
Haywood Joins Communists; Quits IWW.

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NEW YORK (Federated Press).— William D. Haywood, former IWW leader, who has just reached Moscow, has joined the Communist Party and has definitely severed all connection with the IWW, according to information obtained here today from his friends. Haywood definitely aligned himself with the Communist Party about the first of the year [1921].

It is stated that this fact accounts for his presence in Russia. He went to Moscow, not as a representative of the IWW, but as a Communist labor delegate. He is said to have declared before his departure that he expected to spend the remainder of his life in the Communist cause.

Now Russian Official.

CHICAGO.— “Big Bill” Haywood, IWW leader, under sentence of 20 years in Fort Leavenworth, is propaganda director of the Russian soviets, District Attorney Clyne said he was reliably informed today. Clyne refused to divulge the source of his information.

Appear for Amnesty.

WASHINGTON.— Charles Ashleigh and Jack Law, condemned members of the IWW, were introduced at Department of Justice yesterday by their counsel, Harry Weinberger, who conferred with Assistant Attorney General Stewart in the interest of amnesty for all condemned members of the IWW.

Assistant Attorney General Goff examined the contention of his visitors that no evidence of any kind was offered at the trial to connect Ashleigh, Law, Vincent St. John, or Giovanni Baldazzi with anything charged in the indictment.

The next step in the proceedings will be the submission of a report to Judge Landis and District Attorney Clyne, who figured in the conviction of the Industrial Workers. When Landis and Clyne return the report, Goff will prepare final recommendations for Attorney General Daugherty. Commenting on Haywood’s flight to Russia, Weinberger said: “In my opinion the failure of Bill Haywood or of anyone else to appear for imprisonment can in no way affect the broad principle of political amnesty, which includes the Industrial Workers of the World, and which the administration should immediately put into effect.”

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