

Federal Officer Continued to Fool Reds After Arrest

"K-97" Advised by Foster to Keep Under Cover Until After Trial, He Testifies.

By the Associated Press. St. Joseph, March 21.—"K-97," the government agent who attended the communist convention last summer as delegate, continued to fool communist leaders even after he had been arrested with them in the raid on the convention and then released, according to evidence introduced in the trial of William Z. Foster, charged with criminal syndicalism.

"K-97," whose real name is Francis Morrow, identified a letter he received from Foster more than a month after the raid in which Foster made an appointment to meet Morrow in Philadelphia last October.

Morrow said he kept the appointment and that after discussing the raid, Foster advised him "to keep under cover until after the trial," when he could resume communist work.

State and defense clashed when the prosecution endeavored to read to the jury a document which Morrow testified was the report of "Comrade Borden" who, he said, was Foster, before the convention.

Judge Charles White excluded the document. Morrow then produced long-hand notes which he said he made while Foster was speaking and with them to refresh his memory gave what he said was the gist of Foster's speech.

According to Morrow's version of the report, Foster told the convention delegates how he had formed the Trade Union Educational League, of which he is head, and concealed the fact that it was a communist branch.

He said, Morrow testified, that he had recently returned from Moscow with other communist leaders and brought back from Russia a revolutionary program.

Foster, it is stated, the witness said, that the Trade Union Educational League would adopt a revolutionary program, recognize the Russian soviet government and endorse the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Self-Expression Is Aim of American Individualism

Greater Production, Better Distribution Spur to Progress, Says Secretary Hoover, Who Denies End of Individualism Is to Acquire Private Property for Selfish Uses.

By HERBERT HOOVER, Secretary of Commerce.

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth installment of a series of articles by Mr. Hoover on "The American Individualism" appearing daily in the Omaha Bee. The following article deals with Economic Phases of Individualism.)

That high and increasing standards of living and comfort should be the first of considerations in public mind and in government needs no apology. We have long since reached the stage of an advancing civilization must be a high and growing standard of living for all the people, not for a single class; that education, food, clothing, housing and spreading use of what we so often term necessities are the real fertilizers of the soil from which spring the finer flowers of life.

The economic development of the past 50 years has lifted the general standard of comfort far beyond the dreams of our forefathers. The only road to further advance in the standard of living is by greater investment, greater production and better distribution of commodities and services, for by increasing their ratio to our numbers and dividing them justly we each will have more of them.

Old Luxuries Now Necessities. The superlative value of individualism through its impulse to production, its stimulation to invention, so far as I know, never been denied. Criticism of it has lain in its failures but more importantly in its failures of equitable sharing of the product.

In our country these contentions are mainly over the division to each of his share of the comforts and luxuries, for none of us is either hungry or cold or without a place to lay his head—and we have much besides. In less than four decades we have added electric lights, plumbing, telephones, gramophones, automobiles and what not in wide diffusion to our standards of living.

Each in turn has become so commonplace that 70 or 80 per cent or our people participate in them. To all practical souls there is little use in quarreling over the share of each of us until we have something to divide. So long as we maintain our individualism we will have increasing quantities to share and we shall have time and leisure and taxes with which to fight our proper share of the "surplus."

The income tax returns show that this surplus is a minor part of our total production after taxes are paid. Some of this "surplus" must be set aside for rewards to saving for stimulation of proper effort to skill, to leadership and invention—thereby lessening the total of such "surplus." While there should be no minimizing of a certain fringe of injustices in sharing the results of production or in the wasteful use made by some of their share, yet there is a vastly wider field for gains to all of us through the cheapening of production and the eliminating of their wastes, from increasing the volume of product by each and every one doing his utmost.

It is a certainly we are confronted with a population in such numbers as can only exist by production attuned to a pitch in which the slightest reduction of the impulse to produce will at once create misery and want. If we throttle the fundamental impulses of man our production will decay. The world in this hour is witnessing a tragedy of 10 cents per head in the heart-breaking and death-struggle with starvation by a nation with 150,000,000 of people. In Russia under the new tyranny a group, in pursuit of social theories, have destroyed the primary self-interest impulse of the individual to production.

Some discussion of the legal limitations we have placed upon economic domination is given later on, but it is desirable to mention here certain points of our economic accumulations, that are themselves providing their own correction to domination.

The domination by arbitrary individual ownership is disappearing because the works of today are steadily growing more and more beyond the resources of any one individual, and steadily increasing the relative value of excessive individual accumulations. The number of persons in partnership through division of ownership among many stockholders is steadily increasing—thus 100,000 to 200,000 partners in a single concern are not uncommon.

The overwhelming part of our mobile capital is that of our banks, insurance companies, building and loan associations, and the vast majority of all this is the aggregated small savings of our people. Thus large capital is steadily becoming more and more a mobilization of the savings of the small holder—the actual people themselves—and its administration he comes at once more sensitive to the moral opinions of the people in order to attract their support.

Capital Responsible to People. Large masses of capital can only find their market for service or product to great numbers of the same kind of people that they employ and they must, therefore, maintain confidence in their public responsibilities in order to retain their customers. In times when the products of manufacture were mostly luxuries to the average of the people, the condition of their employees was of no such interest to the public as when they cater to their employees in general.

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they develop into warring interests, if they dominate legislators and intimidate public officials, if they are to be a new setting of tyranny, then they will destroy the foundation of individualism. Our government will then drift into the hands of timorous mediocrities dominated by groups until we shall become a syndicalist nation on a gigantic scale.

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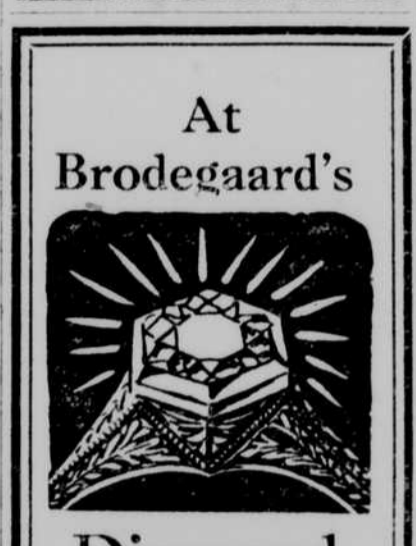
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