

FOSTER EXPOSES TAMMANY GRAFT

Shows "Liberal" Myth Trickery

Exposing the "liberalism" of Tammany Al Smith as a myth, in the light of Smith's corrupt record as official in New York State and in view of Smith's anti-labor record, William Z. Foster, Workers (Communist) Party candidate for president, addressed the militant workers in Richmond, Virginia, on Friday, Oct. 12. Foster's speech follows:

"The myth that Al Smith is a liberal is a clever political trick, like Smith's appeal to the farmers, to the wets, and for religious tolerance. On the votes he gets by such political chicanery does Smith's election depend. His attempt to get votes from those disgusted with the corruption in the republican party was a failure because every intelligent voter knows that there is nothing to choose between Teapot Dome and Tammany Hall with its present sewer scandal, and its recent street-cleaning and milk scandals as well as its long record of corruption against which Smith has never protested, and to which he is a party, Just as Hoover is a party to the oil graft.

"Smith is a machine politician, a regular Tammany man. He got his start from Tammany in its worst days, and has always been intimately connected with, in fact the leader of this reactionary political machine. Smith was Murphy's lieutenant as speaker in the assembly and could always be relied upon to serve Tammany and thru Tammany, the ruling class, the employers and capitalists.

"Monopoly of finance capital in industry and government, centralization of power in this imperialist period in the hands of a few has caused the renovation of Tammany. Today it is not only an organization thru which New York politicians secure the "spoils of office" in the form of contracts from the city government and graft from criminals, bootleggers and prostitutes for protection, but it is also a powerful weapon in the hands of the big capitalists."