

Seattle Rally Hails Foster Call for Anti-Hitler Unity



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Jam Finnish Hall as C.P. Chairman Predicts Red Army Victory; Calls Lindbergh Quisling; Demand U.S. Aid USSR

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SEATTLE, July 8.—“Just as sure as the sun comes up tomorrow, the Red Army will defeat Hitler.”

More than 750 persons gave a tremendous ovation to William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, who keynoted his address Sunday night with the confident prediction of Soviet victory over the fascist foe.

Popularity of the great trade unionist—who participated in struggles of the Northwest labor and progressive forces over a quarter of a century ago—brought a standing ovation and drew repeated demonstrations of applause throughout his address.

Barred from downtown halls by the city administration's crackdown on civil liberties, the mass meeting was held in Finnish Hall, 1239 Washington St. An overflow crowd took seats on the platform and hundreds stood throughout the address.

Mexican Tram Workers Vow All Aid to U.S.S.R.

Union Calls on Labor to Unite for War to Death Against Nazism; Says Red Army Defends All Humanity; Urges Mexico Establish Ties

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MEXICO CITY, July 8. — “The Defense of the Soviet Union is the first duty of all workers,” the Street Car Workers Alliance of this city declared yesterday in their paper, *El Tranviario* joining other trade unions and fraternal organizations in a “death struggle against Nazism.”

The editorial in *El Tranviario* the tiny sheet of the Street Car Workers Alliance reads:

“War to the Death Against Nazism! The Defense of the Soviet Union is our Proletarian Duty.

“The defense of the Soviet Union is the first duty of all proletarians.

“Desperately and furiously the Nazi beast has launched itself against the U.S.S.R., the fortress of Socialism, the vanguard of the World Revolution.

“Thus the war has entered a new phase, decisive for the people. On the one hand the world of liberty, civilization and progress, the world of all workers of the earth and, on the other hand, the world of barbarism, of reaction and hate against the working class and all the peoples.

“The result of this gigantic struggle will have incalculable consequences. The fate of the universe, of the proletariat, of all mankind is enclosed in this battle between the forces of fascism and the forces of the Soviet Union. The Red Army is defending the very future of working humanity.

“And united with this glorious

army of workers and peasants, united with the Soviet Union, there must be and there are all men who have kept in their breasts the desire for liberty and justice.

“And together with them we, too, are standing, the street car workers, at all days and at all hours, we are conscious of our duties. Conscious of our attitude as workers, as revolutionaries and as men who are anxious to build a better and more human society.

“Long Live the Soviet Union.

“Viva the glorious Red Army, defender of the liberty of the world.

“Viva the anti-fascist Street Car Workers Alliance.”

The Street Car Workers, like many other unions, are asking that Mexico renew diplomatic and commercial relations with the Soviet Union. They are demanding the closing of the German and Italian legations in Mexico and the closing of the German college, “the center of Nazi penetration and espionage in our country.”

Serbian-Americans Issue ‘Smash Hitler’ Unity Plea

Detroit Convention Highlighted by Call for Fund Drive to Send Ambulance to USSR as Symbol of Support; Call on U.S. to Push Full Aid

DETROIT, July 8.—Americans of Serbian descent who just finished an annual congress here, have called upon the United States Government to render full support and aid to the Soviet and British peoples in their struggle to smash Hitlerism.

The petition for such aid was made in the form of a manifesto adopted at the sixth annual Vidovdan Congress which convened here on July 4 and ended two days later.

Thousands of Americans of Serbian background in this country will be reached by the manifesto, which urges a firm unity based upon an uncompromising anti-Hitler program.

“That is the best and most effective means we can use for the liberation of the Serbian people from the bloody Nazi yoke,” the appeal states. “This is the quickest way we can aid the brave sons of the liberty loving people who are still fighting the Nazi war machine in the mountains of Serbia.”

