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FOSTER IN PLAIN TALK TO DEBS

Workers Bear Murder Trial Cost

KILLER'S FATHER SWEATING GIRLS IN BOX FACTORY

Leopold's Exploitation of Toilers Is Bared

By KARL REEVE. (Special to the DAILY WORKER) MORRIS, Ill., July 30.—While high-priced alienists, backed by costly lawyers, were attempting to save the neck of Nathan Leopold, junior, the money which is being poured out by Leopold, senior, is being extracted from the blood of young workers here in the Morris Paper Box factory, owned by Nathan Leopold, senior.

Young girls work at break-neck speed for three and a half dollars a day, over dangerous, huge machines. The inside of the factory is heaped high with boxes for the Loosewiles Biscuit company, Mandel Brothers, Marshall Fields, Ingels Clothing company, Swifts Meat company and other large scab concerns.

Prison Goods. A large order of shirt boxes for the Black Beauty Shirt company, which is the Reliance prison manufacturing trust, now awaits shipment. Family men make three dollars and seventy-five cents a day; young men at the same work get much less and are speeded up to the limit.

Ten days ago the entire candy department of the Morris Paper Mills company went on strike after two reductions in pay. The first reduction was from thirty-five cents to thirty cents per one thousand boxes. The strike of the twenty men lasted two days when they were forced to accept a further reduction. On returning they accepted the ruling that double rate would count only on all boxes above ten thousand instead of double rate for above nine thousand that previously prevailed.

Slayer Visited Slave Pen. The five hundred young men and girls in the box department are forced to work ten hours a day with only a half hour for lunch and receiving only an average of eighteen dollars per week. Many accidents occur, the girls smashing their fingers in the stitching and cutting machines. The paper factory where paper is made is dangerous and hot work. Leopold, senior, has been here on tours of inspection of plant, sometimes bringing Leopold junior.

Probe Crimes of Leopold, Sr. Karl Reeve, staff writer for the DAILY WORKER, has been sent to Morris, Ill., to probe the conditions of (Continued on page 3.)

PARIS BOWS TO MORGAN



WAKE UP!

Drawn especially for the Daily Worker by K. A. Suvanto.

MUSSOLINI CAN DO NO WRONG, FASCISTS SHOUT

ROME, July 30.—"Mussolini is above suspicion," declared the newspaper Impero today, warning the parliamentary opposition against further efforts to implicate the Fascist chief in the murder of Matteotti.

This warning follows the government's act in closing down the opposition newspapers in Milan. It is regarded as a threat that the premier will go the limit. Radicals are finding comparison between the "above suspicion" declarations of Mussolini's follows with the attitude the reactionary American press took towards Coolidge, the "principal" mentioned in the Teapot Dome telegrams. At that time Coolidge's defenders fought the probe by crying that he was above suspicion.

The Impero's parodying Julius Caesar's cry that his wife must be "above suspicion" forgets that Caesar put away his wife when the finger of suspicion pointed to her.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

There is a very interesting strike on in Seattle, Washington. The members of the Typographical Union employed on the Post-Intelligencer, a Hearst publication have refused to accept a reduction in wages and a lengthening of hours. Thinking that his millions could smash one isolated local union, Hearst gave orders to his local agents to lock out the men. They are out but not down. Instead of laying down they are carrying on one of the most effective publicity campaigns in the history of American industrial strife. The strikers are issuing a neat four-page paper which tells of the strike situation and helps to keep up the morale of the strikers.

Owing to the strike and the solidarity of the workers behind the strikers, the P. I. is losing circulation. As a result the advertisers are cancelling their contracts. Capitalist newspapers are published in order to make profit for their owners. The sale price of the paper barely pays for the ink. The profit comes from the advertising. If the paper continues to lose circulation and consequently advertising, Mr. Hearst will fire the manager who declared the lock-out, and come to terms with the union members. If the scab manager succeeds the publisher will increase his salary and try the same stunt on his other papers.

