

Gitlow Abduction Is Another Link in Chain of Capitalist Terror, Says W. Z. Foster

WORKERS PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SCORES A. F. OF L. "LEADERS" FOR AIDING ATTACK

Urges Mass Struggle Against New Offensive of Capitalist Class

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 14.—William Z. Foster, Workers (Communist) Party candidate for president of the United States, who is here on his own national campaign tour, issued the following statement regarding the terror against Benjamin Gitlow, vice-presidential candidate, who was kidnapped in Arizona and has not been heard from since last Tuesday night:

"My running mate on the Workers (Communist) Party ticket, Ben Gitlow, has been made the victim of a sinister capitalist plot. We know that he has been kidnapped, but his whereabouts remain unknown. An Associated Press dispatch states that Gitlow is held in jail in Nogales, Arizona, but the Chief of Police of Nogales denies any knowledge of his imprisonment. Under such conditions there is ground for our fear that Gitlow has been murdered.

"While the details remain obscure, the outstanding fact glares in the face of the whole working class. The fact as stated in the *Arizona Gazette* (Phoenix Ariz.) is that police officials, labor bureaucrats, 'hundred percenters' of the citizenry and other reactionary elements made an attack on Gitlow when he arrived by train at Phoenix, Ariz. on Oct. 10 to address an election campaign meeting of our Party. The *Gazette* expressly declares that the purpose of the attack was to save Arizona from a campaign on behalf of the militant workers' revolutionary program.

Link In Terror Chain.

"The attack on Gitlow is not an isolated incident. It is a link in the chain of anti-working class activities carried on in these United States. Where federal and state injunctions, federal and state military forces are utilized to break the workers' struggles for a better life; where the Klu Klux Klan's crimes are openly encouraged; where raids on militant labor unions are an everyday occurrence; where workers' election meetings are forcibly broken up by the American Legion fostered by the government of the United States; where the oppression and lynching of Negroes are taken to be a matter of routine and even civic duty, and where labor bureaucrats shamefully cooperate with the reactionary forces against the working class—these attacks on militant leaders in a state like Arizona, notorious for the brutal treatment of over 1,000 miners in Bizbee in 1917, is not at all surprising.

Trade Union Bureaucrats to Blame.

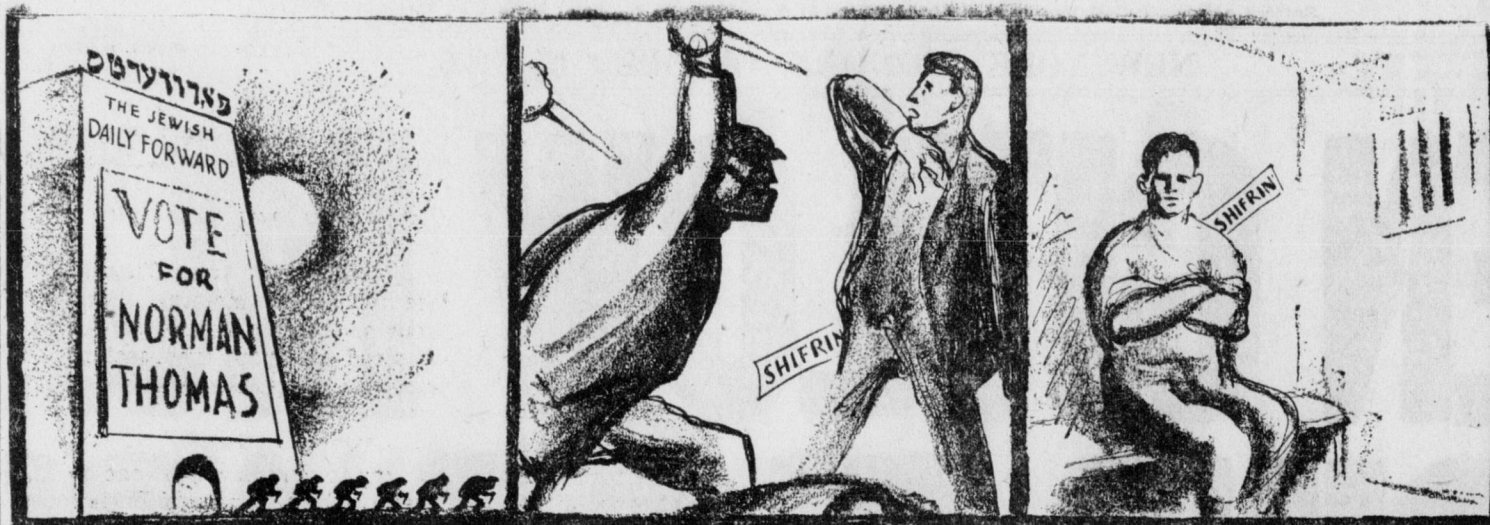
"On the labor bureaucrats rests, next to the government, the guilt for the hideous attack on the vice-presidential candidate of the workers. It is the labor bureaucrats who, by resorting to the power of police, detectives and sluggers to protect their jobs whenever workers manifest a militant spirit, by taking to their bosom the American Legion and by supporting all militarist and imperialist activities of Wall Street, have made such actions as the plot against Gitlow possible. It is the labor bureaucrats who, discriminating against our colored fellow citizens and countenancing and encouraging racial and other minority oppressions, have made terrorism their daily practice. The hand of the labor bureaucrats is also revealed in this, their latest atrocity.