Delegates to the Congress were plentifully represented from the heavy industries. Many came from steel, auto, and rubber centers of the eastern and Mid-western states.

The temper of the Serbian people and descendants here against the fascist invaders was highlighted during the congress by an auto worker from Detroit who urged a campaign for funds to send an ambulance to the Soviet Union.

“This ambulance,” he said, “would be the expression of solidarity of thousands of American citizens with

gates addressed by former Czarist General Victor Yakhontoff, \$300 was collected within ten minutes to go toward purchasing an ambulance.

This same determination and enthusiasm for the crushing of Nazism was evident from the reception given by the Congress to the speech of State Senator from Michigan, Stanley Novak. Senator Novak, in his speech, called for a struggle against Nazism on all fronts, for aid to the British and Soviet peoples, and especially stressed that a consistent anti-Nazi struggle requires the improvement of the living conditions of the American people, and the safeguarding of American liberties. Following a suggestion of Senator Novak, the delegates unanimously decided at the Sunday morning session to support all steps which may be taken to unite millions of Americans of Slav descent on an anti-Hitler program.

In a letter to the Allegheny County District Attorney, the delegate demanded that Michael Stanovich, who is of Serbian parentage, and the other twenty-nine anti-fascists who were jailed and sentenced on alleged violations of election laws, be immediately released

DEMAND U. S. SEND AID

Two resolutions were ordered dispatched to President Roosevelt by the throng who roared approval of the policies outlined by Wm. Z. Foster.

“The Soviet Union, the people of Great Britain, of China are united in a common struggle for the military defeat of Hitlerism and we in the United States find that this objective is our objective as a necessary protection of our own best interests. Therefore, we appeal for all out aid to Great Britain, the Soviet Union, China and all other countries and peoples in a common and indivisible front against Hitlerism,” the resolution declared.

A second resolution demanded immediate release of Earl Browder in order to speed the fight against Hitlerism.

Henry P. Huff, Northwest district chairman, presided at the meeting. Andrew Remes, acting secretary, and Edward Alexander, Young Communist League secretary, delivered brief talks at the meeting.

“Attack of Hitler on the Soviet Union has brought the war into a new stage,” Foster said. “Let us look for a moment at the first stage of the war.”

FIRST STAGE OF WAR

Foster traced the earlier stages of the war with its underlying breakdown of the capitalist system.

The build-up of Hitler to turn his guns on the Soviet Union was branded “one of the most shameful stories in the history of mankind” by the Communist leader.

After Munich, the Soviet Union stepped out of the line of fire by signing the non-aggression pact and the capitalist powers “tied into each other like a flock of ravenous wolves,” Foster recalled.

“The attack on the Soviet Union changes the entire world situation and character of the war being fought. With the Soviet Union in the war, it becomes a real struggle against Hitlerism,” Foster declared in urging full support to protect democracy in the world.

GREAT UNITED FRONT

Foster called for a great united front to wipe out fascism in armed struggle.

“The Communist Party does not support the ideas and propaganda that call upon American people to sacrifice their living standards and civil liberties,” Foster said.

“We must defend the economic standards of the American people. We must defend the civil liberties of the American people. We are against all attempts to shove the economic burden upon the masses.”

“The Communist Party believes in full preservation of the right to strike in this country, so bravely defended by the workers on the Pacific Coast. The Communist Party is against every trend toward military dictatorship, the breaking of the aviation strike in California, fingerprinting, persecution of Negroes and elimination of the Communist Party from the ballot and sending Earl Browder to prison. All these things we are opposed to,” Foster firmly declared.

Lashing out at the America First Committee, Foster branded Herbert Hoover as “one of the most sinister reactionaries in the U. S.” and flatly dubbed Lindbergh as ‘the Quisling of the U. S.’

Working class leadership in the crusade against Hitlerism was urged by Foster.

“The trade unionists and their families must assert themselves as the democratic backbone of the nation. Only to the extent that they do will the fight against Hitler be successful . . .”