



MAHONEY ARRESTED

Capitalist Politicians Plan to Discredit Socialist Candidate For Mayor

Attempt to Hamper Socialist Campaign

Capitalist Politicians Use Park Board as Tools to Prevent Great Advance of Socialists -- Looks Like Very Dirty Work.

Stephen J. Mahoney, Socialist candidate for Mayor of the City of Buffalo was arrested yesterday noon at Lafayette Square, on the excuse that the Square was park property.

When Mahoney, accompanied by Joseph Pelon, organizer of the Socialist Party, and Samuel Leary arrived at the Square they were informed very politely that they would not be allowed to speak at that place, by orders which were supposed to emanate from the Superintendent of parks.

Mahoney fully understood that it was within his rights to speak at that place and knew that the scheme had been contemplated for some time in order to stop the inroads of the Socialists on the campaign for mayor. The fact that the affair was well planned is assured when one of our daily papers is known to have put an article in type on that subject but for some reason did not publish it.

The Socialists knew well the methods of the capitalist class, and decided that the fight for free speech might as well be started at this time, as later in the campaign, and Mahoney took the stand, and was arrested and taken to Police Station No. 3, charged with disorderly conduct. As usual the gang was in wrong on the charge and after due consideration the charge was changed.

Mahoney got in touch with his attorney and was released on his own cognizance. He appeared before Judge Noonan at 2:30 and remanded till next Monday.

Park Commissioners Used As Goat.

That the Park Commission is being used as the goat in the arrest of Stephen J. Mahoney is the amusing factor in the stopping of the Socialists meetings at Lafayette Square. It is evident that the politicians were afraid to do the job direct, as it would hurt Fuhrmann in his campaign, and after the mayor and the chief of police considered well the consequences, they decided to hand it to the Park Commission to do the dirty work.

The following are the members of the Park Commission: Charles Mosier, president; Thomas Lockwood, George C. Gindler, William F. Hastings, and Nathan Wolf. These five men are the goats for the capitalist politicians in their attempt to stop free speech in Buffalo.

If anyone doubts that the corporate interests have got the City of Buffalo by the throat, let him reflect upon the fact that one of the present lawyers of the Buffalo General Electric Co. is a member of the official staff of the Corporation Counsel, and is representing the city in the prosecution that has been trumped up against the Socialist candidate for mayor.

Naturally, the Buffalo General Electric Co. is bitterly opposed to Stephen J. Mahoney, as candidate for mayor of the Socialist Party. That company and all its subsidiary companies are commencing to get the shivers at the great meetings being held by the Socialists, for it knows what would happen if our candidate should be elected. That company knows by experience what Socialist mayors have done in other cities, and it can be depended upon to fight us tooth and nail.

Well, the fight is on, and our speakers will take the stand today, and if they are arrested others will take their place, until the constitutional right to free speech is assured to the Socialists as well as other parties.

PROTEST MEETING

The Socialist Party will hold a big protest meeting at Lafayette Square at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, October 3rd, today, as a protest to the action of the police in arresting Stephen J. Mahoney on Thursday of this week.

Max Sherover will take the stand and if interfered with by the police Mrs. Anna R. Sherover will follow him. W. F. Cattel will act as chairman. If it is found necessary to secure the rights of free speech in Buffalo the Socialist Party will make it necessary to build additions to the jail.

Mayor Fuhrmann held public meetings on Lafayette Square, the suffragettes held meetings there, fakirs cry their wares there, fat men shows are erected there, Indian shows are held there, there is a public hack stand on the ground, there is a branch of the army recruiting office held there. Anything can be pulled off there without objection, excepting only a Socialist meeting.

Why? Because the Buffalo General Electric Company and such do not like the Socialists. Why don't they like the Socialists? Because the Socialists are after their hides. Therefore they have one of their lawyers to prosecute the Socialist candidate for Mayor, conducting the prosecution in the name of the city.



STEPHEN J. MAHONEY
Socialist Candidate for Mayor of Buffalo who was Arrested for Speaking to the Working Class at Lafayette Square

THEY ARE DIGGING THEIR OWN GRAVES

The peanut politicians are digging their own graves. They are preparing their political funeral garbs. They are tying the noose about their necks.

