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## Government Spies Wrote Planks in Communist Party Platform, also Laid Bombs, is Charge

Washington Stirred to Depths by Sensational Accusations Against Government Spies—Russian Republic Representative Demands Full Hearing Before Senate.

WASHINGTON.—Did the Department of Justice organize the Communist party of America and write into its platform the very planks upon which it now bases its prosecutions and deportation proceedings?

Charges that the Department of Justice did these things are contained in a statement given to all the press associations Jan. 6, by Santeri Nuorteva, secretary of the Russian Soviet Government Bureau.

Members of the United States Senate, who had received earlier information respecting the alleged "agent provocateur" activities of the Department of Justice, were excited and furious to hear that the most degrading practices of the old Russian Czars had been copied by an executive branch of the United States government.

### "Conspiracy to Suppress Truth."

Nuorteva's sensational statement to the press occurs in the course of his comment on the arrest of Gregory Weinstein, of the Soviet Bureau, in New York City.

After stating that the Soviet representatives "welcomed the opportunity given by the proposed hearings before the Senate committee to state the facts and refute the historical lies which are being spread about the Soviet government." Nuorteva charges that the contemplated deportation of himself and Martens is a conspiracy to prevent the Senate and the American people from learning the truth.

His statement then declares:

"We have conclusive evidence that agents of the Department of Justice have actively participated in the organization of the Communist Party of America, and that those very planks in the program of the party which now form the basis of the persecution of thousands of people have been drafted and inserted into that program by such government agents. We can prove that the chief figures in certain celebrated bomb plots were agents of a similar nature."

A member of the President's Cabinet who heard the charges against the Department of Justice exclaimed:

"I have felt for some time that private corporations were employing 'agents provocateur' to discredit labor, but it is almost incredible to learn that a department of the government has descended to that frightful practice."

### Wholesale Collusion Charged.

The attention of some senators was drawn today to the fact that a well-known character within the Communist Party ranks, who was most active in its creation and early agitation, is reported to have "slipped through" the Department of Justice net, and they are asking whether he was given official assistance to "escape".

Senators learned that the Soviet representatives are prepared to offer evidence of the most explicit sort showing that the Department of Justice was paying money to and receiving reports from the man who dictated the most radical planks of the Communist Party, in the weeks before, during and after the organization of that party.

On every side the opinion is expressed that the Senate will certainly demand the right to question the Soviet representatives and make them prove or confess the falsity of their astounding accusation. As one member of Congress declared tonight:

"If America has emerged from the world war a nest of spies and official plotters against exploited classes at

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The Wrecker at Work.

### I. W. W. DEMANDS SEARCHING INQUIRY INTO CENTRALIA HORROR.

CHICAGO.—Searching investigation into the facts behind the Centralia tragedy is demanded by the Industrial Workers of the World in an open letter which has been sent to the members of both houses of Congress. The letter bears the signature of Wm. D. Haywood, as secretary of the I. W. W. general defense committee.

"We want, and you want, the truth," the letter declares. "In this Centralia horror we haven't had the truth. Somebody has stopped it. There is something that somebody is hushing up. There are burning facts which guilty men are trying to conceal. Will you help us to uncover them?"

"Out in the Northwest there has been a tragedy which has shaken the nation. At Centralia, Wash., a saturnalia of horror has been loosed which is beyond description. Throughout the state of Washington it has been a signal for mob ferocity and lawlessness which has made life a terror for thousands of victims.

#### ails Packed With Innocents.

"It has packed jails with innocent men. It has enabled a gang of uniformed hoodlums to usurp every power of state. They have destroyed property, ravished civil rights, abolished every constitutional safeguard of citizenship.

"Under a cloak of patriotism they investigated the Centralia outrage, and

that in its next issue it would print the suppressed truth. But before this next issue could appear the paper was stopped and its editors thrown into jail.

"There are a few facts, however, which have escaped the censorship. They are eloquent of the true situation:

"First—The four men who were shot at Centralia were shot while breaking the law. At the coroner's inquest it was plainly brought out that they halted the parade in front of the I. W. W. headquarters and charged the door, thus bringing upon themselves the penalty which they suffered.