The strikers are trying to break the Hearst blockade by means of a boycott. It is not a bad fighting weapon. But there are better weapons. While the workers thruout the State of Washington are showing commendable spirit in supporting the strikers, union pressmen are scabbing. These men are only partly to blame. They have the misfortune to be members of a union of which Major George (Continued on page 6.)

RIVERVIEW—RAIN OR SHINE AUGUST 10th—SUNDAY PRESS PICNIC DAY

ANTI-WAR MASS DEMONSTRATION COMES TONIGHT

Featuring a week of Communist anti-war demonstrations, thousands of workers are expected to crowd into Wicker Park Hall, 2040 West North avenue, TONIGHT (Thursday), to hear Earl R. Browder, editor of the Labor Herald, and Max Schachtman, editor of the Young Worker, speak on "The Next War and the Presidential Elections." Manuel Gomez will be chairman.

This will be the first time that Browder has spoken at a Chicago mass meeting in some time. As a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party he is in a position to give clear, militant expression to the Communist opposition to capitalist war. The United States is nearer today to war than it seemed to be in August, 1914, at the outbreak of the World War, and American capitalism is at this very moment planning to slaughter millions of workers in the interests of super-profits.

Browder served a term in Leavenworth Penitentiary for his uncompromising opposition to the recent massacre on the fields of Europe. Tonight's meeting in Wicker Park Hall will be no milk and water, pacifist affair. The speakers are expected to show that the working class has only one effective weapon against capitalist war—revolution. The meeting will be under the auspices of Workers Party and Young Workers League Local, Chicago. Admission is free.

More Coal Found. IRKUTSK, July 30.—A fairly large layer of coal has been found at a small depth underground in the vicinity of Irkutsk, along the Kulendga river. Sand gold has been uncovered in about the same locality.

FRENCH OFFER COMPROMISE TO BANKERS

Morgan's Arrival in London Is Awaited

(Special to the DAILY WORKER) LONDON, July 30.—That the French will come to an agreement with England and America on the Dawes plan seemed more probable than ever when the word came that the reparations commission left Paris today for London.

Tomorrow the inter-allied conference will meet jointly with the reparations commission working out a compromise that the international bankers and the French nationalists will accept.

Herriot's Compromise. France controls the reparations commission and is determined that the right to take "sanctions"—enforce penalties—against Germany shall rest in the hands of this commission or a body controlled by it. The latest Herriot compromise calls for a tribunal of three to which all questions arising out of the enforcement of the Dawes plan shall be referred, if the commission's decision is not unanimous. This tribunal would be appointed by the reparations' commission in agreement with the Hague court.

Waiting For Morgan. No definite decision is likely to be arrived at by the combined conferences here until J. Pierpont Morgan reaches Britain. His arrival is expected by the end of the week. French delegates refuse to believe that the terms Thomas W. Lamont submitted to them are the last word but it is expected that they will regard whatever Morgan himself says as final, to accept or reject.

Communists Arousing Masses. (Special to the DAILY WORKER) BERLIN, July 30.—Supporters of the Marx-Stressmann government in the Reichstag are becoming restive at London's delay in inviting German delegates over to discuss the details of the Dawes plan. Each day the issue is left suspended in the air is playing into the hands of the Communist opposition, they say. Communists are conducting big demonstrations in the industrial cities of Germany against the Dawes plan, and are denouncing the Social-Democrats as traitors to the workingclass in assenting to the international bankers' program for exploitation of the industries of Germany.

Canadian Capitalist Murderers Whacked By Wage Reduction

WINNIPEG, Canada, July 30.—Owing to a wage cut by the authorities at Ottawa, the forces at Tuxedo Barracks are to be depleted by wholesale resignations. Local military men express the conviction that there will be no trouble in recruiting, owing to unemployment. "To the large number of men in Winnipeg who have been idle several months," says the press, "the opportunity to obtain a permanent position will come as a 'god-send'."

