

Criminal Syndicalism Defined:

The term "criminal syndicalism" as used in this act is hereby defined as any doctrine, or precept advocating, or aiding and abetting the commission of crime, sabotage (which word is hereby defined as meaning wilful and malicious physical damage or injury to physical property), or unlawful acts of force and violence or unlawful methods of terrorism as a means of accomplishing a change in industrial ownership or control, or effecting any political change.

II. Unlawful Acts. Penalty.

Any person who:

By spoken or written words or personal conduct advocates, teaches, or aids and abets criminal syndicalism or the duty, necessity or propriety of committing crime, sabotage, violence or any unlawful method of terrorism as a means of accomplishing a change in industrial ownership or control or effecting any political changes; or ...

3. Prints, publishes, edits, issues or circulates or publicly displays any book, paper, pamphlet, document, poster or written or printed matter in any other form, containing or carrying written or printed advocacy, teaching, or aid and abetment of, or advising, criminal syndicalism; or

4. Organizes or assists in organizing, or is or knowingly becomes a member of any organization, society, group, or assemblage of persons organized or assembled to advocate, teach or aid and abet criminal syndicalism ...

Is guilty of a felony and punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not less than one or more than fourteen years. ...

IV. Urgency Measure:

Inasmuch as this act concerns and is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public peace and safety, for the reason that at the present time large numbers of persons are going from place to place in this state advocating, teaching and practicing criminal syndicalism, this act shall take effect upon approval of the governor.

-California Crusaders, "The California criminal syndicalism law: a factual analysis" (1919) excerpt.