
Rand School, IWW Headquarters, and *Communist* Victims of Raids:

**Lusk Raiders Seize Letters and Documents of Local IWW:
Search Warrant is Served on *Rebel Worker* — Union's Central Body Named:
Trooper Draws Gun on Man Who Tries to Escape from Meeting Hall.**

Unsigned news report in *The New York Call*, v. 12, no. 173 (June 22, 1919), pg. 1.

Included among the objectives of the general raiding expedition of the Lusk Committee yesterday were the quarters of the Industrial Workers of the World, at 27 East 4th Street. There as at the Rand School and the headquarters of *The Communist*, on West 29th Street, papers and documents were seized and carted away.

At 3:30 yesterday afternoon [June 21, 1919], four taxis discharged at 4th Street and Fourth Avenue a raiding party of 20 under the direction of H.W. Grunewald, the private detective in the employ of the Lusk Committee, who, with Archibald E. Stevenson, headed the raid upon the Soviet Bureau.

Fifteen men and a woman, all members of the organization, were seated in the IWW hall when the raiders, preceded by Sergeant Brey, who also figured in the Soviet Bureau raid, entered the room. Brey brushed past James Doyle, local secretary of the organization, and served L.S. Chumley, editor of the *Rebel Worker*, with the search warrant, which named the editor, the publication, and the New York Central Committee of the Industrial Workers of the World.

As the raiders, 10 members of the State Constabulary, 6 agents of the investigating committee, and 4 local plain clothes men, advanced into the hall, an unidentified IWW, apparently frightened, attempted to escape through a window at the rear of the hall.

According to Chumley, who witnessed the scene, one of the raiders drew a gun and pointed it at the man who was trying to flee. Serious consequences were averted when the IWW was seized by two troopers. Doyle declared one of the troopers had poked a gun under his arm at the same time.

Documents Seized.

Under the search warrant, which permitted the seizure of "all publications, documents, books, circulars, letters, and typewritten or printed matter having to do with Anarchists and Socialists advocating violence, revolutionary, or Bolshevik activities," the raiders proceeded in rounding up the desired material with precision and dispatch, giving receipts to the IWW for the things taken.

The warrant, sworn out by Henry L. Driscoll, ostensibly an agent of the Lusk Committee Investigating Seditious Activities, was issued by Magistrate Alexander Brough yesterday, who, sitting in place of Chief Magistrate McAdoo, had signed the warrant used in the raid upon the Soviet Bureau.

The plain clothes men who assisted in the raid had been mustered from the 16th Precinct, which covers the territory in which the IWW headquarters are located.

Permitted to Leave.

Detective Grunewald intimated the seized material would be taken to the Prince George Hotel, 14 East 28th Street, the headquarters of the Lusk Committee.

Archibald E. Stevenson, Union League Club member and associate counsel of the committee, in making the rounds of the raided centers, stopped off at IWW headquarters while his men were making an inventory of the seized material. Stevenson, who led the raid upon the Soviet Bureau on June 12, assured a *Call* reporter that his men had been given orders to go about their work in orderly fashion and that they were trying hard not to inconvenience those affected by the raid.

Members of the IWW were not prevented from entering or leaving the place during the search. Charles Recht, attorney for the IWW, was called into the case.

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