington, Chairman of the House Immigration Committee, has issued a stern warning to all foreign-born workers that if they will participate in any meetings or demonstrations in behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti, they will thus "end their chance of becoming American citizens" and "become liable to deportation."

Mr. Johnson goes on to say, "Aliens domiciled in this country should remember that if they partake in anti-government demonstrations here they are liable to deportation under the 1919 act." Here we have it: the government is planning to murder two workers; other workers protest. In this case, it happens to be that the workers to be murdered by the government are foreign-born. It also happens that some of the workers who protest against this murder are foreign-born. Millions of native workers are likewise protesting, but the first onslaught is to be made against the foreign-born workers, because they are in a weaker position to resist the attack. Once the weaker sector of the working class front is broken or even pierced then the next line will be stormed—the line of the native workers. These elementary points of strategy—dividing the enemy—hold good in class war as well as in other forms of war. Already we see "red" raids in Los Angeles and native workers being jailed and held incommunicado.

2. The murderers of Sacco and Vanzetti, the enemies of the working class, never stop at mere warnings no matter how stern and severe these warnings be to the workers. It is not enough for them to attack the workers for holding certain opinions. Actual steps must be taken to cripple the workers who hold these opinions. Therefore, Commissioner of Immigration Hull has come forward with the declaration that he will call on Congress to appropriate funds to enable the Immigration Service to make a thoro round-up of foreign-born workers and that "when the undesirables have been hunted down they will be deported." Immigration Service inspectors, Department of Justice agents, and secret service agents of the treasury and post office are now watching the Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrations. Obviously, hunting down workers is a great sport of the American capitalists. The deportation machinery is being oiled and its swift workings are already visible.

Trying to Starve the Workers Out Of Militancy.

3. It takes time, however, to ferret out workers holding certain opinions. It takes even a little more time to hunt down and deport these workers. Our capitalists are efficient. They do not believe in losing time. Particularly when it is necessary to persecute the working class do they keep in mind their old maxim that "time is money." Therefore, Secretary of Labor Davis has taken the great American "public" into confidence and has declared that in the meanwhile steps are being proposed to starve those foreign-born workers who refuse to be docile industrial serfs, who refuse to applaud the hangmen of the American proletariat as the heroes of the day. Secretary Davis openly declares that letters have been sent to employers, asking them to aid in the enforcement of the immigration laws by refusing employment to all foreign-born workers who cannot show that they entered this country by "legal methods." This is nonsense. It is plain camouflage. Our multi-millionaire and open-shop Secretary of Labor Davis will fool nobody when he speaks of legal methods. He is simply attempting to starve those workers who have opinions which in the eyes of our ruling class are dangerous to the maintenance of capitalist exploitation and tyranny.

The Sacco-Vanzetti case should prove a great antitoxin to the bacilli, to the devastating germs which have been spread in the ranks of the American workers for generations regarding the purity, the integrity and the blessings of American democracy. The sharp offensive launched against millions of our best workers in the United States scarcely before Sacco and Vanzetti have been strapped to

the death chair should prove a powerful, tho rude, antidote to the poison of bourgeois liberalism, propagated in the ranks of our working class by the socialist party and President Green and his venal labor bureaucracy.

The Communists have had no illusions or misgivings on the whole Sacco-Vanzetti affair. The Communists are only more aroused, more determined, more energetic than ever before to mobilize the greatest masses for a counter-attack, to call a halt to the offensive of the capitalists. Our Party has shown increasing signs of vitality and success in serving as the inspirer, driving force, and a leader in the Sacco-Vanzetti campaign, in the campaign for the protection of the foreign-born workers, in the campaign for the organization of the unorganized, in the movement for a mass party of the working class—a labor party. No interests of the workers are too small for us to fight for. Our Party, the Party of the Communists, has no interests other than the interests of the working class. The unlimited brutality, the unmasked terrorism, the vilest threats of the exploiters will not terrify us. We will go forward with united, steeled ranks to lead the workers until they win and destroy every vestige of capitalist exploitation, of imperialist tyranny in the United States.

20,000 Demonstrate In Detroit to Free Sacco and Vanzetti

DETROIT, Aug. 15. — Over twenty thousand workers jammed the Cadillac Square in the greatest demonstration witnessed in Detroit for years demanding freedom for Sacco and Vanzetti. Eight labor speakers addressed the huge crowds from three platforms. The shouting and applause was plainly heard for many blocks around.

Although the meeting was scheduled for eight o'clock, the huge square was already filled by 7:30.

Only a few hours before the meeting took place, the daily papers carried headlines to the effect that the demonstration would be stopped by the police. This issue of the daily papers was sold before the huge automobile factories and unquestionably added many thousands to the huge crowd of workers, many of whom came direct from the shops. A tremendous ovation greeted the committee which arrived at eight o'clock with the banners bearing the slogans of the final struggle to free Sacco and Vanzetti.

The meeting was opened by the chairman of the Sacco Vanzetti committee, Mike Patton of the Electrical Workers Union. William Reynolds and Jack Robinson mounted the two additional platforms simultaneously and explained the purpose of the meeting amid thunderous applause, after which the speakers of the evening were introduced. The meeting was under the immediate supervision and auspices of the Detroit Federation of Labor with the co-operation of delegates from scores of labor organizations of Detroit.

The speakers told the great crowds that the case of Sacco and Vanzetti is now in the final court of appeals, the working class of the world. Applause upon applause greeted the announcements of the strikes and demonstrations taking place in the leading cities of America and of the world. Especially loud and determined was the applause for the organization of the auto workers to prevent further frame-ups and executions of labor leaders that are bound to follow in the impending struggles of American labor.

The following speakers representing their various organizations addressed the demonstration in relays from the three platforms: Arthur Rohan, national secretary of the Automobile Workers Union, R. Baker, District Organizer Workers (Communist) Party and member of Machinists Union, Saraine Bereiter, organizer Waiters' Union; Phillip Ray-