

Foster Challenges Cox to Defend Program of His "Jobless Party"

States Communist Party Program in This Election Is Only Solution for Jobless

Demands Cox Declare Himself on Insurance and Allegheny County Hunger March

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 25.—William Z. Foster, Communist nominee for President of the United States, has challenged James R. Cox, the Catholic priest who heads the Blue Shirts and has just had himself nominated for President on his "Jobless Party" ticket, to a debate. Foster challenges him to defend his "Jobless Party" program before the workers of Pittsburgh.

Foster proposes the subject of the debate will be:

"Resolved, that the Program of the Communist Party in this election presents the only solution to the problems of the unemployed and part time workers."

Foster says in his letter to Cox: "I challenge you to debate on the merits of the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill and to state your position on the August 31 Hunger March of the Unemployed Councils," in Pittsburgh.

The letter of the Communist candidate says also:

Unemployment Is Issue

"The Communist Party in its Election Campaign has made clear to the workers that unemployment is the

angry than ever. They went to Franklin county, absolutely unarmed, to exercise the right to picket. They have been shot at with everything from machine guns to shot guns and pistols and clubbed and slugged in the bargain. They have been menaced with death both by deputized operator's gunmen and by Governor Emerson's state troopers.

All La Salle Mines Shut.

PERU, Ill., Aug 26. — Pickets have closed down all the mines in La Salle county. Strikers from all over the northern coal field marched on them yesterday.

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"Thousands in this district have lost their homes, are being evicted and are dying of starvation.

Communist Solution

"In the face of this crisis, the Communist Party puts forward as the only solution for the working class, the demand for Unemployment and Social Insurance at the expense of the State and employers, which is the central demand of the Communist Platform in the Election Campaign. The demand for which we have struggled before the National, state and local governments, and rallied the workers, organized them for mass struggle. The bosses hold out to the workers misery and hunger—death—starvation and war!

Cox Doesn't Help Jobless

"While the county government of Allegheny County and the State of Pennsylvania admits its bankruptcy and gives relief to a maximum of sixteen thousand families of Allegheny County, out of a total of 250 thousand unemployed, you, as the head of the Jobless Party which you are now forming, and its candidate for president, have consistently refused to go before either the State, county or local governments to demand relief for the starving unemployed.

"Instead, you have attacked the



"Father" Cox giving the same salute that Mussolini gets. The Blue Shirt uniform and the salute are borrowed from the bloody fascist movements of Europe.

Communist Party while it is carrying on the struggle for unemployment insurance, you have openly stated that you are trying to prevent the workers from becoming militant and revolutionary. In other words, with general talk about "jobs for the jobless," you are trying to prevent the organization of the workers into the Unemployed Councils.

"You are trying to prevent a real struggle for relief, even though in this struggle led by the Unemployed Councils and Communist Party, millions of dollars of relief have been won by the workers in every large city in the country. The Unemployed Councils here in Pittsburgh, supported by the Communist Party, are in their Allegheny County Hunger March on August 31, again going before the County Commission to fight for more relief.

Cox Cuts Standards

"As the candidate for president of the Communist Party, I challenge you with deliberately preventing the workers from securing relief from the city and county governments of Allegheny County and with cutting down the amount of relief they obtain."

Foster's letter suggests Sept. 21, the date when he will be speaking in Pittsburgh on his national tour, as the time of the debate, and leaves arrangements of hall, etc., up to a joint comr