

Foster's Greeting to Communist Party National Election Conference

We publish below the text of the message sent by William Z. Foster, party chairman, to the National Election Conference of the Communist Party. Illness prevented Foster from attending the conference and his message was read aloud to the delegates:

GREETINGS to the National Election Conference. I am very sorry that I cannot be with you to participate in your deliberations. May I nevertheless make a few remarks on the general question of the fight for peace.

Our Conference is meeting in what is indeed a crucial point of history. As the world democratic masses fight for peaceful co-existence between the capitalist and Socialist states, which means for world peace, the American forces of reaction push on with their program for imperialist aggression and war. This situation presents grave responsibilities for the American working class, the Negro people, the working farmers, and the other democratic strata of this country. The Draft Program clearly presents these basic tasks, chief among which is the fight against the war danger, against McCarthyite fascism, against the developing economic crisis, and for the rights of the Negro people. Of these elementary tasks in this period I shall deal only with the central one, that of the fight for peace, for the peaceful co-existence of all nations. This will be a central and decisive issue in the November elections.

As our party has repeatedly pointed out, ever since the end of World War II, Wall Street monopoly capital, by means of its control of the United States government, has been carrying on a reckless and reactionary drive to master the world through another great world war. We were among the first to signalize this terrible reality, and thereby we did a vital service to the cause of world peace. World conquest has throughout been the central goal of the Truman and Eisenhower Administrations, both of which have thus faithfully done the bidding of big capital in its drive for domination of the world. This has been the purpose of the whole body of foreign policies of these two Administrations, as well as of the gigantic armaments-militarization program carried out in this country. To further this huge program of imperialist conquest and war some \$250 billion of the American people's money has been squandered here and abroad.

IT IS A tragedy for the American people that the top trade union leaders and the heads of Negro, farmer, and other peoples' organizations, grossly betraying the most vital interests, not only of their own rank and file, but of the entire American nation, have shamelessly supported the Wall Street program of imperialist conquest and warmongery. By the same token, it is to the great honor of the Communist Party that, notwithstanding violent government persecution, it has steadfastly dared to expose and to combat the attempt of Wall Street to plunge the world into a great atomic war in order further to swell its already stupendous profits.

It is to the profound benefit of all humanity in general, and of the American people in particular, that American imperialism and its allies are being defeated in their deadly program of achieving world domination through a great war. This is because the peace-loving peo-

ples of the world, including those of the United States, are resisting this program and are thus making it bankrupt! This basic fact should cause the whole democratic world to rejoice. Here are some of the elements of this bankruptcy:

THE WORLD capitalist anti-Soviet war alliance, upon which the American government has squandered scores of billions of dollars, is being shattered upon the refusal of the peoples of the various countries to be cannon fodder for Wall Street.

The A- and H-bomb monopoly, upon which Wall Street based its war program, has long since been broken by the USSR. It is a great victory for peace, thus to take the sole control of such frightful weapons away from the reckless reactionaries now dominating the U. S. government.

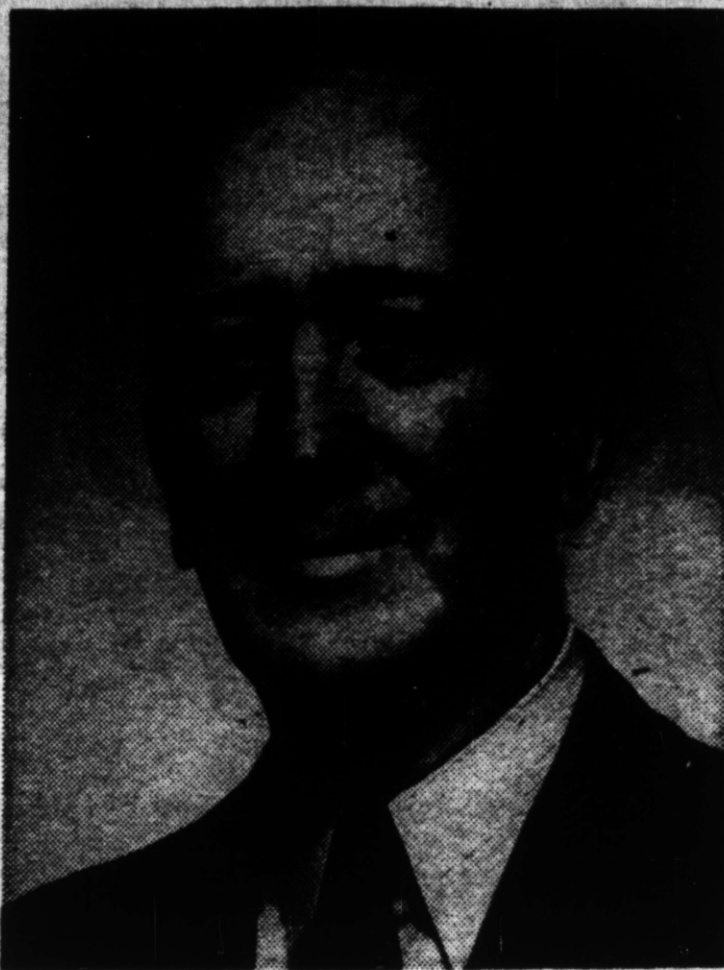
The huge propaganda of Wall Street to convince the world of the Big Lie that the Soviet Union is a menace to world peace has also backfired, to such an extent that the U. S., controlled as it is by reactionaries and warmongers, has become the most hated and feared country in the world, as the basic source of the danger of war and fascism in the world.

