

FOSTER EXPOSES LA FOLLETTE IN ELECTION DEALS

Talks on Unemployment and New War Threats

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NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 20.—William Z. Foster, noted strike leader and Communist candidate for president of the United States on the Workers Party ticket, in his speech delivered at New Star Casino here, was drastic in his criticism not alone of Coolidge and Davis, but particularly of Robert M. LaFollette.

Foster emphasized the coming unemployment crisis and the threat of a new war.

Unscrupulous Political Trader.

He said: "Robert M. LaFollette, the man who is being hailed as a Messiah by liberals, professional labor leaders, and many misguided workers in the present campaign, is guilty of the most unscrupulous political trading ever witnessed in American politics.

"Here in New York he is entering into a deal with Al Smith, the Tammany candidate, with the socialist party in apparent agreement. LaFollette is to hand over the progressive and socialist votes to Smith, and in return Smith will knife Davis and throw his Tammany following to the Wisconsin senator.

"LaFollette is posing as a martyr in California because there the supreme court, influenced by the Coolidge machine, refused to allow his electors to go on the ballot. Yet a few days ago LaFollette agents, Attorney General Ekern (to whom he wrote the famous letter denouncing the Communists in the St. Paul convention) and Secretary of State Fred R. Zimmerman, tried to pull the same stunt on the Workers Party presidential candidate in Wisconsin. It was only due to the aggressive action of the Workers Party and the wide publicity which it developed that forced LaFollette's agents out of their untenable position and put the Communist candidates on the Wisconsin ballot.

Last Reserve of Capitalism.

"LaFollette is the last reserve of capitalism, and he is performing the same historical function that MacDonald performs in England and Herriot in France. The LaFollette

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illusion is the greatest obstacle to the development of the working class and its struggles."

Speaking of unemployment, Foster said: "I have come clear across the entire continent from the Pacific coast. I have spoken to audiences of workers everywhere. I am shocked at the widespread misery and unemployment existing generally. More than half of the coal diggers of Illinois, where I had three meetings, are completely out of work. The rest are working but a few days a week. I have just come here from New England and there thousands of textile workers are unemployed and their families living in misery and suffering. These unemployment crises are, under capitalism, a curse of the workers' life. We want to stop this inevitable unemployment of capitalist society. It is only by taking the governmental power into our own hands, by establishing a workers' and farmers' government, and abolishing the capitalist system and ownership of industry, that unemployment can be finally ended."

But Prepare for War.

On the subject of war, Foster had this to say: "The capitalist governments talk peace in order to cover up their preparations for war. Did you notice the volume of peace talk produced by the capitalist statesmen within the last two months? In Geneva, at the sessions of the assembly of the League of Nations, they talked peace.

"In their parliaments they swore by peace, and the angel of peace was seen hovering over every governmental office of Europe and America. They indulged in an orgy of peace. It is the same kind of peace which existed in 1914, just before the outbreak of

the world war. It is the false peace of the capitalists to hide their nefarious war measures.

Join the Workers Party!

"England and Turkey are at each other's throat over the oil fields of Mosul. The United States and Japan are fighting each other for power in China with the aid of Chinese mercenaries. England and the United States are quickly mobilizing their forces in preparation for a coming showdown, while France and England are simply maneuvering for position as a first step towards new conflicts.

"We must not delude ourselves about the ability of the workers to prevent new wars, as long as capitalism remains in power. The only way to fight war is to fight against capitalist rule, for the workers to seize political power and to establish a workers' and farmers' government in the United States as well as in every other country. This can only be accomplished by the building of a strong mass Communist Party." Foster concluded with an appeal to join the Workers Party, American Section of the Communist International.

Foster Dates

SCRANTON, PA.—Labor Temple, 125 Franklin Ave., Wednesday, Oct. 22, 8 p. m.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Hermansons Hall, 158 Crown St., Thursday, Oct. 23, 8 p. m.

HARTFORD, CONN.—Unity Hall, 62 Pratt St., Friday, Oct. 24, 8 p. m.

WORCESTER, MASS.—Belmont Hall, 54 Belmont St., Saturday, Oct. 25, 8 p. m.

BOSTON, MASS.—Scenic Auditorium, Berkley and Tremont Sts., Sunday, Oct. 26, 2 p. m.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Arcade Hall, 14th St. and Park Road, N. W., Monday, Oct. 27, 8 p. m.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Hazazars Hall, 111 West Franklyn St., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 8 p. m.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Carnegie Music Hall, cor. Ohio and Federal St., N. S., Wednesday, Oct. 29, 8 p. m.