

BARE FORGERY OF LEAFLET A FASCIST RUSE

Pittsburgh Blackshirts Try New Ruse

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 11. — The election campaign of the Workers Party aroused the ire of the fascist and white guard hoodlums of this city. Comrades Ben Gitlow and Harry M. Wicks were to speak at a mass meeting in the N. S. Carnegie Music Hall October 12. On the day of the meeting several fascist representatives of Pittsburgh called upon the superintendent of the North Side Carnegie Library, who is in charge of the meeting hall, demanding that the hall be closed to the Party and that the meeting be stopped, threatening with a riot in a real fascist fashion if the meeting was allowed.

Mysterious Leaflet.

The same day a police officer presented the librarian with a leaflet printed in Russian and supposed to be an advertisement issued by the Workers Party. Shortly after, a special delivery letter, bearing the postmark of Oct. 12, 4 p. m. and addressed to "Superintendent, Carnegie Library, Ohio and Federal streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.," reached the librarian. The envelope contained no return address. The letter contained what was supposed to be the translation of the printed Russian leaflet in possession of the police officer.

Needless to say, that the Workers Party never published either this or any other leaflet in the Russian language in connection with this or any of the election campaign meetings held in Pittsburgh, or in any other part of this district. The contents of the leaflets are so brazen and ridiculous that the librarian from the very start took it to be a forgery and refused to stop the meeting. Later on the translation was turned over to the Workers Party for investigation.

Strange Sounding.

Starting out with the subject which the speakers were supposed to cover and giving the date and place of the meeting, the leaflet forged by the fascist and black hundreds of this city, proceeded to say, "Come and hear Ben Gitlow in a stirring speech against the murdering, blood-sucking capitalists of this country, as represented by the crooked, thieving, pork chop politicians and their ward heeling thugs of Pennsylvania.

"Hear him tell how the red star of the revolution is rising in the east to soon cast its red rays over this imperialistic land—hear him tell how the red wave of revolution will soon engulf this decadent country and sweep before it the social parasites—the human leeches—the bloated monsters who are suppressing and oppressing the proletariat.

Obvious Fraud.

"Hear Comrade Wicks, the Communist candidate for governor of this state, tell how we will baptize this country in a shower of blood—how we, the workers of the world, will seize the press and the industries and turn their products against our common enemy, the capitalists, and their lick-spittle cousins, the petty-bourgeoisie of America.

"Comrades! Arise! Come and join us in this, the first real step taken to follow in the path of our comrades of the Russian revolution."

The forged leaflet is in the hands of the police and bears no marks which would indicate where and by whom it was published. According to Mr. George J. Schaeffer, the attorney for the Workers Party, who is investigating the matter, the superintendent of police, Walsh, knows nothing as to the circulated leaflet, altho a copy of it is kept in the files of the police.