

# Foster Calls for Mass Action to Free Frank Borich

NEW YORK. — Pointing out that only militant mass action will free Frank Borich, secretary of the National Miners Union, from jail where he is being held by the U. S. government for deportation to fascist Yugoslavia, Wm. Z. Foster issued the following statement calling on the workers to fight against the whole monstrous deportation program:

The Department of Labor sleuths have seized Frank Borich, general secretary of the National Miners Union. They are holding him in the extravagant bail of \$10,000, for deportation to fascist Yugoslavia. Only mass action on the part of the workers can save Comrade Borich from being sent to this hell hole of capitalism, where not only his liberty but his life is threatened.

This outrage by Doak, secretary of Labor, is a further attempt to break up the National Miners Union, to terrorize and demobilize the miners in the face of the wave of wage cuts that is now taking place throughout the safe coal regions, and to re-establish the reactionary UMWA in the coal districts. It is in line with Doak's strike-breaking tactics during the Pennsylvania-West Virginia - Ohio strike of last summer, when he called national conferences between the operators and the UMWA officials for the deliberate purpose of smashing the strike and forcing the workers back to work under the UMWA and with heavy slashes in their wage scales.

The arrest of Comrade Borich is the latest in a long series of similar

attacks upon the revolutionary unions. Among such were the deportation of Comrades Devline and Murdoch, secretaries of the National Textile Workers Union, the arrest and threatened deportation of Comrades Berkman, Giambatisti, etc. The Department of Labor is determined evidently to illegalize the revolutionary unions.

Mr. Doak further considers it as a main task of his department not only to deport tens of thousands of foreign born workers and generally to act as strike-breakers-in-chief, but to give the direct support of the government to the A. I. L. officials wherever they are threatened by the opposition of the workers. In Local 28 of the Sheet Metal Workers in New York, when 35 workers recently took out a court injunction against their racketeer officials, Mr. Doak sent his government agents to "investigate" and to try to terrorize them into submission. Doak's arrest of Borich is part of this general reactionary program.

**WORKERS**, demand the release of Comrade Borich! Fight against the deportation of Berkman and Giambatisti! Fight against the whole monstrous deportation program of the government! Adopt resolutions of protest in your unions and other organizations, and send them to the Department of Labor, to your congressmen, and to the labor press. Fight for the right of the workers to organize!

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