COMMUNIST STANDARD BEARER TELLS SOCIALISTS' CHAIRMAN POSITION OF WORKERS PARTY

Demolishing all the petty arguments that Eugene V. Debs, chairman of the socialist party has advanced as an excuse for his endorsement of the LaFollette presidential ambitions, William Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president, clearly sets forth the position of the Workers Party in this campaign.

Foster's declarations are made in a letter addressed to Debs at the Lindlahr Sanitarium, at Elmhurst, Ill., where the socialist spokesman is now regaining his health. It is in reply to a previous letter received by Foster from Debs.

In his letter Debs joins LaFollette in his attack on the Workers Party, in this country, and on the Communist International. Debs goes out of his way to misrepresent the position of the Workers Party at the St. Paul, June 17th, conference of the National Farmer-Labor Party. In fact, Debs joins up with the worst Communist baiters in the land.

Debs Avoids the Issue. In his reply, Foster declares that Debs has again avoided the main issue, "why Debs, the 'revolutionary' socialist, endorses LaFollette, the anti-socialist." Foster then analyzes the treason of the socialist party pointing out that, "The Hillquits and Bergers are only Scheidemanns and Noskes lacking opportunity." In conclusion, Foster states in reply to Debs, that:

In times past you have stated repeatedly from the platform that you admire Lenin as the greatest figure produced by the world war. Yet, in your letter you sneer in orthodox yellow-socialist fashion, at our affiliation with the institution that incorporates the very soul of Leninism, the Communist International. "We make no apology for accepting the guidance of the Third International. On the contrary, we glory in it. Our party is proud to be a section of the revolutionary world organization, the Communist International."

The correspondence, first the Debs and then the Foster letter, is as follows:

DEBS TO FOSTER

Elmhurst, Illinois, July 23, 1924. Wm. Z. Foster, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade Foster: Your favor of the 15th inst. was duly received and has been carefully read and considered. Answering I have to say that I am unable to understand why you should regard the statement of my attitude toward the recent conventions at Cleveland as an "astounding document," or why you should conclude that it "will come as a shock to thousands of workers." I know, of course, that you have a very poor opinion of the Socialist Party—quite as poor as my opinion of the Communist Party—and I can readily understand why it would have suited you far better had the Socialist Party ended its career at Cleveland and disappeared from the scene, or remained discredited to cut as sorry and discrediting a figure as the Communist Party will in the campaign this year.

That my endorsement of LaFollette under the circumstances seemed "astounding" and "shocking" to you appears not a little strange to me in the light of the fact that the St. Paul Convention, dominated absolutely by the Communists, intended, according to some of its chief spokesmen, including Mahoney and Ruthenberg, to do that very thing, that is to say, endorse the nomination of La Follette for the Presidency, (the nomination of Duncan McDonald being made "conditional" with that end in view) and it would no doubt have done so had not LaFollette, knowing the record of the Communists and understanding their game, publicly denounced them and positively refused their endorsement. Mahoney has since declared, ac-

FREEDOM ONLY BY FIGHTING, IS NEGRO KEYNOTE

U. N. I. A. Delegates Ring Challenge

By KARL REEVE. The challenge of the new Negro to the world is the recognition of the value of a militant organization, J. J. Peters, president of the Chicago division No. 23 of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, told an audience of two thousand Negroes Tuesday night.

Peters' speech sounded the keynote which will govern the delegates who left for New York this morning to attend the Fourth International Convention of the Association.

The mass meeting of the followers of Marcus Garvey at 47th and Dearborn Streets, got the message by the delegates that the time has gone by when the Negro can hope for any relief from oppression by mere religious rites. The speakers denounced French and German domination of the Negroes in the African colonies, and American race discrimination and lynch law.

Force Brings Justice. "The Whites give justice only under pressure of a powerful organization," said Peters. "When the militant organization starts to crush these impediments which stand in the way of justice for the Negro, the white oppressors will be afraid and they will have to compromise by doling out a small amount of justice.

"My Communist white friends who are sitting on my left disagree with the nationalism of our association. I have argued this point with them for several years, frequently coming to theoretical sword-points with them; but still we are the best of friends.

