

# Foster Urges Real Workers' Co-ops.

Editor's Note: In the following article, written especially for the DAILY WORKER, William Z. Foster, candidate of the Workers Party for president, states the Communist position on the co-operative movements. Foster declares himself in favor of the co-operative movement, when they are run by real workers' and farmers' organizations. Foster points to the co-operative movements in Soviet Russia as an example of co-operatives used as a means for strengthening workers' and farmers' control of government.

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IN the matter of co-operatives, I would say, speaking as the candi-

date of the Workers Party, the party of the Communists, for president, that I am whole-heartedly in favor of genuine co-operative organizations of the workers. The Communist movement, thru its leadership of the most powerful co-operative movement in the world, that of Soviet Russia, has proved its devotion to the co-operative movement as a part of the general movement of the working class for emancipation from capitalist exploitation, and also the soundness of its leadership.

Co-operatives, when based solidly upon the needs of the exploited masses, controlled by them, and run for service and not for profit, have proved themselves powerful instruments in the hands of the workers and working

farmers in the struggle against the gigantic organizations of the big capitalists.

It is necessary, however, that the co-operatives shall be controlled and directed by the rank and file workers and working farmers, and not by the capitalists, the professional bourgeois experts and intellectuals. Otherwise, the co-operatives will cease to be effective fighting organizations against the enemies of the working class and will be turned into organs of class collaboration, attempting to reconcile fundamental class conflicts, and therefore sabotaging the struggle against exploitation. Genuine co-operatives always work in the closest contact with the political and economic organizations of the workers and working

farmers, and assist in their daily struggles. All labor union members, unorganized workers, and working farmers should do everything in their power to build such fighting co-operatives, which, in addition to their everyday tasks must militantly favor a workers' and farmers' republic as a necessary pre-condition to the full development of the co-operatives.

In conclusion, the Workers Party pledges its most energetic assistance, in every field of action, to the co-operative movement, upon the basis of the class struggle. We point to the glorious achievements of the co-operative movement in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics as the proof of the soundness of our program. The home of the most powerful and highly

developed co-operative movement in the world is Soviet Russia, where the power of the capitalist class has been broken and the foundations are being laid of a Communist society.

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