In Buffalo to go down into history with cities like San Diego, Seattle, Lawrence and Paterson! Is Buffalo to become notorious for outrages upon the right of free speech, and peaceful assemblage? Is Buffalo to be painted a bright, deep red?

When the gods would destroy they first make blind. The peanut politicians of Buffalo, the political henchmen of the capitalist class are blind and are heading wildly into a solid wall of organized public opinion which will bring about their destruction.

Maddened by the great hold that Socialism has taken upon the working people of Buffalo, they are trying to prevent its further growth by suppressing the advocates of the cause of emancipation. Driven to desperation by the realization that the Socialists are dispelling the hypnotic effect of capitalist politics upon the minds of the people they are raving in their attempts to suppress the cause of this great awakening of the masses.

This is Socialist year in Buffalo. The workers are flocking to the Socialist Party by the thousands. The workers attend Socialist street meetings as never before. They buy and read books. Lit-

erature is being disposed of in undreamed of quantities. The workers are eager and anxious to read and learn for themselves the TRUTH ABOUT SOCIALISM.

Never before in the history of Buffalo were the Socialist meetings met with such enthusiasm, by such receptive audiences as this year. The long slumbering lion—labor—is gradually rousing from his lethargy and now that he has learned the true cause of his bondage he spits defiance at his enslavers and is preparing to throw off and break the chains of his subjection.

This is the cause. Socialism is making too much headway to please the powers that be. Hence the suppression of their right of free speech. But a pretext must be had. They are too careful to be too "rude" about the job. The people may not stomach a raw deal and are liable to put up a kick. So here is the pretext. Listen! It's from their own mouths: "Lafayette Square, park property in charge of the Park Department, hence you cannot speak on the Square unless you procure permission from that department."

Ordinary street fakirs, lightning calculators and patent medicine venders, taxicabs for hire, etc. may use the Square to their hearts' content. Why, because none of them attack peanut politics. None of them say a word against the "one cent Mayor."

They don't tell the workers that their means of emancipation is right in their hands. That is the reason.

Talk about the moon being made of green cheese and you can talk your head off, permit or no permit. Talk real live and vital issues, expose the robbery of the capitalists and their hirelings and you must come to the robbers for a permit to expose their rottenness. Will they give it to you? What fools they would be if they did.

On the street corners anywhere in this city we can hold meetings. Why? Because the streets are public property. They belong to all of us. On Park property we cannot hold meetings because it is the property of the Park Department. And who is the Park Department? Is it some private institution run for the benefit of the street fakirs, medicine venders, snake charmers and fat-man shows? Is the Park Department apart from our municipal institutions? Is it run in the interests of the corporations that dominate and preside over the City Hall?

To all these questions there is but one answer and that is an emphatic YES. Yes, the city, at present, is being run for the benefit of the corporations of the capitalist and business element of the city. Shall the workers tolerate this state of affairs? The workers will answer.

Capitalists Dig Up Park Law as Excuse To Stop Meetings

Big Meetings of Socialists at Lafayette Square Drive Old Party Politicians to Desperate Measures.

The splendid meetings that the Socialists have been holding on weekdays and evenings at Lafayette Square have driven consternation into the hearts of the bum politicians and lick-spittles of the capitalist class. They never knew what a splendid meeting place they were making for us when they destroyed the park that was there. The large meetings that we have been holding there have given them the shivers. When they get the shivers, there is only one thing they can think of. That is the policeman's club. It is an old saying that the last argument of the king always consists of grape shot. The hirelings of the capitalist class in this country have not yet resorted to grape shot. Their faith is still in the club.

Worse Than Russia.

In European countries the tyrants have long since found out that even grape shot are not efficacious against Socialism, and they have even laid aside the club. They have even lost faith in prisons. Socialists in all parts of Europe, excepting Russia, now enjoy the right of free speech, and they exercise that right both upon the streets and in the public parks. In the City of Berlin the Socialists hold their meetings in public parks right under the German Emperor's nose. William does not dare any longer to interfere with them. In London, Socialist meetings and all sorts of meetings are held in the public parks, Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park have become famous the world over as meeting places. They are known as meeting places to every school boy.

