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# **Kidnap Foster in Colorado!**

## **Secretary of the Trade Union Educational League Driven from Rockefeller-Owned State as “Undesirable.”**

### **“No Law Was Consulted,” Is Cossack Declaration of Adjutant General who Planned Attack on Militant Labor Leader.**

Unsigned reportage in *The Worker* [New York], v. 5, whole no. 236 (Aug. 19, 1922), pg. 1.

Samuel Gompers, and his reactionary machine in control of the American Federation of Labor, is now receiving hurry-up support from the militarists and junkers of Colorado, and probably other western states, in his war upon the Trade Union Educational League and its secretary, William Z. Foster, also editor of the League's official organ, *The Labor Herald*.

This is the big interpretation to be placed on the kidnapping and forcible ejection of Foster from Colorado on Monday night, August 7, by so-called “State Rangers,” the legalized Cossacks of this Rockefeller-owned and controlled state.

“No law was consulted,” was the brutal declaration of Adjutant General Hamrock, who insisted that “it was for the best interests of the state” that “this dangerous radical” be ousted.

This is the state of the Rockefeller Colorado Coal and Iron Co., of Ludlow and Cripple Creek, of the kidnapping of Moyer, Pettibone, and Haywood, rushed to Idaho to face framed-up charges for murder, of which a jury declared them innocent.

Foster was kidnapped at his hotel in Denver, shortly after his arrival from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he had spoken on his return trip from the Pacific Coast. He was taken in an automobile and rushed to the Kansas state line, according to Adjutant General Hamrock.

Foster's baggage was confiscated in the hunt for “radical” literature. The “law and order” Hamrock, in speaking of Foster, said, “We have characterized him as an undesirable in Colorado, and we decided to have him keep right on going without any stop in Denver.”

All efforts to get a statement from Foster by telegraph had been futile up to the hour of going to press.

It is reported, however, that he spoke at a meeting held at Alliance, Neb., on Tuesday night, and that he was on his way to Lincoln, Nebraska's state capital, where Sheriff Ira Miller announced that Foster will be intercepted and “investigated.” At the same time Governor McKelvie was said to be taking a hand in the situation.

State authorities were ordered by Gov. McKelvie to attend addresses Foster may deliver in Nebraska with a view to determining if they violate any laws.

“Foster will not be molested previous to making addresses, but his utterances will be under close surveillance of proper officials,” the governor stated.

“We will not be influenced here by the attitude of Colorado authorities, but will be governed solely by our interpretation of the laws of this state relative to free speech.”

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