Blacks Must Fight "Since 1468," Peters continued, "the Whites have ruled the Blacks in Af-

GET CANNON SPEECH IN DAILY WORKER SATURDAY

OUR AIMS AND TACTICS IN THE TRADE UNIONS is the title of the lecture delivered by James Cannon, assistant national secretary of the Workers Party, at a party conference of coal miners in St. Louis, on Sunday, July 27. This speech will be published in full in the magazine section of the DAILY WORKER on Saturday, August 2. Be sure to get the DAILY WORKER Saturday and read this very interesting and important article.

"Million Dollar Defense" WHO PAYS?

That "million dollar" defense of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, now being staged in Judge Caverly's court! Who is paying for it? Karl Reeve's investigation of the vicious conditions in the open shop paper box factory at Morris, Ill., gives part of the answer. Our probe into Sears, Roebuck & Co., source of the Loeb fortune, will tell the rest of the story. Reeve's first expose article appears on this page. Day by day the DAILY WORKER will continue the story of the crimes which most concern the workers, the crimes that the parents of these two millionaire parasites are committing in Morris, Ill. and in the Chicago mail order house. Don't miss an issue!

FOSTER IN PLAIN TALK TO DEBS

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According to a press dispatch, that he had been "double-crossed" by the Communists and that the net result of their duplicity and treachery would be a split in the ranks, if not the disruption of the Farmer-Labor party of Minnesota.

You may be right in your criticism of my position and I may be wrong, as I have often been before. Having no Vatican in Moscow to guide me I must follow the light I have, and this I have done in the present instance, as I always have in the past, and I have never yet feared, nor do I now, the consequences of my acts.

The members of the Socialist Party, as far as I know, are entirely satisfied with the position I have taken and the statement I have issued relative to the Cleveland conventions, and I see no reason why I should explain or give an account of myself to the Communists, or why I should have any concern whatsoever about their opinion of my actions.

With all due courtesy to you personally, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) Eugene V. Debs.

FOSTER TO DEBS

Foster's reply to Debs follows:

July 30, 1924.

Mr. Eugene V. Debs,
Elmhurst, Ill.

Dear Comrade Debs: In your letter of July 23rd to me you evade the main issue. You fail to tell the reason why Debs, the "revolutionary" Socialist, endorses La Follette, the anti-Socialist. I can appreciate your difficulty in this matter. You content yourself simply with making a series of attacks against the Workers Party, as though that were to blame. These I cannot permit to pass unchallenged.

You speak of the "sorry and discrediting" figure which the Workers Party will cut in the coming election campaign, as compared with the role of the Socialist Party. Let us see. Faced by the great petty bourgeois movement headed by La Follette, which is engulfing whole sections of the labor movement, the Workers Party has dared to stand true to its revolutionary mission and to denounce this false leader and his class collaboration program. It ventures to defend the slogans of the class struggle and to make the election fight upon a revolutionary basis. As against this uncompromising attitude, the Socialist Party has abandoned even the last remnants of its lip-service to revolutionary principles and is unreservedly supporting the ridiculous and reactionary trust-busting program of La Follette; it has betrayed the farmer-labor movement and, adopting the C. P. P. A. plan, it will either accept openly or wink at the endorsement of "friends" of labor on the two old party tickets in the approved Gompers manner. You may blind yourself to the significance of this pitiful surrender to La Follette and Gompers, but the revolutionary elements in the working class will not. Without difficulty they will discern that in the present situation it is not the W. P. but the S. P. which is cutting a "sorry and discrediting" figure. The recent letter of Landfersiek, former National Secretary of the S. P., condemning La Follette and endorsing the Workers Party candidates, voices the true sentiments of the few proletarian elements still remaining in the S. P.