Have Right to Speak.

We have arrived in this City at the point when our right to hold meetings upon the public streets is in general no longer questioned, simply because we have known what our rights are, and have been able to drive home that there is no man-made law that can stop us from the exercise of those rights.

An effort is now being made by false interpretation, and usurpation of ungranted power, to drive us away from the meeting place in front of the Soldiers' Monument at Lafayette Square. That monument is erected to the memory of the fathers of many of us Socialists that fought and died in the Civil War. We Socialists are now fighting for the cause that our fathers thought they were fighting for. We are fighting for industrial freedom. Our fight, however, is intellectual, not physical. It means a higher education of the masses. There is no place more fitting and appropriate to carry on that intellectual fight for industrial freedom than the paved spot in front of the Soldiers' Monument.

The Park Abolished.

There was a park there recently with benches in it. The weary and discouraged under our brutal system of life used to sit there to rest their weary bodies or reflect upon their lives of misery. This was extremely offensive to the eyes and to the sense of beauty of certain of our capitalist class, and to their sycophantic servitors. It spoiled the landscape for them. The city was, "Tear up the park and get rid of the bums." The city was frantic. One would have thought that a Nemesis was pursuing them. They had their way and tore up the park. They abolished the park. They put a stretch of asphalt pavement in place of the grass. Now we Socialists gather upon that asphalt pavement to raise our voice in protest against a bestial society that makes bums and outcasts.

The tyrants do not like these meetings, either. They do not like anything that the Socialists do or say. They have for some time been having the law officials of the city to poke their noses around in books to find out some sentence in a paragraph that might be twisted and by forced construction made to apply to the situation in the case. Lo and behold, they have trotted out the claim that this place that was once a park and where that park has been destroyed an asphalt pavement raised our voice in protest against their wares, and bum side shows and fat men are put up in exhibition for pay, is now, for the purpose of prosecuting the Socialists, a public park, and that public parks for private grant and not for public meetings.

Mayor Fuhrmann, during his strenuous campaign to carry the Democratic Primaries, held meetings on this spot. No objection was raised to that, but the Socialist candidate for Mayor, Stephen J. Mahoney, was arrested there by special order of the Park Board. He was arrested on the charge of having violated Section 11 of the Park Ordinances. That Section among other things provides:

"No person shall make any oration or harangue in such parks or parkways without the permission in writing of the said Board (meaning the Park Board)."

When it comes to finding laws and ordinances to use against the Socialists, there seems to be an abundance of ingenuity always at command. It does beat the Dutch! But the fight is going on. No country, no government in the world has ever been able to suppress or check it by use of the policeman's club or by imprisonment. Prison bars only help.

Comrade Mahoney was arraigned in City Court at three o'clock in the afternoon and charged with the heinous crime of having violated that ordinance. Clayton M. Smith, one of the attorneys for the Buffalo General Electric Company, who has desk room in Corporation Counsel Hammond's office, appeared for us in prosecution. He also represented the City of Buffalo. The trial of the case was adjourned until Monday, October 6th, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

SOCIALISTS OPEN CAMPAIGN ON EAST SIDE

THE SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN ON THE EAST SIDE WILL OPEN WITH A MEETING AT MILLER'S HARMONIA HALL, 258 GENESEE STREET, NEAR MICHIGAN, THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 5TH.
BEN F. WILSON, SOCIALIST MEMBER OF THE KANSAS STATE LEGISLATURE, WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER. HE IS ONE OF THE BEST ORATORS IN THE MOVEMENT.

HEAR BEN WILSON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th, AT MILLER'S HALL

MAYOR SCHMITZ WAS NOT A SOCIALIST

Even at this late date we find... Mayor Schmitz was not a socialist...

Below we reprint an editorial taken from the Worker of several years ago...

The Lesson of Mayor Schmitz. When a few years ago the Socialist Party...

Had he not received the endorsement of union labor? Was he not the choice of the great and only 'friend of labor'?

