

ABOLITION OF CAPITALISM IS AIM OF WORKERS PARTY, SAYS WM. Z. FOSTER TO DAILY WORKER

William Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president of the United States, who left last night on his western tour, was finally backed into a corner, just before his departure, by the reporter of the DAILY WORKER, and an interview demanded. Reluctantly turning from his desk, at which he had been busily answering a large stack of letters, Foster submitted.

"What purpose have the Communists in participating in the election campaign?" was the first question.

"First and foremost, to rally the workers against all parties that stand for the capitalist system," said Foster. "So long as the wage earners can believe that any hope exists for them in any party except a strictly proletarian organization, just so long the class struggle will be abortive, the employers will build up more power, and the conditions of the workers worsened in every way. We use the election campaign to educate and organize the workers, and to break them away from capitalist ideas in all their forms."

The Ultimate Goal.

"What is the ultimate goal of the Workers (Communist) Party?"

"The complete abolition of the capitalist system, destruction of the rule of the bourgeoisie, establish the rule of the workers in alliance with the working farmers expressed in the dictatorship of the proletariat, organized into workers' councils (soviets), and the reorganization of social and economic life on a communal basis."

Main Issues.

"What are the main issues that confront the workers and farmers in this campaign?"

"The one big issue before the workers and farmers is this: Shall the capitalist class continue to use the machinery of government to suppress and exploit the workers and farmers? Or shall the workers and farmers, thru their class organizations, take this power out of the hands of their class enemies!"

"How does the dictatorship of the proletariat differ from the Fascist dictatorship in Italy?"

Two Dictatorships.

"The proletarian dictatorship rests upon the broad masses of the workers and fights for their interests: the Fascist dictatorship is against the broad masses, is exercised by a small class in the interests of the smallest class—the capitalists. They are opposites. They are deadly enemies and represent fundamentally antagonistic classes."

"What is the intention of the Dawes plan, and what effect will its operation have upon the German and upon the American workers?"

"The intention of the Dawes plan is to definitely clinch Morgan's present control of the capitalist world. Its operation will make the German workers slaves of the international bankers, while the products of their 10 and 12-hour day will be used to break down the living standards of British, French, and American workers. The intention is to convert the German working class into international strike breakers, and destroy the labor movement of the world."

International Leadership.

"Does the Workers Party accept the leadership of the Communist International?"

"Yes. Every effective group in society has its own international center, for all social questions are international and can only be solved by international organization. This is especially true of the problem of the workers. The capitalists have their League of Nations, their International Conferences, their Second International of socialists and their Amster-

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BOSSES GATHER TO PERFECT PLOT AGAINST MINERS

Herrin Scene of Meeting of "Open Shoppers"

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

HERRIN, Ill., Aug. 20.—The terrific crisis that grips southern Illinois, with more than 200 mines shut down completely, and almost all working one or two days a week only, throwing 40,000 to 50,000 miners out of work, has forced the employers to call a conference to consider the proposition.

The coal companies and the large consumers of coal in the state have representatives meeting here today to discuss the problems arising out of the situation.

It is expected that the purpose of the conference will be disclosed in the shape of a demand for a statewide "open shop" drive against the miners, to reduce them to the status of the exploited and suppressed non-union miners of the south.

Watch Case Workers Strike.

SAG HARBOR, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Six hundred employes of Joseph Fahys & Co., manufacturers of watch cases, went out on strike today for maintenance of the old scale of wages, which had been cut from 8 to 10 per cent. All the men are skilled.

LaSalle Is Scab University.

Textbooks and other printed matter of the LaSalle Extension University in Chicago are done almost entirely by non-union shops.

BOSS' JUDGE HANDS OUT SENTENCES TO STRIKING WORKERS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Aug. 20.—William Christopher, business agent of the Trades and Labor Assembly of Belleville, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and fined \$200, and 14 other strikers and labor leaders were fined from \$50 to \$200 by Judge George Crow today for defying his anti-picketing injunction against the striking members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America here.

The Trades and Labor Assembly met here last night and organized for the purpose of fighting the manufacturers' association, which is attempting to force the open shop on Belleville.

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dam agents, and their international Chambers of Commerce, etc. The working class has but one international center, the Communist International in close alliance with the Red International of Labor Unions. The Workers Party, in common with every really revolutionary group of workers the world over, participates in and follows the leadership of the Comintern."

"Professor Harper, of the University of Chicago, delivered a lecture yesterday, saying that the Communist policies in Russia have failed. In your recent trip to Moscow, what were your observations on this question?"

Conditions of Workers Better.

"The Russian revolution is a success. All the dismal predictions of university professors and counter-revolutionists for the past seven years have not been able to change this fact. The conditions of the workers are steadily improving as the Soviet Government gradually builds up the new industrial structure in the place of the ruined capitalist system. It has been a long hard up-hill struggle. But

hard as it has been it is the road that the entire world's working class must travel. The capitalist system is broken down and cannot be repaired. It must be abolished root and branch and the Russian workers have shown the workers of the world how to do the job."

The Workers in Germany.

"Germany is a capitalist country; did your observations show the Germans are better off than the Russians?"

"Quite the opposite. Russian industry is steadily on the upgrade, and working and living conditions follow steadily; but German industry is going more steadily downward, and the German workers are today living under much worse conditions than the Russian. And whereas in Russia, all is hopeful energy, in Germany under the capitalist dictatorship, the workers are losing all hope, and can only change this condition thru following the Russian example."

"And now," interrupted Foster, as the reporter began to shoot more questions at him, "you'll have to quit for today, so that I can get some work done."