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## **Rose Pastor Stokes Gives Self Up: Walks Calmly into Court This Morning: Nine Others Appear in Court with Gotham Woman, Charged with Attending Communist Meeting at Bridgman.**

Unsigned news report in the *St. Joseph Herald-Press*, March 10, 1923, pg. 1.

Rose Pastor Stokes, nationwide known author and settlement worker, walked casually into Berrien County Circuit court this morning and surrendered herself to the county officials.

The Gotham woman, a protege and close associate of Jane Addams, is charged in a blanket warrant, issued last October by Justice of the Peace Ray W. Davis, as attending the secret convention of the Communist Party of America at Bridgman last August. She escaped a few hours previous to the raid on the meeting.

With the appearance of the 10 this morning, 45 [?] are still unaccounted for by the authorities. They will, however, appear in court and voluntarily surrender themselves next week, Attorney Humphrey E. Gray, associate counsel for the alleged Communists, stated to the press.

“We will fill the Berrien County jail with these so-called radicals,” said the Benton Harbor lawyer-banker-church worker.

The majority of those who appeared in court this morning are described as labor organizers.

### **Nine Others Appear.**

Nine other persons, whose arrests were also ordered under the blanket warrant, appeared in court this morning in addition to Mrs. Stokes. They were:

Jay Lovestone, New York, Secretary of the Bridgman convention.

Mrs. Ella Reeve Bloor, San Francisco, a woman over 75 years of age, and the mother of six children.†

Max Bedacht, San Francisco, a member of the national executive and platform committees.

Edgar Owens, Moline, Ill., state secretary.

John J. Ballam, New York City.

William W. Weinstone, New York City.

Gustav A. Schulenberg, New York City.

Robert Minor, New York City.

Rebecca Sacharow, New York City.

### **More to Follow.**

The blanket warrant was issued for 75 persons.

### **Waive Extradition.**

Mrs. Stokes and the nine others were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Davis this morning. They were bound over to the circuit court in bail of \$1,000. Lovestone and Weinstone furnished. The others were released until Monday on their own recognizance.

“I will have to wire New York for funds,” Rose Pastor Stokes told Justice Davis, “and it may take a little while to get in touch with my family. They will in all probability be at some weekend house party.”

Because of the serious illness of his mother, Edgar Owens was allowed to return to Chicago until Monday. Mrs. Bloor also left for Chicago to obtain bail.

### **Stage Reunion in Court.**

The ten persons staged a reunion in court. Eight of them, headed by Mrs. Stokes, had arrived in the first contingent. Mr. Owens and Mrs. Sacharow came in later. Mrs. Stokes was the first to greet Mrs. Sacharow, the two women embracing and kissing each

†- Ella Reeve Bloor was born in 1862 and was consequently about 60 years old at the time of her surrender.

other. Owens and the other male members of the party exchanged handshakes.

Mrs. Stokes, with William Z. Foster, who goes on trial Monday, and C.E. Ruthenberg, former Socialist candidate for Governor of Ohio, are generally referred to as the outstanding figures attending the Bridgman convention.

### **Career Full of Color.**

Rose Pastor Stokes has long been in contact with the public pulse. Born a peasant girl in Russia, she came to New York in her early years, where she was raised in a settlement house. Later, she took up settlement work in New York and Chicago, working a great deal of the time with Jane Addams. She married O.J. Phelps Stokes, a New York millionaire. She is widely known as an author.

Mrs. Stokes came to St. Joseph for the expressed purpose of refuting the charges she had fled to Russia and was afraid to face trial on charges of violating the Michigan syndicalism act, counsel for the alleged Communists stated.

The move of the defense in suddenly presenting these persons in court is merely another one of their grandstand plays to gain sympathy and aid them in further spreading their propaganda, declared O.L. Smith, Assistant Attorney General of Michigan, who will aid in the prosecution.

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