Workers Must Rally.

"In voicing my own protest and that of the hundreds of thousands of workers supporting our Party, I am confident that the working class of the United States will learn the lesson of this plot and will be mobilized in full force, both in the election campaign and outside of it, around the only Party that leads the workers in its class battles, the Workers (Communist) Party."

The "Unofficial" Campaign of the Socialist Party

By Jacob Burck



"Socialists" starting out to use some of the capitalist "agitational" methods to retain their hold on the treasuries of the Jewish labor unions.

Representatives of the third capitalist party campaigning for "socialist" leadership of the working class.

For successfully defending his life against the brutal attacks of the "socialist" gangsters, William Shifrin is facing a charge of homicide for fatally wounding one of his assailants.



The "socialist" party, its publicity organs and lawyers providing the capitalist frame-up machine with the "evidence" it needs before it can stifle another class conscious vote.

Hail! Hail! The Gang's All Here!—To the police of Tammany and the republican state troopers, the "socialists" have added their gangsters.

The answer of the workers must be: Down with all three forces of suppression! Vote Communist!

SEARCH JAILS, BARRACKS AND AMERICAN LEGION QUARTERS IN EFFORT TO FIND BEN GITLOW

Phoenix Attorney Says Gitlow May Be Held Prisoner in Legion Barracks

Searching Jails, Barracks and American Legion Headquarters For Gitlow.

(By Long Distance Telephone to Daily Worker)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Oct. 14.—Thomas J. Croaf, an attorney of Phoenix, whose services have been procured to take care of the necessary legal work in the Gitlow case, has sent to the Executive Secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party at New York the following facts:

"The information of the New York Herald-Tribune from Phoenix which stated that Ben Gitlow is in the City jail of Nogales is incorrect. The editorial office of the Arizona Gazette, which is connected with the N. Y. Herald-Tribune declares that they never received such information which said that Gitlow was being kept in the Nogales jail.

"The Arizona Gazette maintains that in one point their own information as contained in the editorial of Oct. 11 was wrong. This stated that Gitlow got off the train at Phoenix, but Gitlow did not leave the train at Phoenix at all. He went straight on. They did not know where. In every other detail the facts mentioned in the editorial were correct.

"Mr. E. L. Strieds, attorney for the Gitlow case in Nogales, and Mr. Murphy for the Civil Liberties Union, are now searching all the jails on both sides of the border in the United States and Mexico, but have not yet found Gitlow or anything about him. The plan now is to look into the army barracks and in the American Legion Headquarters, because there are possibilities that Gitlow is being kept there."

WORKERS TO VOTE FOR SANDINO AT GARDEN

Over 20,000 class-conscious workers will vote for Sandino on Nov. 4 at the Madison Square Garden. Besides being the date of the 11th anniversary celebration of the Bolshevik revolution and pageant of the class struggle, Nov. 4 is also the date when the general elections will be held in Nicaragua.

