

DAWES PLAN AT STAKE TODAY

Foster Scores Debs O. K. of LaFollette

WORKERS PARTY CAMPAIGN PLAN MEANS ACTION

Members Mobilized For Local, National Work

William Z. Foster, Workers Party candidate for President, leaves tonight for Detroit, after his mass meeting in Douglas Park Auditorium, So. Kedzie and Ogden Ave., for a swing around the east, with C. E. Ruthenberg, executive secretary, to speak to the Workers Party membership on the campaign policies of the party.

Foster's appearance tonight where he will speak on "Russia in 1924," is his first big meeting since the announcement of the candidacy of Foster and Benjamin Gitlow on the Communist platform and the withdrawal of the Workers Party from the Farmer-Labor Party campaign for president. Foster recently returned from Russia.

State and city candidates on the Workers Party ticket will immediately be put into the field. At a party conference of district 8 last night, the Communist standard bearers for Chicago and Illinois were to be selected.

Young Workers to Help.

Twenty-five states are expected to secure enough signers to the petitions which the Workers Party is preparing to put Communist electors on the ballots in these states.

The Young Workers' League is mobilizing behind the Workers Party presidential candidates. Max Salzman, in a statement issued in behalf of the Young Workers' League declares "It becomes the task of the Young Workers' League to give its utmost support to this struggle of the Workers (Communist) Party which enters the parliamentary campaign for the first time on a national scale. The Young Workers' League must help utilize this struggle, for the spreading of Communist propaganda, for the bringing of new members into the party, and for the strengthening of the Communist forces of the United States.

Gitlow Tour.

Mobilization of the speakers to aid in the campaign is progressing favorably. Ruthenberg announced yesterday. At least a dozen well-known Communist speakers will tour the country taking the Communist message to most of the states in the union. Benjamin Gitlow, candidate for vice-president, will start a Coast-to-Coast tour during August, when he will speak in every large industrial center of the country. Foster will speak at important mass meetings, and has already begun writing on the campaign for the various Workers Party publications.

Debs Deserts the Class Struggle

William Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president on the Workers Party ticket, has addressed a stinging rebuke to Eugene V. Debs, who has officially endorsed the independent candidacy of Senator LaFollette for the presidency. Foster's letter to Debs, in full, follows:

Chicago, July 15, 1924

EUGENE V. DEBS:—Your statement in support of La Follette, which appears today in the capitalist press, is an astounding document. In spite of the indications previously given that you would allow Hillquit to carry the socialist party into the camp of the Wisconsin senator, your complete capitulation to this petty-bourgeois reformer will come as a shock to thousands of workers, who look upon you as an enemy of the capitalist system.

But what will the workers, who have followed you for so many years in building up some semblance of independent political action, now think when you abandon it all and give your unqualified endorsement to the personal campaign of an individual who is not only NOT a Socialist, but is an avowed anti-socialist? What will they think when they see this personal candidacy, with your endorsement, destroying all the traces of independent political organization built up thru years of painful effort?

You seem to believe that La Follette will, in some unspecified future, help you to build a labor party. Did he give any signs of such intentions at Cleveland? Decidedly not! He did not allow the convention to write a word of his program, or to have a word to say as to candidates, not even the vice-presidential candidacy. He acted the part of an absolute dictator. He is pledged to align himself with old party politicians of both the capitalist parties. He dealt a death blow at the great rank and file labor party convention in St. Paul and already he is setting up his machinery in the various states to destroy and wipe out the budding labor parties that were being built, substituting therefore a parody of the old parties with lawyers, preachers, and professional politicians as his henchmen. Nowhere is the La Follette candidacy in the hands of "labor party" elements. Even in Minnesota his representative is the banker, Sinclair. You may rest assured that a real party of industrial workers and exploited farmers can be built only thru the La Follette active opposition.

When Hillquit was making his glowing eulogy of La Follette at Cleveland, as the one outstanding champion of the oppressed I that of you, and wondered what had become of the old war-horse who had fought for so long to break the ties with the capitalist parties that Hillquit was re-establishing. I wondered why the eulogy should go to a petty bourgeois politician, who has fought against socialism all his life, and that the working-class militants were forgotten in a supreme moment in the political life of the workers! Very few will be surprised at Hillquit. He is already well known! But that you should, without qualification, fall into step behind him comes as something of a shock.

