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# "TRAVESTY ON JUSTICE"

## That Is How a Capitalist Reporter Describes The Now Famous Case On Which An Appeal Is Pending

(Extract from the Sacramento Star, Friday, Feb. 6th, 1914.)  
(Editor's note:—The conviction and sentencing of Ford and Suhr, Wheatland hop-pickers, has aroused a storm of protest. Mr. Jungmeyer, correspondent of the Star and an experienced newspaperman sat through the trial and heard all of the testimony. Here is what he has to say.)

By JACK JUNGMEYER.  
Marysville, Feb. 6th.  
When Judge E. P. McDaniel sentenced Richard Ford and Herman Suhr to life imprisonment for their part in the riot on the Wheatland ranch of Ralph Durst, hop king, he put a shocking climax to the case regarded by thousands of Californians as a blot upon American justice.

Throughout the State, save in the vengeful community where the hop pickers were compelled to submit their fate because a change of venue had been denied, a wave of reproach is rising. "A travesty upon justice," is the general verdict of this public jury. Aside from the legal appeal to a higher court by Attorneys Lewis and Royce a documentary protest to Gov. Hiram W. Johnson is today being prepared by prominent men and women who declare they can secure 30,000 signatures.

IT WAS NOT JUSTICE, IT DID NOT EVEN APPROXIMATE JUSTICE, SO ABSOLUTELY INCOMMENSURATE WAS THAT LIFE SENTENCE WITH THE EVIDENCE.  
As one who followed the trial closely, who daily felt the overwhelming bias against the accused, irrespective of their individual guilt or innocence on the charge of murdering District Attorney Ed. Manwell, I subscribe unreservedly to the general arraignment against Yuba County. The dominant figure at the trial was Attorney W. H. Carlin, assisting District Attorney E. B. Stanwood. In him as special prosecutor, Yuba County seemed personified.

CARLIN, ADMITTING THAT HE IS ATTORNEY FOR THE HORSTS AND THE DURSTS, HOP BARONS, AND THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL EMPHASIZING HIS FRIENDSHIP FOR THE DEAD MANWELL, APPEARED AT THE URGENT REQUEST OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY GENERAL "TO SEE THAT EXACT JUSTICE IS DONE."  
AND WHAT THIS MAN, "THIS TOWN HERO OF MARYSVILLE, DEMANDED, BOTH THE JUDGE AND THE JURY DELIVERED."  
Carlin asked the jury to liberate Beck and Bagan, who were "mere lieutenants," and to convict Ford and Suhr, "high priests of discontent." The jury of farmers did it.

Carlin demanded life imprisonment for Ford and Suhr. Judge McDaniel imposed it.  
Carlin steered the jurymen from the realm of cold fact to that of passion.  
EVERY IMPARTIAL SPECTATOR AGREED THAT THE FLIMSIEV EVIDENCE PRODUCED, FAILED UTTERLY TO LINK UP FORD AND SUHR WITH KILLING OF MANWELL. IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE TRAGEDY, BUT FOR THAT THEY WERE NOT NOMINALLY ON TRIAL.  
The brunt of the testimony against Ford was that he was an "agitator," that he refused to submit to arrest without a warrant; that he counselled violence, saying "let the officers fire the first shot and then we'll finish it."

All this the witnesses for the defense denied. Nor had the most hostile witness seen Ford with a gun. It was admitted by the prosecution, tacitly, that he did not actually do the shooting, but that by stirring up the hop pickers had "filled the magazines of wrath."  
Against Suhr was the statement of three deputies that he had confided to them having taken a gun from the hands of an old man and while fleeing from the melee had fired twice. "Suhr flatly denied it."  
In fact he stated that, in the knowledge that he had nothing to fear, he was returning to Marysville to face the charge of murder voluntarily and frightened away by stories of brutalities of detectives upon suspects.

All who claimed to have seen the killing of Manwell and Reardon testified that the unidentified Porto Rican shot both men with the revolver wrested from Reardon.  
As if in anticipation of criticism of verdict and sentence, Judge McDaniel at the conclusion stated that if he had shown bias, it was "unconscious prejudice."  
He concluded with an unstinted eulogy of the prosecution and a scathing denunciation of those who had intimated that the hop pickers had not received a fair trial.

Locals of the Northwest who intend to send camp delegates to the harvest field, and wishing a uniform initiation fee, should communicate with Minneapolis locals, 232-Cedar Ave., Peter Johnson, Sec'y.  
It is rumored that the migratory workers who pick the hops in California will affect a new style of foot-initiation fee, should this season. The taste of it is presently being tested. It will run largely to wood for material.

# I. W. W. LANDS IN HARVEST FIELDS

## Kansas Farmers' and Citizens Apprehensive "That 'Something May Happen'"

(Special to Solidarity.)  
Mincola, Kansas, June 12.  
"Well, I guess they have landed by this time." Yes, you have guessed it right; we have landed in the harvest fields with our colors flying and are boosting for better conditions and the one big union.