THESE VICTORIES for peace have been matched also by the peoples' defeat of Wall Street's attempt to expand the Korean and Indochinese wars into great Asian atomic conflicts, as well as their defeat of the June 17, 1953 insurrection in East Germany, which was initiated by agents of the State Department for the purpose of launching a broad civil war in Germany. Their latest attempt to develop the Hainan Island plane incident into an Asian war, has also been frustrated by the peace resistance of the peoples.

All these victories of the peace-loving masses, in which the American people have played a role, by blockading the warmongers in their attempt to inflame the world with a terrible atomic war, have substantially eased international tension and the fear of war. They have checked the warmongers on many fronts. But the peace of the world cannot be safe so long as the Wall Street monopolists controlling this vast country and its tremendous industries, natural resources and working forces, remain uncurbed by the people.

THE GREATEST mistake that could be made now would be to conclude from the many recent peace victories of the world's people: that the danger of war is now past. Especially our Party, living in the U. S., must be keen to alert the world to the danger of American imperialism. We must step up our efforts and utilize the victories won in order to inspire the people to win new and still greater successes for peace, so that the peoples may finally assure the peaceful co-existence in the world of all capitalist and socialist states. The Draft Program outlines the next steps in this basic fight, and so also will the succeeding speakers. Therefore there is no need for me to stress all these practical programs in my remarks.

Let me cite, however, that the July 2nd issue of *For a Lasting Peace; For a People's Democracy*, contains a most timely warning against any tendency to slacken the fight for peace because of recent victories won in this fight. It says: "The significance of the relaxation in the international tension must not, however, be overestimated since the enemies of the strengthening



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

of peace, in the first place the ruling circles of the U. S., have not abandoned their aggressive designs and are continuing the arms' drive, provoking war conflicts in various parts of the world and setting up new military blocs and war bases. . . . All this urgently demands that all those who cherish peace and the security of the people, intensify, in a large measure, the struggle against the aggressive forces." This is a basic lesson, to continue and intensify the mass peace pressure against Wall Street imperialism; a lesson, which, however, unfortunately, number of our comrades have forgotten in the recent past.

JUST A COUPLE of quotations to help us to understand that the continuing war danger is a reality. The first one from the brilliant Marxist writer, R. Palme Dutt, in the July, 1954 *Labor Monthly*. He says: "So long as Dulles remains as Secretary of State, so long as Admiral Radford (openly aiming at a major war with China) remains in charge of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and so long as the atom bomb-rattling General Gruenther remains in command at Fontainebleu, the shadow of sudden, violent, bellicose action by the American war clique hangs over the world situation." The second quotation is from *Pravda* of July 3, 1954. This great Soviet Communist journal, dealing with American maneuvers to disrupt the Geneva peace conference, clearly indicates the world war programs of the Wall Street government of this country. It says that, "the U. S., exerting pressure upon its partners, is drawing them into interference in the affairs of other countries, drawing them into a new world war."

These are some of the major considerations that we have to bear in mind in handling the question of peace in the coming elections. These elections will be a strong test of our Party's ability to mobilize the masses for struggle, above all, the workers; for without the support of the working class, the fight for peace and other great issues confronting the American people, cannot be successful.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY of the United States is now under heavy attack from the government. This persecution requires of us real courage and a resolute fight to preserve the life and legal status of our Party. It also necessitates the strongest possible fight to defend

those comrades now under indictments and to free the many who are now in jail. It has been one of our greatest weaknesses that we have not made a more determined and effective struggle to free Gene Dennis, Ben Davis, and the many other splendid fighters who are now languishing in capitalist jails.

