

DENY AID TO MEERUT VICTIMS

Comrade Maurice Spector, member of the national committee of the Communist League (Opposition), is one of the eight witnesses for whom leaders of Indian trade union and revolutionary movements on trial in Meerut, have applied to the British viceroy—hitherto without success. The Daily Worker, organ of the British Communist Party reports in its issue of May 7, 1930:

"Over five weeks ago some of the Meerut prisoners, whose trial still drags on, although the censorship allows no word of it to come direct to Britain, made an application direct to the Viceroy.

"Their application was for permission to call as witnesses eight workers in the revolutionary movement in England, Canada or Australia, the list being: Harry Pollitt, J. E. Potter-Wilson, of the Indian Workers' Welfare League. C. P. Dutt, S. Saklatvala, J. Ryan, director of the Sydney Labour Research Department, Australia, J. Tanner, A. E. U., Maurice Spector, Communist Party of Canada, J.R. Campbell.

"Out of the prosecutions 320 witnesses, 8 from England have already been examined, and one from France. They have given 'evidence' as to the actions of 'co-conspirators' such as Harry Pollitt. But Pollitt is not allowed to go to India to answer this 'evidence' and to give evidence for the defense.

"These police spies, who have brazenly admitted in court their system of opening letters in the post, photographing them, sticking them up again and sending them on, have 'produced' volumes of printed 'evidence' to prove the conspiracy. The workers who wrote or published many of these 'documents' in England, Australia or Canada are not allowed to enter India to explain, defend or justify them."

Readers of the Militant should bear in mind that this procedure, characteristic of the most brutal persecutions of the capitalist class, is being followed by His Majesty's Most Servile Government, the Labour Party cabinet of Ramsay MacDonald.

Comrade Spector was the leader of the Canadian Communist movement and chairman of the Political Bureau of the C. P. there, as well as member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, until his expulsion from the Party some 18 months ago for "Trotskyism". He is now actively engaged in the work of the Opposition.

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Our National Tour Shachtman Tours for Opposition

The national tour by comrade Max Shachtman, arranged by the Communist League of America (Opposition) is meeting with marked success wherever comrade Shachtman reports on his lengthy visit to Leon Trotsky at Constantinople, the conference of the German Left Opposition held and the preliminary International Conference of the Left Opposition at Paris, France. Comrade Shachtman was the delegate of the Communist League of America to both of these conferences.

Meetings have already been held in New York City, New Haven, Conn., Philadelphia, Pa. Boston, Mass., Montreal, Canada and Toronto, Canada. In Boston in addition to the mass meeting, comrade Shachtman also spoke before Independent Workmen's Circle No. 18.

Additional Cities Added

Requests to hear comrade Shachtman came in from additional cities with the result that Youngstown, O., Duluth, Minn.,

and Superior, Wisconsin have been added to the schedule. It was not possible, because of the crowded schedule, to fill a last minute request from Winnipeg, Canada at this time.

In connection with the mass meetings, comrade Shachtman is also holding special sessions with the Branches of the Communist League of America (Opposition). At these meetings comrade Shachtman is giving detailed reports of the recently concluded Plenum of the National Committee of the Communist League, and is taking up with each Branch the expansion of activities of the organization in the next period.

The tour of comrade Shachtman which commenced in New York on May 15th will cover approximately 25 cities, extending as far west as Kansas City. It will conclude with meetings in Pittsburg, Pa.

As the Militant goes to press, the following cities are yet to be visited.

Watch This Schedule for Your City

HAMILTON, CANADA

Tuesday, June 6th.

DETROIT, MICH.

Saturday-Sunday, June 7-8.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Monday to Thursday, inc., June 9, 10, 11, 12.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Friday, June 13, Mass Meeting at COOKS & WAITERS UNION HALL, 520 Hennepin Avenue (above Unique Theatre).

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Saturday, June 14. Twin City Membership Meeting.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Sunday, June 15. Mass Meeting at LABOR TEMPLE, 8 p.m.

DULUTH, MINN.

Monday, June 16, Mass Meeting at CAMEL HALL, 12 E. Superior St.

SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, June 17, Mass Meeting at

WORKERS HALL, Tower Avenue.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

Friday, June 20. Mass Meeting at HALL, 914 Grand Avenue, 2nd Floor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Thursday & Saturday, June 19 and 21—Branch Meetings.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Sunday-Monday, June 22-23. (Place to be announced.)

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Tuesday, June 24. (Place to be announced.)

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Wednesday-Thursday, June 25-26. (Place to be announced.)

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Friday, June 27. (Place to be announced.)

PITTSBURG, PA.

Saturday-Sunday, June 28-29. (Place to be announced.)

Rank and File Unrest in the Amalgamated

The convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers which met in Toronto received the usual tribute of liberal plaudits. The liberals whose miserable task it is in our times to try to soften the sharp edge of the class struggle, feel a deep affinity for Hillman and his associates. They have been thoroughly captivated by the whole pseudo-scientific apparatus of "production standards" unionism.

