

Warmakers Fear America's Women

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Miss Jones is one of the 17 workingclass leaders victimized by the recent dawn raids of the FBI.

IN BEAUTIFUL San Francisco, whose clean uphill streets command the dawn, on the busy waterfront on Frisco bay, a mother of two children has her door rudely kicked and broken down when she refuses entrances to the pounding fists of lewd FBI agents.

No warrant. No opportunity to make arrangements for the children's care. Not even allowing the children to breakfast, or to allow her to phone for family or baby sitter.

Loretta Starvus Stack, mother of two, victim this time, together with other women leaders, Dorothy Ray Healey, of Los Angeles, mother of two children; Oleta O'Connor Yates, Bernadette Doyle and Rose Chernin.

It is the all-too-monotonous repetition (the Hitler technique) of the pre-dawn arrests, under the infamous Smith Act. Taken with the previous arrests, on June 20, of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Betty Gannett, Marion Bachrach and myself, this brings the number of direct women Smith Act victims to nine.

BUT THIS hardly exhausts the present day American Gestapo attacks against women advocates of peace and social progress.

Calm and efficient as a machine, the U.S. Attorney General callously states that more arrests are forthcoming and that the net of Smith Act persecutions will go beyond Communist working class men, women and youth advocates.

We are not just witness to brutality toward women in the ordinary gangster sense. That exists, assuredly, of course.

What we are witnessing is the desperate action of the Truman Administration and its government agencies against the masses of American women. For what purpose? To counter the aroused united and growing advocacy of American women on all levels of American life for social progress, for home and family, for their children's future!

These attacks on American women under the Smith Act are a necessary accompaniment of the drive towards fascism at home and world war abroad by the Truman Administration.

If one adds to these arrests of Communist women leaders the more than 28 women victims

threatened with deportation, the similar persecution of fathers and husbands under the Smith McCarran acts, this merely begins to outline the scope of the terror aimed at the American home and family.

One thinks of Rosalee McGee, the widow of Willie McGee, and mother of four children; of the still imprisoned Rosalee Ingram, in Reidsville penitentiary in Georgia, of the shocking threat of removal from the relief rolls of Mrs. Kay Gilbert, of York, Pa., wife and mother of Lieut. Gilbert, who is serving a 20-year jimcrow sentence in California, of Mrs. Josephine Grayson and the other women, of the genocide at Martinsville, Va.

One must understand that this is a planned brutality — it stems from a policy of government — an imperialist racist policy of war and fascism.

These attacks on Communist women leaders, on wives and children of the 11 Communist leaders, and also on their organizations are reminiscent of the Hitler decrees on home and family.

In CALIFORNIA a mother is deprived of her child because of her political views.

A New York magistrate recently reluctantly ruled that while there was no legal basis to take a child away from its mother on the same grounds, it was "strange indeed" that the mother was "peculiarly silent" on refuting the charges of holding progressive political ideas.

In Hitler Germany, women's organizations were destroyed, and woman was considered only as a breeder of cannonfodder.

The same thing is happening here.

This reactionary drive against women daring to act for peace will be defeated by an aroused united people even as it was in a former day!

DuBOIS TO BE GUEST OF MICHIGAN PEACE COUNCIL

DETROIT, Aug. 6—Dr. W. E. B. DuBois will be the guest of the Michigan Council for Peace in mid-September. The Negro scholar's visit—for which the exact time and place have not yet been set—will highlight the Council's campaign for a cease fire in Korea.

The Council is urging petitions to the President and other authorities urging Sen. John