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## **Seek \$160,000 in Bonds from Reds: Scores Follow Radical Parade to Courtroom: Deputy Goes to Lansing to Extradite Foster, Red Chief.**

Unsigned reportage in the *St. Joseph [MI] Herald-Press*, August 24, 1922, pp. 1, 8.

Sixteen Communists — the nucleus of the ambitious party that plotted the overthrow of the government — saw the ruins of their hopes today, when, handcuffed in pairs, they trudged under a boiling sun from the county jail to Justice Ray W. Davis' court.

Through C.E. Ruthenberg, National Executive Secretary of the party, they demanded a preliminary examination. Justice Davis set their bonds at \$10,000 each, and they trudged back to jail.

### **To Extradite Foster.**

Meanwhile, Deputy Sheriff Solon Cribbs was preparing to go to Lansing to get extradition papers for their leader, William Z. Foster, the quarry of every detective in the country, arrested in Chicago last evening.

Foster, whose arrest was reported exclusively in an extra edition of the *Herald-Press* yesterday, will be brought here for trial with the little band of radicals captured at Bridgman on Tuesday [Aug. 22].

The examination this afternoon in Justice Davis' court was a prosaic, humdrum affair, but it attracted scores of the curious.

The radical chieftains — financed, it is charged, by the Russian soviet to set up a soviet in this country — were herded at the county jail like a chain gang, while armed deputy sheriffs and federal agents stood guard.

### **Scores Follow Reds.**

Small boys, workmen on their way home to luncheon, women, scores of others followed the procession in the hot sun across the city to the courtroom.

“Are you represented by counsel?” Justice Davis

asked, after rapping order.

C.E. Ruthenberg, National Executive Secretary of the Workers Party of America, and spokesman for the radicals, rose slowly.

“No, we have not been allowed to consult with our attorneys,” he said.

The court read the warrant, covering two long, closely typewritten pages, and explained that there were two counts: Conspiracy to overthrow the government and violation of the state syndicalism act, forbidding efforts towards political reform by means of sabotage, crime, or violence.

### **Photographer “Shoots.”**

A photographer hurried about the courtroom, taking pictures of the discomfited Reds from every angle.

“Do you want a preliminary examination?” Justice Davis asked.

“I — we — do,” said Ruthenberg, getting up again, tugging slightly at the chain linking him to Charles Krumbein, another Red.

The court announced that the date for the examination would be set as soon as the attorney for the state and the counsel for the revolutionists could agree upon one.

The parade back to the jail began. Chief of Police Fred Alden led the procession, Sheriff George C. Bridgman brought up the rear. Allen Myers and Charles Scully, agents of the Department of Justice rushed here from New York by William J. Burns, head of the Bureau of Investigation, joined Charles W. Gore, prosecuting attorney, and his assistant, George H. Bookwalter, and discussed the next move.

**Wires His Wife.**

From the jail Ruthenberg telegraphed his wife, Mrs. Rose Ruthenberg, in Cleveland: "Bond \$10,000. See if you can get from M and others enough to cover in addition to what you have."

Then he wired David Bentall, a Chicago lawyer, to hurry to St. Joseph....

Foster will probably be in jail here tomorrow. He was held today incommunicado in the Cook County jail in Chicago, while Cribbs went to Lansing for the extradition papers.

Michael Hughes, chief of detectives in Chicago, telegraphed the sheriff that Foster would fight extradition. Jacob Spolansky, agent of the Department of Justice, who conducted the Bridgman raid and who saw Foster in that village on Sunday, will go to Chicago with the sheriff to help in the court proceedings there.

**Caught in 25 Minutes.**

Foster was arrested 25 minutes after Sheriff Birdman wired Hughes that a warrant had been issued here for the man.

The radical chieftain was shadowed constantly by the Department of Justice, under orders of Hughes.

A dragnet nationwide was spread today for the other fleeing radicals, among whom is Rose Pastor Stokes, of New York City, celebrated woman agitator.

The arrest of several was expected hourly today.

Federal agents today were busy sifting the documentary evidence at the jail. It was being carefully classified in preparation for the trial here in September.

Burns himself will be here for the trial, it was announced today.

Francis Ashworth, New York resident, was not arraigned today. Deputy C.V. Spawr told the court that Ashworth, who is in jail, was too ill to be present.

Foster was seized in his offices at 118 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, just as he was issuing a statement to newspapermen, denying that he had attended the convention of radicals at Bridgman.

**Find Secret Code.**

Reports that seven other Reds had been arrested were vigorously denied by federal agents, both here and in Chicago, today.

In Ruthenberg's portfolio was found the secret code of the revolutionists, by which they transmitted their messages to each other. A complete list of the delegates was also found.

Hints that the federal authorities hoped to link the Communists with the Wall Street bomb blast that wrecked the offices of J.P. Morgan & Co. more than a year ago, persisted today.

The agents denied they had found specific evidence to that effect.

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