

Facts For Communists

The Foster-Lore Alliance and the Communist International

Article II.

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IN our first article on the Foster-Lore alliance we tabulated the number of votes cast for and measures proposed in behalf of Lore by the Foster-Cannon group. In this article we tabulated the consistent voting of Lore for measures proposed in the central executive committee by the Foster-Cannon group and against proposals and policies of the Ruthenberg group.

The Foster-Cannon group is now throwing about such epithets as "social-democrat" and "right wing opportunists." The Comintern has branded Lore and his followers as a social-democrat group. It is interesting to note that Foster and Cannon are not calling social-democratic and opportunists that group in the party which has been labeled as such by the Communist International. On the contrary the voting records of the central executive committee show that those who are now so lavish in evading a discussion of the fundamental issues thru hiding behind a smoke screen of this sort, have been and still are, despite empty pre-convention talk, in an organic alliance with the social-democratic and opportunist section of our party.

II. Lore (Two-and-a-Half International tendency) votes for measures proposed by Foster-Cannon group and against Ruthenberg-Pepper policies.

Date.

No. 1—January 3, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

American delegation to Communist International.

Vote.

Lore votes for Foster slate.

Date.

No. 2—February 16, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Foster—Thesis regarding party farmer-labor party policy towards proposed May 30 convention refusing to pledge party to go ahead with this convention despite opposition of some "progressive" leaders frightened by LaFollette.

Vote.

Lore votes for Foster motion.

Date.

No. 3—February 16, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Pepper—Proposal to have Lore go to Communist International and defend his case.

Vote.

Lore votes with Foster group against this motion.

Date.

No. 4—February 16, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Election of new party chairman.

Vote.

Lore votes for Foster.

Date.

No. 5—February 16, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Election of acting executive secretary in absence of Ruthenberg.

Vote.

Lore votes for Bittelman and against Bedacht.

Date.

No. 6—February 16, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Cannon—Motion to make Dunne joint editor with Engdahl.

Vote.

Lore votes for Cannon motion.

Date.

No. 7—February 16, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Bittelman—Motion to table Pepper motion expressing confidence in Gitlow and continuing Freiheit as organ of central executive committee.

Vote.

Lore votes for Bittelman-Foster proposal.

Date.

No. 8—February 16, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Pepper—Plan for unemployment campaign.

Vote.

Lore votes for Foster group propaganda proposal and votes with majority to refer the whole question to political committee.

Date.

No. 9—March 18, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Pepper—Motion to make unemployment a major party issue.

Vote.

Lore votes for Browder propaganda thesis.

Date.

No. 10—March 18, 1924. Central

Executive Committee.

Little, if any, results from them. Our party's past experiences should prove this even to those who have so far been unable to think beyond farmer-laborism.

Up with Communism by building the Workers Party to a mass Communist Party!

Down with farmer-laborism (revisionism) by defeating the sloganites for a mass-class farmer labor party!

Executive Committee.

Motion.

Cannon—Motion to have London ("Loreite") be sent as delegate to Berlin conference.

Vote.

Lore votes for Cannon motion.

Date.

No. 11—March 18, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Pepper—Motion to refer this question back to proper department for further consideration.

Vote.

Lore votes with majority to defeat motion.

Date.

No. 12—March 18, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Pepper—Motion to disapprove Cannon's conduct at Jewish convention.

Vote.

Lore votes with Foster majority to defeat this motion.

Date.

No. 13—March 18, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Foster—Motion to have Johnstone be acting secretary of Trade Union Educational League. Amendment by Pepper to have Gitlow.

Vote.

Lore votes for Foster motion.

Date.

No. 14—March 18, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Pepper—Motion to add Engdahl to political committee.

Vote.

Lore votes with Foster to defeat this motion.

Date.

No. 15—March 18, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Pepper—Motion to add Lovestone to organization committee.

Vote.

Lore votes with Foster to defeat this motion.

Date.

No. 16—March 18, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Cannon—Motion to make Bittelman editor of magazine section of DAILY WORKER. (Up to this time Lovestone had been editor.)

Vote.

Lore votes for Cannon motion.

Date.

No. 17—March 18, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Foster—Substitute for Ruthenberg motion to change name of party to Communist Party. Foster proposes to seek advice of Communist International.

Vote.

Lore votes for Foster motion.

Date.

No. 18—May 2, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Bittelman—Series of motions as against Ruthenberg proposals regarding national and state labor party policies.

Vote.

Lore votes for Bittelman.

Date.

No. 19—May 2, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Cannon—Motion to have subcommittee examine Brom documents.

Lovestone—Amendment—To consider case closed in view of no new evidence warranting reopening.

Vote.

Lore votes for Cannon.

Date.

No. 20—May 2, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Ruthenberg—Motion to publish statement of District 3 regarding central executive committee declaration on factionalism.

Vote.

Lore votes with Foster majority to defeat Ruthenberg motion.

Date.

No. 21—May 3, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Election of DAILY WORKER management committee.

Vote.

Lore votes with Foster group to defeat Engdahl.

Date.

No. 22—May 3, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Ruthenberg—Motion to have temporary Red Aid section for propaganda purposes.

Vote.

Lore votes no with Foster group.

Date.

No. 23—May 3, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Bittelman—Motion to defer action on Philippine program proposed by Lovestone by referring same to political committee.

Vote.

Lore votes for Bittelman motion.

Date.

No. 24—May 3, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

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Executive Committee.

Motion.

Cannon—Motion to instruct Lovestone to send his Pan-American report and material to Comintern delegates and that no delegates be sent to Communist International.

Vote.

Lore votes for Cannon motion.

Date.

No. 25—June 8, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Sub-committee report on party presidential candidate for probable St. Paul nomination.

Lovestone—Amendment for Ruthenberg.

Vote.

Lore votes for Foster.

Date.

No. 26—June 8, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Cannon—That Dunne be chairman of American delegation to Communist International Congress.

Vote.

Lore votes for Cannon motion.

Date.

No. 27—June 8, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Browder—That Aronberg be given credential as delegate to Communist International Congress.

Vote.

Lore votes for Browder motion.

Date.

No. 28—October 11, 1924. Central Executive Committee.

Motion.

Bittelman—Series of motions regarding woman's work.

Ruthenberg—Amendment—Series of motions differing from Bittelman proposals and providing for continuation of existing proletarian women's organizations as one of mediums through which party work in this field is to be continued.

Vote.

Lore votes for Bittelman motion.

Date.

No. 29—November 6, 1924. Polcom.

Motion.

Browder-Foster-Cannon election statement proposed in which farmer-labor party slogan and campaign are ordered dropped.

Ruthenberg proposes minority election statement to continue use of slogan and united front farmer-labor movement tactics.

Vote.

Lore votes for majority election statement as against the minority statement submitted by Ruthenberg.

Recapitulation.

Total number of times Lore (Two-and-a-Half International tendency) voted for measures and policies proposed by Foster-Cannon group against measures and policies proposed by Ruthenberg-Pepper group is 23.

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