In one respect your letter is correct—I have an exceedingly poor opinion of the Socialist Party. I have learned something of the treachery of its sister parties in Europe, of how they have betrayed the revolution time and again. Abundant experience shows that the American Socialist Party is cut from the same cloth. The Hillquits and Bergers are only Scheidemanns and Noskes lacking opportunity. Consequently, I, for one, expected little else from the Socialist Party in Cleveland than the com-

plete surrender that it made to La Follette. It was to be expected, however, that you, at least, would sound a revolutionary note of opposition against the opportunistic debacle. In the past couple of years you have winked at the opposition of the S. P. to the amalgamation of the trade unions, its calumny of Soviet Russia, its refusal to form a united front on the political field, and its enforcement of many reactionary policies which run counter to the principles you have so often enunciated from the platform. This failure to fight for these principles in the S. P. was bad enough, but now when you not only acquiesce in the surrender to La Follette but actually defend it, you by that action definitely leave the camp of revolutionaries and go over to the opportunists and petty bourgeois reformists.

But you contend that we Communists have no right to condemn your endorsement of La Follette, because you say we proposed to endorse him ourselves. This is an unpardonable misstatement. Never at any time did the Workers Party propose to endorse La Follette or his program. On the contrary, the W. P. has long been keenly awake to the menace of La Folletteism and has been fighting it on all fronts. This is proved by a hundred articles and statements in our party press. For the Workers Party a leading tactical consideration has been how best to fight La Folletteism. The Workers Party realized the influence which La Follette had on the farmer-labor ranks. In order to prevent the absorption of the farmer-labor movement by La Follette and to prevent the isolation of the Workers Party from the Farmer-Labor Party forces, the Workers Party considered the adoption of the following policy, which, however, was not supported by the Communist International: If the St. Paul Farmer-Labor Party Convention nominated La Follette over the opposition of the Workers Party, we would not split away from it on that issue, but would accept, under protest, an alliance of the Farmer-Labor Party and a third party in support of La Follette's candidacy and would endeavor to organize the Farmer-Labor Party during the campaign as a class party in opposition to the La Follette third party. Under any circumstances, the Workers Party would have carried on a campaign of strong opposition against La Follette and his program.

It was later proposed to accept him as a candidate at the St. Paul convention of the Farmer-Labor Party, but only upon the condition that he subscribe to the radical program of the Farmer-Labor Party, run as that party's candidate, and accept its control over his electoral campaign and campaign funds. In other words, La Follette would have had to cut loose from all his capitalist party connections, accept a real proletarian program, and head a genuine Farmer-Labor ticket. Even then the Workers Party would have accepted him only under protest. It would have continued its ceaseless criticism of his petty bourgeois notions and its propagation of revolutionary principles among the masses in the Farmer-Labor Party. It is absurd to compare this revolutionary policy with the S. P. surrender to La Follette. Hillquit, without a word of protest in the convention, humbly swallowed La Follette's program of petty bourgeois reform, his anti-labor party attitude, his "reward your friends and punish your enemies" political policy, and his insulting and dictatorial control. And now you endorse this proceeding. As for the W. P., when it saw that because of the surrender of reactionary trade union leaders and pseudo-revolutionaries to La Follette it would be impossible to organize sufficient masses in the new Farmer-Labor Party to make a successful united front fight against La Follette, it raised its own banner and will make the fight in the open field.

In times past you have stated repeatedly from the platform that you admire Lenin as the greatest figure produced by the world war. Yet, in your letter, you sneer, in orthodox yellow-Socialist fashion, at our affiliation with the institution that incorporates the very soul of Leninism, the Third International. Tastes in Internationals vary. You, altho claiming to be a left wing revolutionary, calmly content yourself to accept the leadership of the Second International, the organization of Scheidemann, Noske, and other butchers and betrayers of the revolution. As for us, we repudiate such traitors and all association with them. We deem it not only absolutely vital to the revolutionary movement in this country, but also an honor to be associated internationally with the men who carried thru the Russian revolution and with those who are making the revolutionary fight in all other countries. We make no apology for accepting the guidance of the Third International. On the contrary, we glory in it. Our party is proud to be a section of the revolutionary world organization, the Communist International.

Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

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