

PENNSYLVANIA COSSACKS ARREST PAPCUN BEFORE FREE SPEECH MEETING

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Another example of "American democracy" was exhibited here when the police arrested George Papcun who was scheduled to address a meeting arranged jointly by the International Labor Defense and the American Civil Liberties' Union. The arrest took place before the speaker had an opportunity even to enter the Monongahela Hall where the meeting was to be held.

The same speaker was placed under arrest on January 24 when the Pennsylvania state cossacks arbitrarily broke up a Lenin memorial meeting at Republic, Pa., a little mining town not far from here. He was charged with violating the infamous strike-breaking state anti-sedition law and was released under \$2,000 bail. The International Labor Defense, in charge of the defense of this case, arranged, jointly with the Civil Liberties' Union, three mass meetings to protest against the outrageous action of the state police. The meetings were to be held in Brownsville, Republic and Uniontown.