

Dunne, a Founder, Ousted by Communists On 4 Charges of Opposing Party Line

William F. (Bill) Dunne, one of the founders of the Communist party, who once shared its leadership with William Z. Foster and Earl Browder, has fallen victim to the purge. He was expelled by the State board of the party last Monday, *The Daily Worker* disclosed yesterday.

Four counts were charged against him, all amounting to the same thing, opposing the current party line. Specifically they were his opposition to the "political and tactical line" of the party, his attempts at proselyting, use of "language that only enemies use against our party" and circulation of a document "for factional activities in and outside of New York."

Mr. Dunne's expulsion followed those of Ruth McKenney, author of the "My Sister Eileen" stories, and her husband, Richard Bransten, former Washington correspondent of *The New Masses* under the name of Bruce Minton, and Vern Smith of California. Now Hollywood scenario writers, the Branstens refused to accept the oustings and asked *The Daily Worker* for a correction on the story of their expulsion on the ground that they were not, as reported, allied with any "faction" in the party. The correction has not been forthcoming, but *The Daily Worker* said yesterday it would on Monday carry a "statement" by the National Board on the recent expulsions.

The Communist newspaper in its

story on Mr. Dunne said that because of his "complete irresponsibility" and "personal conduct" he had been removed from the leadership in 1934. While he has had no assignment for the last eight or ten years, it declared, "the party gave him every assistance in the hope that it would be able to reclaim him for the movement. But his degeneracy had proceeded so far that he could not be saved."

Mr. Browder would not comment on Mr. Dunne's expulsion. At his offices, 55 West Forty-second Street, where he is Soviet Publishers' representative in this country, he said he had not seen his longtime friend and associate in five or six years.

Incidentally, Mr. Browder said business was good and that he was too busy to read *The Daily Worker*, of which he formerly was editor, excepting irregularly. As a consequence he was not aware of Mr. Dunne's ousting.

"After I get through with *THE NEW YORK TIMES*," he added, "I do not have much time for any other newspaper."

In a letter to *THE TIMES*, published on Thursday, Mr. Foster, Communist party national chairman, referred to what he termed Mr. Browder's "new status as a favorite bourgeois writer."

Mr. Dunne has been a revolutionary since the days of the International Workers of the World (the IWW). On several occasions he was his party's candidate for Governor and United States Senator.

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