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OKLAHOMA TRIALS POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 22

The next trials in the Oklahoma criminal syndicalism cases, set for February 17, have been postponed until April 22, it was announced by the International Labor Defense last week in a statement urging intensified activities in support of the defense.

"We have succeeded in winning a postponement in the next trials in the Oklahoma criminal syndicalism cases from February 17 to April 22," the I.L.D. statement said, "which will give all our members and friends additional time to help raise the minimum of \$2,500 needed to meet the costs of these trials. The prosecution has announced its determination to secure more 10-year convictions for Eli Jaffe, Elizabeth Green, Ina Wood and Herbert Brausch. They set Jaffe's trial for February 17. Now we have won additional time to prepare their defense and a vital part of that defense is the sum of \$2,500."

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OKLAHOMA LEGISLATIVE WITCH-HUNT CONTINUES TO HARASS CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM

VICTIMS AND DEFENDERS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

After quizzing Robert Wood, sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and \$5,000 fine under Oklahoma's criminal syndicalism law, for two days during which they asked questions that covered the globe, continuously punctuated with demands for the names of all members of the Communist Party in the State, the Oklahoma Senate Committee to Investigate Subversive Activities turned its attention to two more of the defendants--Eli Jaffe and J. I. Whidden--as well as to members of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma and Roscoe Dunjee, editor of the Black Dispatch.

Mr. Whidden and his wife who has been assisting in the office of the Oklahoma Committee to Defend Political Prisoners were questioned regarding the mailing list of a new newspaper, "The New Appeal to Reason." Jaffe was subpoenaed while he was travelling in the western part of the State of Oklahoma.

Three students of the University of Oklahoma found themselves subpoenaed as witnesses regarding subversive activities for the "crime" of applauding a spirited answer by Roscoe Dunjee, editor of the Black Dispatch in reply to the Senate Committee's question as to whether he could state the provisions of the bill of rights.

"I don't know that I know all of them," Mr. Dunjee replied, "but being a Negro I know I'm not getting them." Applause from the spectators greeted his answer. Chairman, Senator Joe Thompson, glared at the audience until his eye fell on one young man. "Step up here," he roared, "Sergeant at arms issue a John Doe subpoena for this man."

Professor W. C. Randels, of the University of Oklahoma summoned to testify in his capacity as secretary of the Oklahoma Federation for Constitutional Rights told the witch hunters they were endangering the Bill of Rights in Oklahoma with their activities.

The sum of \$100,000 has been given the Oklahoma Investigating Committee for its work. Thus far that work has been almost entirely a repetition of the prosecution in the criminal syndicalism cases which were characterized by the most unprincipled red-baiting and disregard for the constitutional rights of the citizens of Oklahoma.

The International Labor Defense which is in charge of the legal defense of the 12 Oklahoma criminal syndicalism defendants denounced the activities of the investigating committee as a "barbarous violation of the Bill of Rights" and urged its members and friends to intensify their activities in support of the defense.

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