

ference with his clients. With nine people to defend, each with a separate set of facts and circumstances, he had little chance to get at the real facts of the case in the short time of the trial. Under the great handicap he handled the case very well, however; he objected to practically all evidence offered by the government and when overruled took exception. Thus the record is in fine shape for the appeal.

The government based its case upon insinuation and innuendo. Thus, it was shown that Doile (whose connection with the group was, by the way, only that of printer of its literature) had printed the principles of the Federation (which were NOT charged as illegal); Kleinschmidt swore that Luboshey (who was not a member of the Federation) had given him some of the cards bearing the inscription "Kill Conscription Don't Register" (alleged in the indictment as one of the overt acts of the conspiracy), and that he (Kleinschmidt) had distributed them; therefore, by implication, Doile had printed the cards. So it was all thru the case. The government supported its charges by testimony of secret service agents, government officials, and editors and reporters of the capitalist press. Most of it was pure fabrication. Kleinschmidt turned state's evidence and told a perjured story full of glaring contradictions. Samples of the government's evidence: Kleinschmidt testified that he was out of the city on the date when the cards were known to have been distributed; Fred Tate, chief of the secret service agency swore that he took an I.W.W. card from Eagan and that the color of the card was BLUE. The judge's instructions to the jury were grossly unfair to the defendants; if the jury did not bring in a verdict of guilt they would be opposing the government.

Three of the defendants, Earl Browder, Moore and Miss Warnerson, have also been indicted in Kansas for conspiracy for speaking at a meeting in Topeka, May 27; they come to trial Jan. 14, if a continuance cannot be secured. For the cost of these trials we have practically exhausted the local radicals' purses. Therefore the appeal fund must be largely raised outside of Kansas City. This appeal will cost about \$2,500; the defendants are working people without means and they need your assistance.

It is unnecessary for us to tell you about the worth of these people; you know two of them, and the others are the same kind of red-blooded, liberty-loving people. They are our fellow members in the International Radical Club, an organization of radicals of all schools, and we have found them to be high-minded idealists and clear-thinking, constructive workers in the cause for liberty, justice and humanity. Their "crime" consists in helping wage the battles of their fellow working men and women. They are worthy of the support of every radical.

Send all contributions to Marguerite Browder, Treasurer, International Radical Club Defense Fund, Room 307 Massachusetts Bldg., Kansas City, Missouri. All donations will be promptly acknowledged.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

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