The convention in Toronto was organized to present the most plausible front to the world of labor! The Left wing which has been craftily outmanoeuvred by the "honest" Hillman machine, realizes fully how false this front is. Perhaps it will impress some "impartial" workers more if instead of merely repeating our own root and branch indictment of Hillmanism, we can cite the testimony of one so remote from Communism as H. Schneid in the "socialist" Wecker (May 31). In all the fine speeches of the officialdom any reference to that which is the heart of the matter—the consideration of living and working conditions of the workers—was studiously avoided. For a considerable time, he goes on to admit, conditions in Baltimore, Boston, Montreal, Toronto and Chicago, not to speak of New York have been developing from bad to worse. "All you need have done at the convention was to put the question to a delegate. 'How much do you earn' and it would have opened the wound." Here is another most significant fact. Of the two hundred delegates with 80 resolutions before them, only one delegate took the floor, apart from the official machine.

Such is the balance sheet of the Hillman-Beckerman regime in the men's cloth-

ing industry. Growing misery, economic insecurity, the delivery of workers to speed-up and more grinding exploitation; and simultaneously the intimidation of the workers by expulsion and similar threats to the point when rank and file democracy has been replaced by the rule of the officialdom, and its staff of hired experts, both of the gangster and the research variety.

It is high time for the militants in the Amalgamated to renew their struggle. The apathy of the workers will quickly disappear once they sense that the Left has again thrown down the gage of battle to the bureaucrats. But for this it is necessary that the Left wing should base its policy and leadership on the tried and tested revolutionary strategy of Marx and Lenin. It is folly of the most dangerous kind to set up old prejudices of American syndicalism and De Leonism as the latest evangel. The Left wing has practically surrendered the workers to Hillman and his well-oiled machine. Schneid's side-lights on the convention make clear that even at this convention organized without the participation of the Left there was considerable rank and file discontent and unrest, although it has been driven by the absence of the Left and the suppression of workers' democracy, to seek expression in the lobby corridors and not on the floor itself. What is the policy of the Communist Party under these circumstances? It is expressed in the statement issued by the G. E. B. of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union (Daily Worker May 22nd). That statement is a direct appeal, which if followed would have the immediate effect of isolating an insignificant group of Left wingers from the main body of the masses in the union.

THE BLUMKIN ASSASSINATION

In Moscow, only the narrow Party circles know about Stalin's assassination of Blumkin. By these circles rumors are systematically spread that Blumkin committed suicide. Stalin still does not dare to admit openly that he shot the "counter-revolutionary" Blumkin.

It is highly remarkable that the world capitalist press did not at all hurry to utilize the case of Blumkin. It calculates, and quite correctly, that the defense of the Left Communists from the Stalin atrocities is not in its interests. All the more persistently and uncompromisingly must therefore the Left Opposition carry on the campaign of exposing the Stalinist crimes.

We informed the comrades previously that besides Blumkin, two more oppositionists, the comrades Silov and Rabinovitch, have been shot. This question, therefore, takes on exceptional political acuteness: only the echo of Stalin's crimes among the advanced workers of the world will stop his bloody atrocities against the Bolshevik-revolutionaries.

The former Communist Souvarine has hastened to come to Stalin's aid, declaring that Blumkin was carrying out the directives of the Opposition inside the G.P.U., and that so long as the G. P. U. exists, it must assassinate agents that break faith, Souvarine draws the conclusion that "on the thirteenth year of the revolution" (?) the G. P. U. must be destroyed.

We have no basis whatever for entering into a political discussion with Souvarine. We consider it sufficient to make the following declaration:

Comrade Blumkin never carried out, and because of the very nature of his work never could carry out the directives of the Opposition either inside the G. P. U., or through the G. P. U. Suffice it to say that Blumkin spent a considerable part of the last period in the Far East, primarily Mongolia.

To prohibit workers of the G. P. U. as well as workers of the military institutions from holding views differing from those of the Central Committee, means to deprive Communists working in the above named institutions of their elementary Party rights. Only Stalinist bureaucrats can defend such an outrage.

The G. P. U. is the organ of self-defense for the proletarian dictatorship. In so far as the October Revolution on its thirteenth year is still surrounded by a world of enemies it cannot give up such organs—the dictatorship cannot cease being a dictatorship.

Only liberals and liberalizing social democrats can pose this question on a formal plane. We raise it on a class plane: In the name of what are repressions applied? Against whom are they applied? Whom and what do they serve? It is a matter of revolutionary expediency, and not super-class justice.

The assassination of Blumkin, as well as the repressions against the Leninist Opposition in general, weaken the proletarian vanguard, undermine the Party and strengthen the class enemies. The struggle against this treacherously-cowardly murder of Blumkin by Stalin, we carry on in the name of the proletarian dictatorship.

Let this be known to our friends and enemies!

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