At a meeting held at the headquarters of Local 61, Kansas City, it was decided that we would travel in small groups instead of in a body, owing to the fact that by doing so we could move quietly and not advertise ourselves, then meet at a given point and do our work after getting on the job. Liberal, Kansas, was the point that we agreed to meet, as one fellow worker had been in communication with parties at that point. There were 22 lined up for the trip; the address was given and the workers were going. Miller, Benson and Sullivan left on Monday evening.

Going to the Rock Island yards we found about 400 slaves of all ages, from the 12th grade to the 18th, all bound for the harvest fields. Leaving K. C. at 8 p. m. with about 250 in one train, we were met at the Rock Island yards. We had brought a few copies of Solidarity with us which we distributed among the slaves. The first one to begin to hear talk to the effect that the horrible I. W. W.'s were coming into the harvest fields.

Reaching Pratt, we found the bulls on the 12th grade more, driving. We had our intention of going to work in the morning, but were told to wait until we were driven to the fair grounds and herded like cattle in the morning. We were told to wait until we were driven to the fair grounds and herded like cattle in the morning.

W. W.'s were cordially received, of course, and were interviewed. Elsewhere we found that the farmers and citizens were very much worried for fear the I. W. W.'s were coming in and start something. He said: "You know those fellow are agitators and they might or could get in here and do a lot of damage before we found out who was doing it. We asked on what they based their fears of an I. W. W. invasion and he said that Madison, the Socialist who was assaulted last Friday, the 6th, had stated that he would have 600 I. W. W.'s into Pratt and that on the map. Another case of a Socialist having the I. W. W. to pull his chestnuts out of the fire."

From Pratt on we have been carrying on agitation until, at Greenburg, there are now offering \$3 per day instead of \$2.50 as they were when we landed there. We were agitating in the jungles, and the word went up town that a bunch of I. W. W.'s were there, and the price jumped at once to \$3 and 10 hours. We will continue on and will drop in line, or at least try to, from time to time, as to actual conditions.

Yours for the One Big Union,  
J. A. S.  
The Rochester, N. Y., locals are making a strong effort for organization. Free speech exists in Rochester at present, and any rebel who wants to act as local organizer, comrade, or agitator, can get a membership ticket is assured to any one who can deliver the goods. All rebels passing through Rochester, stop off and give us a push. Our headquarters are at 272 Joseph Ave., Always open—Organizer Committee.

Everyone knows the tunes. Get the words from the new I. W. W. Song Book. Just out. Price 10 cents. Order from I. W. W. Publishing Bureau.

# MIGRATORY WORKERS MUST NOT ORGANIZE

## That Is The Real Meaning Behind The Raw Work Of Court In Convicting Ford and Suhr.

### Telegram To Solidarity

Sacramento, Calif., June 13.  
Attorney Austin Lewis advises that Ford and Suhr appeal hearing has been set for June 24, three weeks earlier than previously expected.  
DON SCOTT.

By Austin Lewis.  
The verdict of the jury at Marysville which found Richard Ford and Herman Suhr guilty of murder in the second degree is inapplicable except in terms of the social conflict. It must be remembered that neither of the accused was in any way armed at the time of the shooting of the District Attorney at Wheatland. Dr. Crutcher even claimed that Ford at any time had a gun, and the testimony that Suhr had a gun is based entirely upon admissions which Suhr is alleged to have made to certain officials but the truth of which admissions he denies and distinctly denies that he ever made them at all.

On the question of the number of shots fired the testimony varies from one witness who described them as sounding like the explosion of a bunch of firecrackers to others who said that they numbered in the neighborhood of twelve or fifteen shots. It is sufficiently obvious that there was nothing approaching a battle and that outside the shots fired by the Porto Rican and the posse following the sheriff's party, there were none.

As for the killing of the District Attorney, it was proved that the gun was fired by a certain Porto Rican, who, dashing into the midst of the strife, was run away from the deputy sheriff and with it despatched the district attorney and the deputy sheriff. There is no question about this and so contented is made that the Porto Rican knew Ford or Suhr, had ever heard them speak, or had even been present at the meeting until he did the shooting.

Under these circumstances we find not only the conviction men not only the machinations of the ordinary prosecutor, with which it is sufficient to fight for a poor man to contend, even under the most adverse circumstances, but in addition, powerful social and economic forces. These latter all bend the energies to making the conviction sure. They regard the holding of Ford and Suhr as necessary to the security and well being of the social and economic interests which they represent.

The meeting at which the shooting took place has already been described as a general meeting and one in no sense calling for the armed intervention of the county authorities but the very peacefulness of the meeting is

Who Are Innocent, Or No Hops Will Be Picked  
Hop Pickers' General Strike Committee











