

COMRADE LOSES JOB FOR TRADE UNION ACTIVITY

K. K. K. Unionists Side with Bosses

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CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 19.—Comrade George Papcun, a member of the Cleveland Workers Party and Young Workers League locals, was fired from his job on account of union activity. Comrade Papcun was very active in the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, Thrift Lodge No. 92. Comrade Papcun was fired by the boss because he belonged to the Workers Party and Y. W. L. He was given 16 hours to decide whether he would rather quit the W. P. and Y. W. L., or lose his job.

Thru his activities as chairman of the mill committee the membership in the mill increased from 35 to 135. The company soon tried to find a way to get rid of the terrible "red," because thru his work Papcun usually received favorable decisions in the mill committee. Consequently they fired him. The reactionary officials, members of the ku klux klan, are fighting on the side of the company and have postponed action at two meetings. This is a case that is causing a great deal of discussion in the mill.

This is not the only case. Take, for instance, Brother Nolan, who has been fired because of breaking a roll thru no fault of his own, but thru the faultiness of the roll itself. Also because Brother Nolan was active in the lodge and helped support Papcun, is a reason why the reactionary officials now will not back Nolan up. Comrade Papcun is putting up a strong fight. The strong left wing tendency in the union will back him up in his fight to expose the local and national officials.

Comrade Papcun was exempted from dues payments for a time because of being unemployed, but now the ku kluxers in control of the local demand that he pay up all his back dues. The activity of the reactionaries against Papcun is in strong contrast to their inactivity in keeping up the union, as the membership of the local is declining.