Basic conditions are very propitious at the present juncture for the leading of such a struggle of the masses. The people of this country, despite the rankest betrayal by liberals and trade union leaders, are definitely in a mood to fight against the warmongers, fascists and profiteers. If American imperialism is finding its foreign policy of aggression increasingly bankrupt, this is largely because of the mass resistance to it by the working class, Negro people, working farmers, etc., in this country. Although large sections of these American masses are considerably confused by imperialist war propaganda, nevertheless, they emphatically do not want war.

Butchers Union Demands Probe Of Bombing

CHICAGO, Aug. 12 (FP).—Earl Jimerson, president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen, AFL has asked Texas Attorney General John Ben Shepperd to investigate the dynamiting of an union organizer's car in Center, Tex.

Al Williams' car was demolished by an explosion of undetermined origin. The blast also wrecked four motel cabins. Williams was in Center on union business at the East Texas Poultry & Egg Co.

Jimerson also called on Attorney General Herbert Brownell and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to make thorough investigations of the incident. He interpreted the violence as a reprisal for the union's national campaign against handling of diseased poultry. Members of the union at Center went on strike over this issue.

The union recently instructed all its members to refuse to process diseased poultry in order to halt what it described as a growing national health menace. Jimerson said the union would give a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the terrorism.

This they have shown repeatedly, by their active resistance to the proposals of MacArthur, Dulles, Truman, Eisenhower, and others, for the A-bombing of Chinese cities, by their successful insistence upon a cease-fire in Korea, and Indo-China, by their flat rejection of the Government's scheme to send American foot soldiers into Indochina, and by many other actions.

THE UNITED STATES will soon be the scene of broad and vital class struggles. For the democratic masses here are in political harmony with the great peace movement. All the political misleaders now doing the bidding of American imperialism cannot indefinitely prevent their rising mass spirit of dissent and resentment from finding expression. It is the supreme task of the Communist Party, notwithstanding every persecution, to give the maximum possible leadership to these awakening masses. Especially must we make our efforts count in the fight for peace. The Draft Program points the way to accomplish this.

This is a time that truly inspires all fighters for freedom and democracy, especially Communists. There is no place in our Party's ranks for faint hearts and pessimists. Such people are blind to the tremendous advances that are being made during these years by the world forces of peace and freedom, of which the American people are most definitely an important section. They cannot see beyond their noses. Now, more than ever, our Party needs an indomitable fighting spirit.

The world is moving rapidly towards peace, democracy and socialism, and our Party, situated in this main stronghold of world capitalism, must do its full part. For over a century, the workers and their allies have battled, often in the face of huge odds, against the forces of entrenched capitalist greed and power. But now the ramparts of world capitalism are rapidly falling, and socialism is being constructed throughout vast sections of the world. Capitalism is being pushed off the stage of history. Let this tremendous reality inspire us, to meet the great tasks of education, organization, and struggles now confronting the American people; concretely, in the important struggles now shaping up for the American people in the coming elections.

Indochina Ceasefire Goes Into Effect

SAIGON, Indochina, Aug. 11.—The shooting stopped in all of Indochina today for the first time in eight years.

During the night sounds of firing continued in Southern Viet Nam and Saigon citizens heard scattered mortar fire and exploding shells until dawn.

At 8 a.m. (8 p.m. EDT Tuesday) the cease-fire arranged at Geneva went into effect.

A sudden burst of gunfire outside Saigon shortly before the cease-fire alarmed authorities momentarily but it turned out to be a peace celebration by troops who had tossed their last cartridges into a bonfire.

In the cathedral, Roman Catholics celebrated a mass in observance of peace.

Daily Worker

Published daily except Saturday and Sunday by the Publishers New Press, Inc., 35 E. 12th St., New York 3, N. Y. Telephone ALgonquin 4-7854.

Registered as second class matter Oct. 22, 1947, at the post office of New York, N. Y., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
(Except Manhattan, Bronx, Canada and Foreign)
3 mos. \$3.00 1 year \$10.00
Daily Worker & The Worker \$4.75 \$9.00 \$14.00
Daily Worker Only 4.00 7.00 12.00
The Worker 1.50 2.50
(Manhattan and Bronx)
Daily Worker & The Worker \$5.25 \$9.00 \$14.00
Daily Worker Only 4.50 7.50 12.00
The Worker 1.50 2.50