

pal locals and officials calling upon them to refuse payment of certain federal taxes in order to strike at the war.

In September, Lazzari followed this up by a circular addressed to Socialist municipal office-holders, calling upon them:

1. To carry on an intensive public agitation against the war and to act generally in a way that would result in their dismissal from office.

2. In the event that their agitation would not result in dismissal, to be ready to resign office on a certain date, when all Socialist officials would simultaneously resign as a protest, and in order not to even have any indirect participation in the war.

Now comes the most significant feature of Lazzari's actions. Lazzari was placed under arrest, but released on his own recognizance. The Imperialists in parliament took the matter up, protested that the traitor should be allowed at large, and a resolution was passed demanding that Lazzari be brought to immediate trial. Lazzari appeared before a Grand Jury, which in Italy consists of Judges, and *the charge against him was dismissed.*

Nor has the government since taken any further action against the "traitor," not daring to force the issue in fear of the consequences. This alone shows how intense is the spirit against the war and the government.

The actions of Lazzari are in line with the whole activity of the Italian Socialist party, an activity that is revolutionary and in direct contact with the masses.

But this is not all. The party is being forced to even more definite and aggressive action by a growing and powerful Left Wing group within the party. The Socialists of Naples and Florence instructed delegates to the party convention to criticize the actions of the Party and to urge more revolutionary activity.

The Italian revolutionists desire international proletarian action against the war and for peace. To them the war is an opportunity for achieving revolution, not simply for securing peace. It is precisely this attitude that animates the revolutionist everywhere.

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## The Fraina Defense Fund

Louis C. Fraina, one of the Editors of *The Class Struggle*, and Editor of *The New International*, has been found guilty of alleged conspiracy to violate the Draft Law.

Fraina was arrested as a Conscientious Objector, tried as a Conscientious Objector, and convicted as a Conscientious Objector. A vital revolutionary principle is involved in his conviction.

The case is being appealed, and must be fought to a finish. The defense needs funds, immediately. *Counsel for Fraina, Louis B. Bondin, is not being paid a cent for his services, all money being spent for technical expenses and for publicity.*

**Will you do your bit in the great cause?**

Send money, protest resolutions, etc., to

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## Assist the I. W. W. Defense!

Revolutionary unionism and the right to strike are on trial in the case of the I. W. W.

Liberty and democracy find highest expression in, and are best represented by, Unionism in Industry, and Unionism is on trial.

The conspiracy against the I. W. W. must be shattered. The defense needs money and moral support. Send your contribution immediately. **DO IT NOW!** To-morrow may be too late.

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