

# Attempted Assassination of Foster Fails in Reactionary War on T. U. E. L. Militants

(By Wire to "The Worker")

CHICAGO.—Attempted assassination of William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, is the latest development in the attack of the yellow official bureaucracy of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union upon its progressive membership.

But the three murderous bullets, pumped from an automatic by one member of a group of hired gunmen who invaded the monster protest meeting of garment workers in Carmen's Hall, here, all flew wild of their mark.

The mark was Foster, who had just been presented amid a great demonstration, as the speaker of the evening, and was launching into an explanation of the present attack by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union against the militants in the union, which has already resulted here in the expulsion of seven of the most active and able members of the Chicago organization.

Foster replied to the charges brought against the T. U. E. L. by Vice President Meyer Perlestein, of New York, now stationed at Chicago, to do the dirty work of the Sigman administration. Foster said:

"If Perlestein declares that the Trade Union Educational League is a dual union, he is a liar, and he knows it."

Perlestein was not there to back up his charges. Instead three shots were fired in rapid succession, by the gunman who had suddenly appeared with others at a side entrance. In the tumult that ensued the gunmen made their escape as rapidly as they had made their appearance.

The militant spokesman, Foster, who had been deported from Colorado and Wyoming, who had been arrested, indicted and placed on trial in Michigan during the past year, was perhaps the coolest individual during the commotion into which the meeting was thrown.

Due to Foster's composure, and to the fact that he continued immediately with his speech, the audience regained its composure, and a panic was thus prevented. Foster delivered the remainder of his speech, and was listened to without further interruption.

A great part of the audience was made up of women garment workers who had joined hands with the men in the industry to protest against the expulsion of T. U. E. L. members from the union, on the charge that the T. U. E. L. is a dual organization.

The shooting was the crowning act of a long series of attempts to disrupt the meeting. It was evident from the beginning of the demonstration, attended by thousands who had come to the Carmen's Hall thru a driving rainstorm, that a full crew of sluggers were present to harrass and break up the gathering. These rowdies created disturbances that in-

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terfered with the meeting. When Jan Marek began an address in Polish, a special effort was made to break up the proceedings. But it failed. Then Foster was introduced and received an enormous ovation.

He had spoken but a few minutes when the shooting took place.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the seven expelled members of the union. These were Dora Lifshitz, Israel Davidson, J. Goldman, A. Kanovsky, Jenny Schwartz,