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TORONTO TRADES COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY DEMAND BAINBRIDGE'S RELEASE.

Pass Strong Resolution, and All Delegates Sign Petition.

In this issue of the Forward you will find a detailed statement of the Bainbridge case written by himself in the form of an appeal to the labor unions and Socialist locals of Canada. It was written just before he was sentenced after receiving notice to appear before Judge Latchford. We are glad to report that this appeal is being responded to unanimously so far as it has reached the workers at this writing. The Toronto District Trades and Labor Council at its meeting last Thursday night, unanimously passed the following resolution, and every delegate signed the petition referred to in the resolution before he left the hall. Many of the delegates are not Socialists in any sense of the word, but they all realize the class nature of the Bainbridge persecution, miscalled prosecution. Readers of the Forward may rest assured that no stone will be left unturned in the endeavor to get Comrade Bainbridge released and restored to his family without delay.

Resolved, That the Toronto District Trades and Labor Council, representing 25,000 men, having heard read the petition to be presented to the Honorable J. C. Doherty, K.C., LL.D., praying for a release or pardon of Isaac Bainbridge, now at the Jail Farm in the County of York, be endorsed and approved, and that the President and Secretary be instructed to sign and seal the same on behalf of the said Council.

Attorney Harding, who so successfully conducted the previous Bainbridge case in the Appellate Court, will go to Ottawa Thursday, June 13th, to lay this petition and resolution before Attorney-General Guthery, to which all cases of this nature have now been transferred from the Minister of Justice by a recent Order-in-Council. He will be supported by a delegation of the most prominent labor men in Canada.

A. CONN, President
Signed, T. A. STEVENSON, Secretary

FARMERS ALSO DEMAND BAINBRIDGE'S RELEASE. Pass Resolution and Sign Petition.

The United Farmers of Ontario at their Convention held in Toronto last week also passed a resolution similar to the one adopted by the Toronto District Trades Council printed above. After A. W. Mance had explained the situation to the Delegates, they not only unanimously passed the resolution, but gladly signed the petition which goes forward to Ottawa Thurs. June 13.

"The Powers That Be" have Bainbridge in jail, but the class struggle, of which this is only a symptom, is still at large. The stupid aggregation in power at Ottawa that inflicted this unjust punishment upon him and his wife and children evidently mistook Bainbridge for the class struggle.

LABOR PARTY PROTESTS.

The Mount Hamilton branch of the Independent Labor Party has written to James Simpson, secretary of the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor Party, protesting against the recent imprisonment of Isaac Bainbridge, editor of the Canadian Forward, and voicing the opinion that Mr. Bainbridge is being persecuted. They ask that action be taken to secure the release of Mr. Bainbridge through the Department of Justice at Ottawa.

HOW THE SUPPRESSERS ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM.

Private Capitalism Going—Individual State Looming Up.

In Canada the powers that be have Bainbridge in jail. Over the line the same powers are attempting to put Professor Scott Nearing in jail under somewhat similar circumstances

to which they "got" Bainbridge. Speaking in New York, Nearing, in commenting on the present outlook for the cause of Socialism, said:

Far from being a refrain of regret, the speech of Scott Nearing at the Central Opera House dinner for his defence, where he rededicated himself to his work, proved a paean of rejoicing.

What he said will recur to the minds of the American people in later years, for the words, from the lips of a sociological expert with a keen mind and broad vision, appeared in the light of a prophecy.

"Private capitalism is disappearing for good; state capitalism is appearing for a time; the industrial state is coming up; the 'laissez faire' policy is disappearing and Scientific Socialism is appearing at breakneck speed," he said.

Economic Revolution Here.

"Socialism has reached a critical stage. Who would have supposed a year ago that in the United States the Government would be fixing the prices of coal, steel and copper, levying war profits, the wool jobbers' records becoming an open book to it, and assuming control of transportation?"

"Yet this thing has happened. We are witnessing an economic revolution. That is the explanation."

"The American people," he said, "get their liberties second and third hand. Many even now are laboring under the delusion that they are free. American people stand in awe of jails and of the police. Why, we hail the heroes of the revolution of 1776 almost as demigods. We have not yet learned to think in revolutionary terms. We have not yet learned the technique of revolution. Sacrifice of liberty even of life is merely incidental to this majestic world struggle."

Continuing in the same strain, Nearing predicted that thousands and thousands would go to jail for the sake of liberty.

"Don't think it is over, or that it will be over in the after-the-war period," he said.

Nearing not only dedicated himself to the continuation of his work, but in a way, dedicated the youth of the nation, who he said, will do the real work.

"I was to have given my second lecture in the Bronx," he said. "My first was given in an orderly, quiet, legal manner. My second was not, for a line of police barred the door to the hall. The lecture could not be given. The young people had to go home. Do you think, however, that these young people did not learn? Why, they learned more that night than if I had given a thousand lectures."

BIG LABOR VICTORY IN WINNIPEG.

Evidence has come to hand that the strike of the Civic Employees of Winnipeg and the subsequent sympathetic strikes of workers of other crafts and callings, was a complete victory for the workers. This news is arriving in the mails, but even before the private letters arrived giving details of the victory, it did not take a very penetrating mind to know that the workers had won. The capitalist press barely announced that the strike had been settled and then sealed their columns against all news on the subject. Had the conclusion of the strike been unfavorable to the workers, there would have been big headlines and front page feature stories over labor's defeat. The demonstration of class solidarity exhibited by the Winnipeg toilers has never been equalled by anything on the American continent up to date. The workers of Winnipeg have pointed the way to the toilers of other industrial centres. It is more than likely that a repetition of the Winnipeg demonstration will not be unnecessary

in other centres. Although the capitalist press suppressed the news of the great victory of the toilers, the authorities in other cities are no doubt aware of what happened at that point and will think twice before precipitating a like struggle in other Canadian cities.

During the Winnipeg strike a news despatch, which was spread on the front page of one of the capitalist papers, announced that the entire press of the city and all the churches were lined up solidly against the strikers. This was no doubt true concerning the men who owned the newspapers, but we will wager a days pay that 99 per cent. of the men and women whose labor produced the newspapers were with the strikers. It is the thoughts of the owners of the capitalist press that find expression in their columns and not those of the men and women who produce the papers. We not be surprised at the attitude of the capitalist owned press, but when the weekly "Winnipeg Voice" arrived and we found that it had also turned its guns in the rear, we were more than amazed, as the Voice had always appealed to us as one of the ablest advocates of labor's great cause. Instead of taking its place as the intellectual battling ram for the toilers of Winnipeg, they were compelled to improvise a press to give the people the real news of the strike. The action of the Voice in this struggle is hard to understand.

THE TORONTO POSTMASTER-SHIP.

The vacancy of the Postmastership of Toronto will give the Union Government a splendid chance to demonstrate its sincerity on the subject of civil service reform and the abolition of patronage. If the Toronto Postmastership goes to a non political employe of experience, it will be evidence that civil service reform is not all camouflage, but if the appointment goes to some politician as a reward for campaign services, whose only knowledge of the intricate business of running a post office is confined to his past experience of licking a postage stamp and shoving a letter in the mail box, it will be good evidence, that the promise of civil service reform was on a par with the promises made to the farmers not to conscript their sons. There are many men in the Toronto Post Office who know every detail of the business from a messenger boy up, for the government to choose from.

How history repeats itself. In ancient Rome under the despotic rule

Every reader of this paper should immediately send a contribution to the Bainbridge Defence Fund and also write a letter to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, demanding his immediate release. Send all contributions to H. Perkins, Treasurer of the Bainbridge Defence Fund, 397 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Ont.