
Socialist Party Offices Raided in Cleveland

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CLEVELAND, Jan. 23 [1918].— After the decision of the Supreme Court was given, upholding the conviction of C.E. Ruthenberg, Alfred Wagenknecht, and Charles Baker, prominent members of the Socialist Party and recent party candidates in the municipal election, to a year in prison had been announced, the authorities conducted a raid on the Socialist Party headquarters and confiscated 55,000 leaflets that were printed to help the Socialists fight the case.

These were taken in custody by Special Investigating Agent DeWoody, a number of United States Deputy Marshals, and operatives of the Secret Service department.

At the same time, Postmaster Murphy barred *The Socialist News*, the weekly bulletin of the Ohio Socialist Party, from the mails because it contained an attack on Judge Westenhaven and the federal jury which found the 3 Socialists guilty.

After the Socialist headquarters at 727 Prospect Avenue had been raided, the authorities went to a printing firm where the leaflets were printed and obtained the plates on warrants issued by Attorney Breitenstein.

The convicted men probably will be imprisoned in the workhouse at Canton, O.

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