Radical Leader to Stand Trial in Court Here: Twenty-Second Communist Falls Into Custody of the Law.

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William Z. Foster, arch radical, comes to St. Joseph for trial on a charge of violation of the Michigan syndicalism act.

Arraigned in Chicago today on a fugitive warrant, Foster, who heads the Trade Union Educational League, an offshoot, it is charged, of the Red Trade Union International, was ordered returned to Berrien County for trial.

Foster was arrested in Chicago on the day after the raid upon an international convention of the Communist Party of America, held secretly at the Karl Wolfskeel resort near Bridgman.

Witnesses Identify Him.

The federal authorities asserted that Foster was the guiding genius of the hidden assembly. Witnesses were produced at the hearing in Chicago today to prove that Foster attended the convention.

Sheriff George C. Bridgman, Deputy Sheriff Solon Cribbs, and Charles W. Gore, prosecuting attorney, were present at the hearing.

Cribbs carried papers for the extradition of Foster, signed by Governor Groesbeck, of Michigan, and Governor Small, of Illinois.

Foster will probably be brought to the county jail here after the arraignment in Chicago tomorrow of two other radicals seized there, Earl Browder, a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communists, and Philip Aronberg. They also are to be extradited.

Gets Another Red.

Announcement was made at the sheriff's office here today that a radical known under the various aliases of "J. Griffith," "Collins," "Anderson," and "Stevens" [Joseph Zack Kornfeder] had been arrested in New York City for trial here. He also is accused in a warrant issued by Justice Davis.

The arrest of Anderson [Kornfeder], as he was mostly called by the federal authorities, brought the trial of radicals seized during or after the Bridgman convention for trial here to 22.

Allen Meyers, a special agent of the Department of Justice, who headed the investigation here for some days, said, before he returned to New York, that Anderson [Kornfeder] was the most dangerous of all the Reds sought by the government in this country.

Sought for Years.

Anderson [Kornfeder] was sought by the federal agents for at least ten years, but always successfully eluded their search, until this week, when he was seized in New York.

Preparations for the trial of the radicals were being pushed rapidly today by the country and federal authorities. They are to be arraigned on Friday before Justice Davis.

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