

## EXPULSION DRIVE IS UNDER WAY IN MASS.

Alfred Baker Lewis has filed charges against the 7 Appeal members of the State Executive. The specific charge was that they jointly signed a statement in the name of The Appeal Association which "condemned and rejected" the gag rules and the Spanish resolution of the N.E.C. The 7 members are: John Hall, John Dwyer, Wm. Adam, Walter Birch, Antoinette Konikow, Augustus Mason and Lawrence Trainor. Charges were filed also against David Udell, of the Appeal, for stating at an S.E.C. meeting that "we want to drive a wedge between the C.I.O. leadership and the rank-and-file."

Comrades Dwyer and Adam, members of over 5 years' standing, will be the first two who will feel the traitor's axe, as Dwyer is a member-at-large and Adam is a member of Worcester local where the majority of the activists are Appealites, but for fighting against Socialist principles the dead-wood will be rounded up. Lewis named two members of his stooge S.E.C. majority to sit on the trial board trying Dwyer: Pineo, who has been on Lewis' personal plea-card payroll for years, and Mary Dickson, a Fabian Socialist professor, who has stated time and time again that she wants the Left-wing expelled.

The remaining five will have to be tried in their Locals which are solidly Left-wing, namely Lynn and Boston Central.

This is the first decisive attempt by Lewis to split the Mass. Socialist Party. Needless to say, over 90% of all active members are Appealites and regardless of the expulsion drive, we shall continue to solidarize ourselves with all those expelled and refuse to recognize any expulsions.

### Lewis Pays for Votes

How the Right wing gathers up the necessary amount of dead-wood is revealed in a letter of July 14 which Lewis sent to two ex-members of the party:

"Joe Salerno,  
Charlotte Marchese,  
5 Conduit Street,  
Lawrence, Mass.

Dear Comrades:

I earnestly hope that you will both re-register for membership in the Socialist Party.

I am enclosing check which I hope you will cash and send in for your back dues which are now a full year in arrears each. I want you to do this as there has been criticism of you by the Trotskyites, and I have no patience with that sort of vicious criticism knowing the services which you have given to the Party in the past.

One of their criticisms, which is technically correct, is that you have not kept in good standing. I know your situation and I am taking this method of helping you to keep in good standing.

I would appreciate hearing from you.

Fraternally yours,  
Alfred Baker Lewis"

### The Last Supper

The kiss of Judas was no sweeter than the "intimate", "friendly" invitation extended by the Lewis old-ladies' expulsion club to John Dwyer. With no further comment, we publish in full the chatty epistle inviting him to have his head chopped off!

Dear Comrade Dwyer:

"I'm sorry about the change in the date of the 'hearing' if it

inconveniences you at all. Comrades Lewis set the first date as 11 a. m. Sunday, which is inconvenient for me; since it was to be at our house I complained to comrade Lewis and he suggested Friday evening as he plans to be in Western Massachusetts for a meeting late Friday. He suggested either Friday evening or early on Sunday morning—I have an important examination at the college on Saturday morning, so Friday evening was decided on, tho' it doesn't seem very convenient for anyone.

"I have invited Comrades Lewis and Pineo to supper promptly at six, on Friday, am writing Dr. Konikow inviting him, and hereby invite you. If Mrs. Dwyer can come and would like to, bring her along. We'll have a simple quick meal as Comrade Lewis may have a meeting later in the evening.

"Tell Mrs. Dwyer I have the Burbank Book and find it Delightful.

"Be sure to come promptly to supper on Friday.

Fraternally

Mary Dickson"

The one country which was a real source of worry to the Tokyo warlords was the Soviet Union. Would Moscow, concerned for its strategic defenses in the Mongolian People's Republic, permit Japan to grab North China and Inner Mongolia? In June, Stalin framed and executed the flower of the Red Army commanding staff. The Japanese army immediately seized two strategic islands in the Amur River which indisputably belonged to the Soviet Union. In subsequent negotiations, Moscow virtually ceded control of the islands to Japan. The Tokyo warlords rightly concluded that if Moscow feared to defend "its own" territory, it certainly could not be expected to obstruct Japan's attempts to seize North China and Inner Mongolia.

