

ENGDAHL AND JAKIRA FINED FOR MEETING

Refuse to Pay; Go to Jail to Fight Case

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 5. — After searching their law books for three days, local prosecutors have confessed they have no law on which to hold persons for holding hall meetings without permits, nevertheless, Magistrate E. M. Hugh announced to Attorney George Shaffer, counsel for J. Louis Engdahl, editor of The DAILY WORKER, and Abram Jakira, Workers Party organizer, that he would assess a fine of ten dollars and costs or five days in jail, as a result of their arrest at Carnegie Music Hall last Saturday night. Engdahl and Jakira were preparing to go before Magistrate Huff this afternoon and receive sentence.

They announced their refusal to pay the fine. This will probably result in their being sent back to jail.

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Their lawyers will then take out a writ of habeas corpus to force the authorities to show on what charges the prisoners are being held. It may not be possible to get a writ before a court, some time before Thursday. "We are pushing our plans to press a suit for damages for illegal arrest," announced Jakira, who also stated that the Civil Liberties Union was giving the case its support.
