

Foster Charges Wide Denial of Votes to Unemployed and Negroes; Bosses Fear Rising Revolutionary Mood of Toilers

CITES THE PENNSYLVANIA POLL TAX AND BANS PUT ON NEGROES IN ELECTIONS

Calls for Protest Actions and Fight for Rights Emphasizes the Right of Self-Determination For the Black Belt

"Millions of the most exploited workers and farmers are systematically disfranchised, deprived of the right to vote in the coming elections," declared William Z. Foster, presidential candidate of the Communist Party in an interview given from his home here yesterday, where he is recovering from a serious illness. "News of the registration in Pennsylvania just completed disclosing that in that state alone 500,000 voters have been cut off the list for inability to pay poll tax. These are primarily the unemployed workers and bankrupt farmers, who cannot even provide their children with a crust of bread, not to speak of paying cash for the right to vote. Millions of unemployed, driven from their homes, are deprived of voting rights by all kinds of special residential qualifications.

"A whole nation, the Negro people, are disfranchised in the South, in open and flagrant violation of the supposed 'sacred' fundamental law, the Constitution, by all sorts of legal fakery as well as by cynical violence, Ku Klux Klanism, and lynching.

Expose American Democracy
"Precisely those sections of the population," continued the Communist candidate, "most oppressed and exploited, who suffer most from the crisis, who most demand measures of relief, who are turning to the Communist Party in largest numbers—these are deprived of even the opportunity of registering their political convictions in the November elections.

"Therefore, it would be foolish for the Communist Party to tell these disfranchised and starving millions that they can find a way out of the crisis through the elections, through the machinery of the so-called 'American democracy.'

"The American democracy is false, rotten, thoroughly corrupt; it is the thinnest of masks to cover the most brutal, relentless capitalist dictatorship in the world.

"The Communist Party participates to the fullest possible extent in the elections. We know that, even though only a small fraction of our mass support can be registered in votes, yet this fraction is the only force in the elections which represent the resistance of the masses to the capitalist starvation program; it is the Communist vote alone which can serve to win concessions from the capital-

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ARREST LEADER OF CHINESE PARTY

Chen, Seized by Foreign Police

SHANGHAI, Oct. 17.—Imperial police in the International Settlement yesterday arrested Chen Tuh-siu, alleged Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, and six other revolutionary workers in a series of raids on the headquarters of workers' organizations. Chen was arrested on warrants issued by the Nanking butcher government. He will be turned over to these imperialist lackeys and hangmen of the Chinese masses.

Together with the six other working class leaders seized, Chen is facing summary execution unless the workers of the whole world immediately thunder their angry protests against the White Terror which is raging in Kuomintang China fostered by the imperialist powers and their Nanking tools.

The arrest of Chen by the imperialist police, following similar action in regard to Paul and Gertrude Rueggis who were recently sentenced to life imprisonment by the Nanking courts, affords a vivid exposure of the role of the imperialists in directing and supporting Nanking's murderous onslaught on the revolutionary Chinese workers. It must be answered by thunderous protests of the masses in every imperialist country!

4 DIE IN FIRE

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Oct. 17.—Four children were burned to death early this morning in a fire which destroyed their home near Volant, about 15 miles north of New Castle.

Demonstration for Release of Negro Worker



Part of crowd of thousands of workers demonstrating at home of Magistrate Aurelio in New York, who sentenced Sam Brown, Negro workers' leader, to six months. Police attacked the demonstrators, who fought back. Scores were injured, including some police, and 22 were arrested.

Why Is Gen. MacArthur In Europe?

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, who distinguished himself by driving the veterans out of Washington with bayonets and tear gas, is traveling through all the Border States on the Western frontier of the Soviet Union, and is now in Rumania.

WHY?

"The Bohemia", Prague, Czechoslovakia, daily, recently discussed MacArthur's trip and admitted the true motive for his European trip.

"The commander-in-chief of the United States Army can learn all there is to know on the Dniester front (Roumanian-Soviet boundary), thus fulfilling the orders he got from Washington: to study the conditions in the border states around Russia in order to provide the basis for the establishment of an anti-Soviet front in Europe by America. For it is no longer a secret that this is why MacArthur was sent to the Continent.

"The American Chief of Staff came at the right time to get information on the possibility for setting up an anti-Soviet front . . . The United States is the only great power that has not made diplomatic peace with Moscow, and Washington realizes that an eventual rapprochement between Russia and Japan would endanger American interests in the Far East enormously. A joint front of the Border States (Finland, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czechoslovakia,

"PRAVDA," SOVIET DAILY, REPLIES TO HOOVER'S SPEECH IN CLEVELAND

Says Hoover's Demagogic Arsenal Becoming Exhausted; Now Forced to Revive Anti-Soviet Slander Campaign

PATTERSON WILL BE ON BALLOT

"Sun" Hints Hillquit May Be Only One

NEW YORK.—The capitalist press in New York City is deliberately trying to suppress the fact that the Communist Party has placed William L. Patterson on the ballot as its candidate for Mayor of New York City, it was charged today by the New York State United Front Communist Election Campaign Committee.

In an early edition of the New York Sun yesterday it was stated that if Supreme Court Justice Albert Cohen allows a claim made by a Mrs. Katherine Rogers, the Board of Elections would have to strike the names of the Republican and Democratic nominees from the ballot, leaving Morris Hillquit, the Socialist, as the only candidate on the ballot for Mayor. Mrs. Rogers' claim is that the names of the Republican and Democratic candidates were filed after the time limit set by the law had elapsed.