#### Pact Meaningless

In a feeble effort to offset the advantages thus given to Japan, Moscow has now concluded a non-aggression pact with Nanking. It is a fact of common knowledge in the Far East that negotiations for the conclusion of this pact were commenced as far back as 1933, when diplomatic relations between Moscow and Nanking, ruptured in 1927, were restored. Moscow sought by this pact to hinder Nanking from making an alliance with Japan against the Soviet Union. Nanking, hoping to make a satisfactory deal with Japan, delayed signing but kept the pact in reserve as a threat to the Tokyo warlords. In signing it now, Nanking hopes to frighten Tokyo into sweet reasonableness. But, having no fundamental common interests with Moscow it will scrap the pact if opportunity occurs to make what seems a favorable agreement with Tokyo.

The Stalin government, which abandoned the German and Austrian proletariat to their fate and which today sabotages the struggle of the Spanish workers, will not intervene in the Sino-

## LEWIS FOUND GUILTY BY OWN PARTISANS FOR BUYING VOTES

By John F. Dwyer

Acting on the letter published in the September 4 issue of the Appeal, inviting me to come to supper with my wife and have my head amputated, I attended the exclusive lynching party in the home of Mary Dickson in Northampton, Massachusetts. Supper started at 6 with Comrade Konikow abstaining. It was a perfectly delightful meal with Judge Pineo acting as second maid.

My trial got under way with Pineo acting as chairman and Hostess Dickson and Comrade Konikow filling out the committee. I was charged with using the word "reject" instead of "object" in expressing my feelings about the actions of the N.E.C. in the Spanish resolution. I protested that the National Office had accepted the word when Roy Burt accepted the San Francisco resolution for a referendum. But Lewis assured his committee that Burt had no intentions of sending out any such referendum and so I was found guilty of being in grammatical disagreement with the N.E.C.

#### Roles Reversed

The committee then recommended my expulsion and referred the matter to the next S.E.C. meeting which will be held the third Sunday in September.

The Lynn, Boston, and Worcester Locals have refused to expel their representatives on the S.E.C. and so Lewis will bring charges against the three locals on that date.

After my "intimate" and "friendly" supper trial was over we changed juries and started trial No. 2. In this trial the roles were reversed. I was the accuser

and Lewis the defendant. He brought his own jury from Cambridge to hear the case. I charged him with (1) buying members into a party to fight the left wing (the Salerno letter published in the Appeal of September 4), (2) using his position and the party apparatus for factional purposes, and (3) bringing false and malicious charges against a member in good standing.

#### Found Guilty

The Lewis jury, which also received ducky little invitations to supper, sat and looked very wise throughout the trial. I presented my case and Lewis his. The jury asked numerous questions and finally found as follows:

- Charge 1: Guilty—vote to censure.
- Charge 2: Two voted not guilty and one voted guilty.
- Charge 3: Three voted to defer until after the September meeting of the S.E.C.

In short Lewis' own jury could not find him not guilty of any of the charges by a unanimous vote. On the contrary they did find him guilty on the first charge, i. e., of bringing into the Party bought members.

#### Left Wing Carries On

The left wing has the support of 98 per cent of the active membership of the state. Lewis has the support of those people who forgot to leave when the rest of the Old Guard did, and the Fabian Sewing Circle branch of Western Massachusetts. The people who remain with him will dissolve into the first Farmer-Labor Party that comes over the horizon.

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# Bucks County Local With Left Wing After Hearing Cannon Debate Felix and Sandwick

By John F. Dwyer

QUAKERTOWN, Pa.—Local Bucks County, Pa., comprising the branches in South Langhorne, Quakertown, and Perkesie, issued a call for all groups of the Socialist Party to come and present their point of view at a county membership meeting on Sunday October 24. The Secretary of the Local, comrade Nicely, received an acceptance from the Appeal group. Jack Altman wrote back that since there was no Appeal group within the party that it was impossible for him to speak, and asked that his expenses be paid if he came. Clarity did not even reply.

