

Murdered --- But Not Forgotten!

By JAY LOVESTONE.

THE mass pressure of the American and European working classes only could delay but not paralyze the hands of the Massachusetts murderers. If only the American proletariat were more powerful, Sacco and Vanzetti would be alive today.

It would be foolhardy to consider the Sacco and Vanzetti case only as an incident involving the lives of two workers. The issues are far deeper. The fight has been not of individuals against the judges or a governor. The Sacco-Vanzetti campaign has been a fight of class against class. It has symbolized with painful clarity the methods, the ruthlessness, the energy, the determination with which our capitalist class is fighting the workers.

The courts, the executives, the press, the church, the labor lieutenants of imperialism, every wheel and rod of the whole governmental machinery of oppression have been thrown into wildest motion against two workers because they were enemies of the capitalist class. Due to the fact that the agitation aroused over this case in time developed issues of deep-going, fundamental class relations, even such "liberal" bourgeois as Borah, Holmes, and Brandeis lined up with the state-paid killers. When it is a question of the last resort of the capitalist class as a class against the proletariat as a class, then the petty-bourgeoisie, under manifold pretenses and covered by barren phrases, desert the enemies of the big bourgeoisie and line up with the biggest capitalists against the exploited masses and their champions.

WHAT is the lesson of it all?

We must build a monument to the memories of Sacco and Vanzetti. It must not be a memorial of stone. It must not be a lifeless tribute to valiant fighters of the proletariat. The revolutionary class struggle is the best and most fitting monument to the martyrs. A powerful revolutionary movement is the monument we must build to Sacco and Vanzetti. Let us translate our plan into more specific steps. What can and must the American workers do to make it impossible for further murders of workers by exploiters, by the capitalist judges, governors, legislators and wardens?

French Town Council Orders Street Named for Sacco and Vanzetti

PARIS, Aug. 28. — The town council of Montreuil, has ordered the first new street constructed within its limits to be named for Sacco and Vanzetti. The red flag over the mayor's house has been flown at half mast since the murder by order of the municipal council and will be continued so for eight days. Montreuil is a town in the so-called "ceinture rouge," the belt of the red workers' villages which encircle Paris on all sides.

First and foremost we must revolutionize the trade unions. A mighty revolutionary trade union movement could have dealt the heaviest blows to the Fullers, Thayers, and the other murderers of Sacco and Vanzetti.

If we had had a mighty mass labor party, the Coolidges and the Harvard professors would not have dared play the role they did in the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti. The American workers need a labor party and need it soon.

THROUGHOUT the campaign, the Communists and the Left Wing, the revolutionists and the militants, have been the shock troops against the reactionary hangmen. A virile mass International Labor Defense Council

is the best guarantee for saving the Sacco-Vanzetti campaign from many errors caused by the pressure of anarchists and so-called socialists, and for organizing huge demonstrations and protest movements to cripple the capitalist justice dispensers. Building the International Labor Defense is building an auspicious monument to Sacco and Vanzetti and the best insurance against the recurrence of murder of workers.

But it is only a growing, fighting Communist party that can lead and unify the workers, exploited farming and oppressed colonial masses to victory over the ruling class. It has been the Workers (Communist) Party whose membership has been the driving force in the tremendous mass movement developed in the United States in protest against the murderous capitalist dictatorship. It was the Communist International which has inspired and led the splendid demonstration thruout the world against the bloody American imperialist clique.

Yes—let us build a towering monument, a living monument, to the workers who have died so bravely because they were sworn enemies of the capitalist reaction.

A REVOLUTIONARY class struggle, a mighty revolutionary movement, militant trade unions, a mass labor party, a giant International Labor Defense, a mass Communist Party—this is the monument we must build to Sacco and Vanzetti.

Our martyrs were murdered.
But they shall not be forgotten.

THE PRIZE

By HENRY REICH, JR.

(The brains of Barolomeo Vanzetti and Nicola Sacco were removed and sent to Harvard University.—News item.)

The State has had its vengeance. They are dead.
Yet stay! One more most ghastly act remains.
Their bodies having slain, each comrade's head
They seize and ghoulish loot it of its brains

And send them up to Harvard where in pride
Sits bloody Lowell, gloating o'er his prize,
Not fit to wipe the shoes of those who died
Whose noble brains he takes to analyze!