

# Communists Try To Disrupt Beal Defense Action

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Art Shields and William F. Dunne, members of the Communist Party and representatives of the Communist International Labor Defense organization, have brought pressure to bear on the signers of Fred E. Beal's bond.

The guarantors of Beal's bond, Professor Albert S. Coolidge of Harvard University and Miss Jessica Henderson of Boston, refused to withdraw their support of Beal who is now awaiting extradition proceedings at Lawrence, Mass.

## Faces Long Term

Beal was arrested recently on an old charge dating back to the 1929 strike at Gastonia, N. C., which resulted in his conviction to a long prison term.

The Non-Partisan Committee for the Defense of Fred E. Beal, Room 610, 19 W. 44th St., New York, which has the support of many well known writers, labor leaders and liberals, pointed out that "whatever was true in 1929 is still true, and the Communists were therefore collaborating with anti-labor forces in railroading an innocent labor organizer to prison."

## Answer Dunne

The committee further answered Dunne's activities in behalf of the Communist Party by quoting from his pamphlet written in 1929 about the Gastonia strike. Entitled "Gastonia—Citadel of the Class Struggle in the South," Dunne's pamphlet said:

"The actual reason for the attempt to railroad these workers to the electric chair and to long terms in the penitentiary is that they organized the National Textile Union and led a strike of workers in the Loray mill—the stronghold of the cotton textile industry in the South . . ."

"An attempt was made to lynch Fred Beal. Every method was tried to arouse the populace to a murderous frenzy . . ."

With Dunne's words, written during the heat of the strike struggle in Gastonia, the non-partisan group of courageous fighters for civil liberties is defending Beal on the same basis as Dunne and the Communist Party defended him in 1929.

Political lines change but the basic tenets of liberty and freedom remain. Fred E. Beal must not be extradited to serve out a sentence which is definitely a direct part of the class struggle and the result of a capitalist class frameup if there ever was one.