You have occupied a position of leadership before the revolutionary workers of America, and thereby you have accepted responsibility toward these workers. Thousands of them will join me in saying, that this "golden opportunity" which you have embraced on the advice of Mr. Hillquit, is an opportunity only for the enemy of working class action on the political field. For the workers it stands as the "height of stupidity and folly and depth of desertion and betrayal" to ask them to abandon all their past efforts at independent action and to submit unconditionally to the whims of a political who is not, even yet, outside of the Republican Party of Calvin Coolidge, Charles G. Dawes, and J. P. Morgan.

The petty bourgeois united front is now complete from Hearst to Debs. The Socialist Party is liquidated, together with its last remnants of leadership, which were in your hands, and which you now voluntarily surrender to La Follette.—WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

DEBS GIVES IN TO BOURGEOIS UNITED FRONT

La Follette Hegemony Over Middle Class

Eugene V. Debs today completed his surrender to LaFollette in a statement issued thru the office of the Socialist Party. At the same time William Z. Foster made public a letter to Debs, in which he denounced the surrender to the most dangerous enemies of working class political action, and declared that Debs had surrendered the last remnants of leadership of the revolutionary forces of America by this action. Foster's letter is printed in full in another column.

Debs' statement, after declaring unqualifiedly for the support of LaFollette, goes on to explain:

"To yield to the weakness and cowardice of expediency has always been repugnant to my nature." But, he says, the situation is not an ordinary one. This time, expediency becomes a "golden opportunity," to refuse which would be "the height of stupidity and folly and the depth of desertion and betrayal."

The shades of Marx, Engels, and Liebknecht, are called upon to witness that, were they in Chicago today in the flesh, they would approve of LaFollette and his "independent candidacy." LaFollette is praised as a man who "all his life has stood up like a man for the right according to his light." The same thing, of course, might be said for thousands of exploiters and capitalists, and what this has to do with the class struggle and the principles of Marx is not explained. Debs asserts with great emphasis, however, that "we need not blush or apologize to give our support to Robert M. LaFollette."

"Like Job's noble war-steed we smell the battle from afar," says Debs. "We stand for the peace and freedom and happiness of all humanity and our cause is certain to triumph in the end. Forward, comrades, with the courage of conquerors to the land of light and the new civilization."

LaFollette is going to do all that for the workers, according to Debs, while the class struggle, the break with capitalist parties, the principles of socialism as expressed in the demands for nationalization of all basic industries as against LaFollette's "back to 1776" slogans, are all ignored. Only the shade of Marx enters, when Debs calls upon the ghost of the Father of Communism to bless the death-bed of the Socialist Party of America.

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"RED RUSSIA IN 1924" BY WILLIAM Z. FOSTER IN THE DAILY WORKER

Here is an important announcement.

The DAILY WORKER has secured the serial rights for "Russia in 1924," by William Z. Foster, who recently returned to this country from the First Workers' Republic.

This is the stenographic report of the lecture that Foster delivers tonight at Douglas Park Auditorium, Ogden and Kedzie Aves., in his first appearance with the latest story from Soviet Russia.

Is there a more gripping and vivid story in the world than that of how the Russian working class has mastered the problems of taking and holding one-sixth of the earth's surface?

William Z. Foster went to Russia in 1921, and upon his return he told the story up to that date, in his book, "The Russian Revolution," which sold in thousands of copies, proving the most popular book on Russia published in this country.

Now Foster has visited the country of proletarian rule again, after three years, and the story of what has been accomplished in that time, in solving the problems that still faced Russia in 1921, is told in his new pamphlet, which is the report of a speech delivered in Chicago, July 16.

In 1921 the Russian workers had solved the fundamental problems of establishing a government and protecting it from military assaults. The problem of industry remained staring them in the face. Foster says:

"Everything depended upon the solution of this central problem of reviving the economic life. The general problem manifested itself as a multitude of specific problems, all of which had to be solved at least in part before industry and agriculture could be revived. A few of the more important of these subsidiary problems were the breaking of the economic and political blockade which was strangling Russia, the establishment of a stable currency in place of the debased rouble, which was making all real accounting systems impossible, the development of a state budget and the balancing of it, the utilization of the dangerous experiment of the New Economic Policy for revolutionary ends, the stoppage of the so-called declassing of the proletariat thru the hungry factory workers scattering out upon the land, the abolition of sabotage by the supporters of the capitalist regime, the establishment of a new and effective system of proletarian industrial discipline in place of the old slave-driving methods that the workers had suffered under from time immemorial."