Many, even within the ranks of the party, felt that here was a time when an exception to the rule of 'no compromise' should be made.

In vain did the Socialist party press and speakers point out that Schmitz was in no way controlled by a working class party...

He was elected, and to his credit it must be said, that for a brief period he gave some assistance to organized labor.

But he was controlled by no organization, he had no firmly fixed principles, he was but a tool in the hands of stronger men.

The predicament of those who supported him politically is even more deplorable.

It needs no Moses to lead it, for it is not lost in the wilderness.

Will the workers of San Francisco, and elsewhere, heed the lesson?

THE SCHENECTADY JUDICIAL MUDDLE

According to the Primary Election Law, all candidates for public election offices to be voted by the electors of any district...

The different party committees meet shortly before the primary elections and 'designate' the candidates...

The Comrades in Schenectady designated candidates for all the city and county offices...

In addition, the Comrades in Schenectady were to look looked after the designation of a candidate for the judgeship of the 4th Judicial District...

Some reasons, no meeting was called and no designation was made for this important office.

This left the primary ballot of the party with candidates for the judgeship of District Attorney and Supreme Court Judge.

For the vacant positions, the names of the candidates of any other party to make them the Socialist party's candidates.

'Capitalist production presupposes the alienation of labor from the means whereby he realizes his labor.'

Let the workers of the country form a labor trust and take hold of the capitalist trusts and carry out production in the common interest of all.

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ARBEITER MAENNER CLUB

An institution which has done much in a modest way to agitate and enlighten among the German speaking people...

The membership meets at Columbia Turn Hall, 1261 Genesee street, every Wednesday evening.

SOCIALISTS OPEN SOCIAL SEASON

The social season for the Socialists of Buffalo and their friends opens this week.

Such Fourth will open the social activities on the West Side with a dance at Colonial Hall, 288 W. Ferry street.

The dances and card parties held under the auspices of the Socialists have come to be known among many people as very enjoyable affairs.

Fixed in principles, firm in its convictions, it can never be stamped, sold out or betrayed.

WAY A WORKIN MAN CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

'I would like to vote the Socialist ticket and I would like to see a working man as mayor.'

In the first place, he do not want the vote of anyone who thinks as they do, for they have not, as yet, arrived at that point in their political education.

At the time when the organization of the Proletarian Club was first broached last winter, considerable interest was aroused...

The board of directors, however, went quietly forward with its plans, and it was not until the club room was put together...

Those who are already enrolled in the club are urged to bring in the applications of eligible persons from their neighbors.

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Some there are who cannot trust labor. Why? Of course, there are crooks among the laboring men...

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PROLETARIAN CLUB WHY MAKE GOOD ON MY RENT

Officers are Dickering for the Purchase of Handsome Club Quarter Recently Secured on a Rental Basis...

If the applications continue to pour in for membership in the Proletarian Club, that organization will not only break all records for rapid growth...

The Club has a splendid chance to buy the building in which it will be provided for them...

Within three days after the announcement was made in last week's issue of this paper that a club house had been secured...

The date of closing the charter and raising the application fee from \$2 to \$5 has not yet been definitely set.

It should be borne in mind that women as well as men are eligible for membership, and comfortable quarters will be provided for them...

The co-operative buying features of the Club will make it not only a source of pleasure but also of profit for those who realize its value...

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We observe that the residents of East Delavan Avenue and the West Side Business Men's Association are beginning an agitation to force the International Railway to use its franchise...

It is a fact that the residents of that portion of Buffalo have very poor car service when it comes to crossing the city and as a consequence of this...

There are a number of large factories on Elmwood Avenue in the vicinity of the Forest Avenue and the Elwood Avenue line...

The idea of connecting the Delavan line with the Forest Avenue line is in line with the average way of doing things about this city...

Delavan Avenue is the ideal street for the purpose, being the straightest street across the city...

From the point of view of accommodating the workmen who need this line Delavan Avenue should have a direct extension line from one side of the city to the other.

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If you have never attended an event of this nature there is an enjoyable surprise in store for you.

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