

Comrade Jakira

IN the death of Comrade Jakira, the Communist Party has lost one of its most devoted members, and the workers, a valiant fighter for their cause. Comrade Jakira was one of the leaders in the fight against the reactionary socialist party officials who are today openly social-fascists, and was one of the organizers of the Communist Party.

From the inception of the Communist Party he was most active in its ranks. During the days of the Palmer raids when the Party faced extreme hardships he was the secretary of the Communist Party. Later he was organizer of the Party in Pittsburgh where he was a tireless worker in the mobilization of the miners of the district in to the Save-the-Union Committee which later developed into the National Miners Union.

At the first convention of the union, when the delegates had to face police, thugs, gangsters of the Lewis machine and the whole city force, Comrade Jakira, as head of the district mobilized all of the forces so that the convention could be held. In the more recent period, Comrade Jakira was associated with the International Labor Defense and at the time of his death was Organization Secretary of this organization.

Comrade Jakira was one of the most loyal and devoted members of the Party and as a leader set an example which the younger members may well follow. Comrade Jakira thought of nothing else but the revolutionary movement and although handicapped by ill-health which sometimes limited his activities, nevertheless, he possessed all the qualities which are necessary to build up organization and establish working class power.

The Central Committee calls upon our members of the Party, on the death of Comrade Jakira to renew their energy in building up the Party so that the Party may be better able to carry on the struggle for the immediate demands of the working class and for its ultimate aims. Especially the younger members of the Party and the Young Communist League must take an example from Comrade Jakira and learn from his life that nothing comes before the building of the mass Communist Party as the leader of the mass struggles of the workers of this country.

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