#### Self-Defense Is Lawful Right.

"Second—This would mean that the men who fired the shots were unmistakably within the law, for even in capitalist courts a man is accorded the right to shoot in self-defense when an intruder breaks into his property.

"Third—But after this, other paraders seized Wesley Everetts, an I. W. W. and an overseas victim, and murdered him by lynching. They desecrated his body, dragged it back to the jail where other I. W. W. were imprisoned, and threw it there. Then they forced their prisoners to dig a grave for Everetts on a vacant lot and bury him.

"Fourth—Every known I. W. W. in Centralia at that time was seized and without due process of law was thrown into jail. And 10 of our mem-

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### WHO IS THE DESTROYER OF LIBERTY?

Our cartoonist has depicted the conditions of American political life in a striking and vivid manner in this week's Toller. The drawing tells the story far more completely than words can describe. A few months ago the words "liberty and freedom" were moving words. To-day they are dead—except in the minds of the world's oppressed. Then, the world was passing thru a saturnalia of blood. A rallying cry was necessary to lead on the peoples to more sacrifice and slaughter. An ideological aspect must be put upon the face of the struggle. What better catch-phrase than "liberty" could be sounded in the ears of the victims of capitalistic world imperialism?

But hypnotized labor to expect the practical application of the precepts of liberty to their every day lives and to industrial conditions. They accepted without question the promises of their leaders. They bled and sacrificed without end that the ideals which were held aloft by the sponsors of war might live afterward. How bitter is the disappointment! To-day, the workers of the world, with the exception of Russia, are ground to bits beneath the iron heel of despotism. Of all nations, the workers of the United States are ground down more pitilessly than any. Every single Constitutional liberty has been and is now being denied them. That "bulwark of our liberties", the Constitution, has been shattered to bits by the hand of capitalistic interests. Free speech, free assembly are dead. The workers are disfranchised. Berger has been denied the seat to which he was elected by a clear majority of 5,000 votes. Every citizen who voted for Berger was disfranchised by the acts of the representatives of capitalistic interests in congress. In New York, five socialists have been denied their seats in the state assembly. The constitutional right of the citizens to elect representatives of their choice have been violated by capitalistic interests. The destructionist is at work in every field and always it is the same influence that stands in the background.

Because of the work of this arch-enemy of liberty, nearly half a million steel workers have been forced back to their toil, underpaid, overworked, and denied even the right to form organizations for forcing concessions from their organized employers. The steel strike in an eloquent page in the history of the rise of American capitalist influence over the historic "rights" of American workers and citizens. In every steel center, the heavy hand of oppression came down upon the workers with violence. Every vestige of personal and constitutional liberty was ruthlessly stamped into the mire. Meetings of the steel workers were broken up by armed violence of uniformed thugs. Men and women were murdered outright and no bones made of it. The steel strike was lost because slavery was imposed upon the strikers by the armed power of the state at the behest of Gary and his associates in plunder.

The Constitution was an obstruction in the path of capitalistic imperialism, and because it was so, it has been wrecked to bits. It has been cast upon the scrap heap of history and now marks a milestone along the path which capitalism has passed. It can never be rebuilt. It will never again serve as a refuge of the working-class of America. It cannot be used as a weapon for their defense against the employing class. In the struggle of Labor for mastery of the world, it cannot be revived as an implement to further its rise to power. The Constitution is dead—it can no longer be said to exist.

Capitalism knows no law but the law of its own will. It will without a quiver wreck its own laws when they stand in its way. It acknowledges but one law—the law of force. The workers must forge new weapons if they would win against entrenched and powerful capital. We know now, that we can never win by merely "gaining 51 percent of the ballots". We know that capitalism has no more respect for majorities than it has for minorities. Labor must give all its activities for shorter hours and higher wages a revolutionary meaning. It must quit quibbling over these things merely as such. Labor must recognize that in order to live humanely, it must control the means by which it lives. It must take out of the hands of capital the power to control production. It must take out of the hands of capital its unearned possession of the machinery of production. To live, Labor must rule. And to rule, it must cease depending upon the "rights" given by dead constitutions. It must by force of its invincible numbers, write a Constitution in which only they, who labor shall share.