"Solidarity with Sandino" will be the slogan of the massed workers at the huge arena, symbolic of the international unity of all class-conscious workers. With the sharpening of the class struggle in this country, the pageant this year will be staged with an unprecedented fervor and enthusiasm by the militant workers. The fight against American imperialism is the core of the fight against the war menace. This will be given mass expression when thousands of workers will rise at the Madison Square Garden on Nov. 4 and cast a huge vote for the Nicaraguan fighter against American imperialism.

Two days later these and tens of thousands of other militant workers throughout the country will cast their votes in the American elections for William Z. Foster and Benjamin Gitlow, working class candidates on the platform of the class struggle.

The militant workers of New York, while they celebrate the anniversary of the revolutionary birth of the Soviet Union, will express their determination to defend that

POLICE TERROR FAILS TO HALT HUGE RED NIGHT

Workers Defy Police; Hear Red Nominees

The Red Night arranged by Section 1 of the Workers (Communist) Party and held Saturday evening in the Downtown section of Manhattan, was one of the most successful undertakings of its kind ever held. Six street corner meetings were held, after which a big wind-up meeting took place on the corners of 10th St. and 2nd Ave.

The six meetings were held at 10th St. and 2nd Ave.; 6th St. and 2nd Ave.; 7th St. and Ave. A; 5th St. and Ave. B; Sheriff and Rivington Sts.; and at Rutgers Square. At 7th St. and 2nd Ave., Congressman Sirowitz and a big Tammany gang were holding a meeting. One member of this Tammany gang challenged the Workers (Communist) Party to debate. The challenge was immediately accepted, and Max

MINERS WELCOME RED CANDIDATES

Kruse Tours Southern Illinois

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Oct. 14.—The opening gun of the down-state campaign of the Workers (Communist) Party in Illinois was fired at a mass meeting held in White Parlor Hall, Springfield. The speakers were William F. Kruse, candidate for governor, and Minnie Lurye, organizer of the Young Workers (Communist) League. Two new members for the Workers Party were recruited and the basis was laid for the organization of a Young Workers League branch.

On the following day a noon-day meeting was held in the yard of the Monarch Tractor Works. Kruse began with a group of 15 men in overalls eating their lunch in the yard. Volunteer delegates ran through the factory, announcing the meeting,

KUOMINTANG BANS UNIONS IN PEKING

PEKING, (By Mail).—The labor unions here, which were organized after the capture of Peking have been closed by the military at the order of General Yen Hsi-shan, Garrison Commander. This situation shows the divergent policies on the question of mass movements which is one of the factors splitting the Kuomintang. In this connection observers believe there will be a duplication here of the conditions that existed in Wuhan after its occupation by the Nationalists. A feverish period of the organization of all kinds of labor unions took place under the auspices of the Kuomintang but as soon as these unions showed a tendency to independent class activity a Kuomintang reaction set in. Then was witnessed the scene of former advocates of unionization heartily approving the militarist butchery of the recently organized workers and peasants.

Peking has evidently reached this point of reaction very quickly. A

HARLEM CHEERS RED CAMPAIGN

Over 1,000 Workers at Huge Red Night

Last Friday night Harlem rang with the revolutionary doctrines which form the platform of the Workers (Communist) Party in the election campaign.

Beginning precisely at 8 p. m. at eight different corners in the working class districts of Harlem, the Workers (Communist) Party Red platforms were erected and Communist campaigners expounded the platform of the class struggle to the quickly gathering crowds of workers. At 10 p. m. these meetings were adjourned and the speakers, taking with them a great number of the workers who had for two hours been listening to them, accompanied by two Red trucks and many banners and slogans, marched to 110th St. and Fifth Ave., to participate in the huge wind-up meeting

Another fact showing the clash of factions in the Nanking Government is this, that it was reported from Nanking officially a few days

large army at Peking for exactly what reason does not seem generally known,—conducted a strong propaganda for the right of popular assembly. This was all the more remarkable inasmuch as Pai has been dubbed the "Communist killer" because of his terrible repression of all mass agitation in the territories under his control. Incidentally, it must be remarked, that in China every person who dares to oppose or in many cases, even criticize the militarists is promptly labelled a "Communist" and unmercifully handled. A clue to Pai's attitude is seen, however, in the fact that it was anti-foreign sentiment he sought to stir up. It is thus evident that this was a tactic closely connected with his position as a leader in the Kuangsi clique and the relationships of the latter with the foreign imperialists.