Foster tells how the Russian workers, under the leadership of the Russian Communist Party, met and solved these problems... It is the most interesting story in human history.

BEGINNING TOMORROW, "RUSSIA IN 1924" will run serially in the DAILY WORKER, after which it will be available as a pamphlet for still wider circulation and permanent form. Read it in the DAILY WORKER, pass it on to your

FRENCH NATIONALISM PERILS INTERNATIONAL BANKERS, PLAN FOR UNITED CAPITALIST FRONT

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, July 15.—Dangers to the Dawes plan for internationalizing the exploitation of Germany are coming to the front as the inter-allied conference, with its 150 delegates from 10 nations, begins its sessions today.

The danger appears with the declaration of Premier Herriot of France, that his nation will not surrender the right to occupy portions of Germany whenever she sees fit.

The inter-allied conference will try hard to iron out this willfulness of the French. Leaders, such as Ramsay MacDonald, say the anti-soviet nations of Europe, must unite. They are warning France that the only refuge against the revolutionary Third Communist International is unity on the basis of the Dawes plan and the League of Nations. They wish exploited Germany brought into this coalition movement as a junior partner. They point out that Germany must be saved from utter ruin and consequent revolution, which would overwhelm Europe.

Urge United Capitalist Front.

Herriot's attitude is a sharp disappointment to MacDonald, Owen D. Young of the Dawes commission and the other forces working in line with the international financiers. The Frenchman is regarded as a deserter to the cause. It is felt that he is surrendering to certain local French capitalist interests which look with a cold eye on the far-sighted international program of the big bankers. But they intend to swing him into line.

Common agreement for the enforcement of the Dawes plan is the basic purpose of the inter-allied conference. This program requires a united front of the big allied powers. It calls for huge loans to Germany by the House of Morgan and associated banking interests, these loans to be secured by mortgages on German railroads. And behind all this must be the united front of the allied powers who will have to collect by force whenever Germany defaults—should she default thru internal political changes.

Fighting Over the Loot.

France will receive reparations rations under the Dawes plan. These reparations rations will be smaller than the payments her extremists wanted, but they are as large as Germany can pay without becoming insolvent and endangering her tribute to the international money lenders.

The extreme French nationalists are opposed to the present terms of the Dawes plan for two main reasons: they think they can squeeze more from Germany by playing a loose hand thru their occupation measures and they are opposed to the Dawes plan idea of rehabilitating German industries to such an extent that they will seriously compete with French industries.

The fact that American finance is already heavily interested in German industry and that the Dawes plan mortgage loans will still further increase American financial control of German industries angers this extreme nationalist group of Frenchmen. They see nothing for them in this phase of the Dawes plan.

Morgan Man Is Big Noise.

Owen D. Young, unofficial American advisor at the inter-allied conference, has the task of convincing Herriot.

RADEK REPLIES TO ZINOVIEV AT SIXTH SESSION

Discusses Slogan of the Workers' Government

Editor's Note—Today's story from our Moscow correspondent reports the continuation of the discussion on the United Front tactic of the Comintern and its application in the German situation. As Karl Radek came in for severe criticism as a result of his conduct of the party maneuver during the October crisis in Germany, his speech in defense of his policy, which is substantially given here, should prove of unusual interest.

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

MOSCOW, June 21.—(By Mail.)—After the opening of the sixth session on June 21 Rossi (of Italy) declares in the name of the Bordiga group that attacks on the leftist mistakes of Bordiga are unjust. Bordiga is not preaching sectionalism, he is fighting opportunistic interpretations of mass parties. Bordiga is propagating no idealistic Neitschean views in the realm of philosophy. The United Front policy became subject to opportunistic interpretations.

The Bordiga group accepts the United Front tactic from below in the industrial field, but challenges it in the political field. If "workers' government" is only a synonym for "prole-