"Mrs. Rogers' suit does not affect the candidacy of William L. Patterson, and the editor of the Sun knows it," the United Front Election Committee stated yesterday. "The Sun deliberately stated that Morris Hillquit would be the only candidate left on the ballot, so as to make its worker-readers believe they will not be able to vote for William L. Patterson, Communist candidate, whose name was filed in time and whose petition was signed by more than the required number of names. William L. Patterson is on the ballot and workers should vote for him for Mayor of New York City on Nov. 8."

Belfast Workers Win More Relief

Report Shipyard Strikers Returned to Work

Workers striking in Belfast returned to work yesterday, according to a capitalist press dispatch inform-

No Handouts for Him



HERBERT (HUNGER) HOOVER

HOOVER CALLS ON WORKERS TO PAY

Speech Urges Charity, Not Relief

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Deliberately dodging the issue of federal unemployment insurance and immediate relief, President Hoover, carrying out Wall Street's policy of making the workers pay for the crisis, last night called on every community to toss a few bones of charity to the 16,000,000 starving unemployed and their families.

Hoover's appeal, similar to many he had made before, was contained in a speech broadcast from the White House. Short talks along the same lines were also made by the democrat, Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war, showing how completely united the two chief boss parties are on their "relief" programs, and by Walter S. Gifford, president of the viciously anti-labor American Telephone and Telegraph Company, who was chairman of Hoover's organization for unemployment relief.

In the face of the fact that in every city of the country the most miserable and inadequate relief has been handed out by official relief bodies and private charities, Hoover declared that this "is the only way to meet it (mass starvation—Ed.) effectively—in the neighborhood itself, where the need is known." The Hun-

CRISIS IS DUE TO HOOVER'S SYSTEM

"Soviet Dumping" Is Red Herring

The following cabled story from Moscow is the Soviet reaction to Hoover's speech made in Cleveland last Saturday evening. In his speech, he demagogically repeated the battle-cry of the Republican Party that the crisis is not due to the system which they maintain. He declared that what critics of his administration ignore is "the effect upon us of the revolution among 300,000,000 people in China or the agitations among 300,000,000 people in India or the Bolshevik revolution among 160,000,000 people in Russia. They have ignored the effect of Russia's dumping into the world commodities taken from its necessitous people in a desperate effort to secure money with which to carry on—shall I call it—a new deal.

"The democratic leaders apparently have never heard that there has been a gigantic overproduction of rubber in the Indies, of Sugar in Cuba, of coffee in Brazil, of cocoa in Ecuador, of copper in the Congo, of lead in Burma, overproduction of zinc in Australia, overproduction of oil from new discoveries in the U. S., Russia, Sumatra, and Venezuela; and likewise the effect of the introduction into the world of gigantic areas of new wheatlands in the Argentine and in Canada; new cotton lands in Egypt

"In each and every case these enormous overproductions, far beyond consumption even in boom times, have crashed into the immutable law of supply and demand and brought inevitable collapse in prices and with it a train of bankruptcies and destruction of buying power for American goods."

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MOSCOW, Oct. 17 (By Cable) — In commenting on Hoover's election campaign speech in Cleveland, "Pravda" writes as follows: "In his responsible pre-election speech, the United States president followed the accustomed road used by Fish and Company.

"The American president is naturally placed in a difficult position. We know that Mr. Hoover carries on

FOSTER SCORES VOTE BANS

Demands Rights for Workers

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ists. Only the fear of an aroused working class, that is beginning to fight under revolutionary leadership, can wring concessions from the capitalists."

"Do the capitalists fear any other party except the Communist Party?" he was asked.

"The facts show that they do not," was Foster's reply.

"The Socialist Party is attempting to gather up the masses who are deserting the two old parties, by vague promises of 'socialism.' It holds forth this rotten and degenerated 'American democracy' as the instrument for changing the capitalist system, painlessly and without struggle. But the lie is given to all their promises by the simple facts, that it is precisely the capitalist class, through its newspapers, radios and churches, which is building up the Socialist Party. The capitalist class is not afraid of the Socialist Party. In Los Angeles, where both myself and Comrade Ford were arrested and our meetings broken up, Mr. Norman Thomas was ceremoniously given the protection of the same police force of the infamous Hynes 'Red Squad' whose hands are stained with the blood of hundreds of workers.

"The Communist Party raises the question of the disfranchisement of workers and of the Negroes," Foster said, "as one of the main issues before the American masses. The Communist Party fights to abolish all poll-taxes, property and educational qualifications, residential restrictions, and so forth, which disfranchise millions of workers.

"Especially the Communist Party fights for the right to vote of all Negroes, before all in the South and in the Black Belt, where they are the majority. Our demand for self-determination for the Black Belt provides the only possible means whereby the civil rights of the Negroes can be really guaranteed.

"In addition to voting in the elections on Nov. 8 for the Communist Party platform and candidates," concluded Foster, "the masses in much larger numbers can vote directly in their own organizations, to send their representatives to Washington in December to formulate their demands and lay them on the tables of the Congress of the Rich. That is the meaning of the mass delegations of farmers, who are organizing themselves to go to Washington. That is the meaning of the veterans' Bonus March which is returning to the capitol in December. And that is the meaning of the mass delegations of the Unemployed Councils, which will lead the Hunger March to Washington soon after the elections.