When the meeting started, David Felix of Philadelphia asked for permission to address the group as a representative of the National Office of the Socialist Party, present only to investigate the situation in the Local. He was given the floor and after a windy attack on the Appeal group, declared that since there were members of an "enemy party" present he could not discuss matters concerning the inner life of the S.P. He declared that Local Bucks County was acting in violation of the rulings of the N.E.C. by even listening to Appeal speakers. The chairman of the meeting, comrade Ruth, who has been in the Socialist Party since 1905, declared that as long as he had come to hear the different points of view he was going to hear them and he did not care if the

National Office approved or not. Calling upon Charles Sandwick, Clarity alternate to the NEC, to speak his piece, the meeting was opened. Sandwick, in a replica of Felix's speech declared that it was not his intention to speak on the internal situation. Felix and Sandwick then slid out of the meeting.

The entire audience remained seated and comrade James Cannon was given the floor for the Appeal group. In a brilliant talk Cannon reviewed the past year in the S.P. and the role of the Appeal group in crystallizing the revolutionary elements within the S.P.

During Cannon's talk Sandwick had sneaked back to his seat and now asked and was given, the floor to speak for the "Socialist Party". His talk was a distortion of the facts of the case as was shown by comrade Cannon who tore every argument presented by Sandwick to shreds.

A discussion followed in which questions were asked of both speakers of such a nature as to demonstrate again Sandwick's inability to make a clear defense of his position. Although no action was taken at the meeting it was clear that the revolutionists of Bucks County will not stand for the violation of the best S.P. traditions and convention decisions. They will support the convention Call of the left wing in Chicago in November.

The apparatus is banking a great... the "non-party Bolsheviks", the entire new labor aristocracy, the Stakhanovists, the badge and decoration wearers, the various office and record holders, especially "the rural intelligentsia, chairmen of kolkhozes, brigade leaders, tractor and combine operators, etc." And yet Pravda reports that "preparation for elections in the villages are unsatisfactory".

The fear of oral propaganda, great as it is, is overshadowed by the ruling clique's panic lest its press fail it in the emergency. The ruthless purge of the newspaper editorial staffs was calculated to guard precisely against this contingency. The havoc this has created seeps through the editorials of Pravda. "It is an absolutely intolerable fact that a great number of regional newspapers are without editors" (Pravda, Oct. 5). Not only does Pravda warn constantly that the newspapers, especially the regional ones, are "not prepared for the campaign"—incidentally the trade unions have been especially under fire and their central organ Trud, it is charged "has printed almost nothing about the elections during the entire month of September"—but it keeps harping on the fact that "among the personnel or regional editorial boards hostile elements are still thriving who utilize the sloppiness and illiteracy of the editors to carry on anti-party anti-Soviet propaganda" (Oct. 5). "Many editors so far as to charge that the Soviet press patently is being utilized as a tribune for the propagation of anti-Soviet agitation in the guise of "exposing enemy ideas", in the guise of deliberate "typographical errors", "slips of the pen", "awkward formulations", etc." Says Pravda, "Among the basic methods of enemy work in the press is, above all, the propagation of enemy ideas under the guise of condemning them" (October 5).

Everything indicates that repressions, far from decreasing during the electoral campaign under the "most democratic constitution in the world", will become intensified.

## The Purges Continue

Pravda for Oct. 3 verifies the rumored arrest of Vareikis, secretary of the Far East party district. Together with him, the entire editorial board of the Pacific Star was likewise arrested.

## The Cost of Living in France

The cost of living is sky-rocketing. Taking the prices for 30 staple commodities as 100 for the year 1914, the prices in July of this year rose to 600, in August to 613, in September to 640. Unemployment, which has been dropping slowly, is again on the increase. The figures for the week of October 2 indicate a rise of more than 2,000 unemployed, for a total of 379,612. Strikes, illegal under the Popular Front regime, are beginning to flare up again.

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