

FOSTER EXPOSES TOOL OF IMPERIALISM

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TELEGRAPHIC dispatches from El Paso, Texas, where the forty-fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor is being held, state that in private conferences between the leaders of the A. F. of L. and representatives of the trade unions of Mexico, Great Britain, Canada and Germany, plans are being made for co-ordination of international labor bodies thruout the world. It is added that Gompers hopes to establish from these conferences a union of world labor organization under the guidance of the American Federation of Labor.

This indicates that Gompers is finding it necessary, as a part of his regular program of furthering the interests of American imperialism, to get into the European labor movement. This necessity arises from the fact that the invasion of Europe by American Imperialism, of which the Dawes Plan is the first big step, requires that Gompers and company, who stand at the head of the labor department of American imperialism, throw their restraining influence into the European labor movement which is stirring with revolutionary ferment.

In this Gompers aims to repeat the service already rendered to American imperialism in the western hemisphere, where the labor movements of Mexico, Central America, the West Indies and South America are saddled with his reactionary policies thru the control of the Gompers bureaucracy of the Pan-American Federation of Labor.

It is unlikely that Gompers will form any new international. It is unlikely that he even intends to attempt the formation of such an organization. But it is his first maneuver to re-enter the International Federation of Trade Unions, known as the Amsterdam International.

However, Gompers will seek before entering Amsterdam to drive it to the right and to prevent admission of the 5,500,000 revolutionary

unionists of Russia. Indeed, this threat of a new international is designed by him to have this effect. He will seek to force Amsterdam to drop even its socialist phraseology, and to adopt, as a concession to him, even more reactionary policies.

But once inside of Amsterdam, Gompers will have three objectives. First, to organize and strengthen the right wing against the growing left wing. Second, to prevent the admission to Amsterdam of the revolutionary unions of Soviet Russia and the unity of the Amsterdam organization with the Red International of Labor Unions. Third, as a matter of customary adherence to the policy of the American government, Gompers will make war relentlessly upon Soviet Russia.

The policy of Gompers and company always follows the policy of the American government. When Wilson was in office, Gompers was a rabid propagandist for the League of Nations. At the same time he was holding the A. F. of L. affiliated to Amsterdam. When the big capitalists of America dropped the League of Nations in favor of a policy of independent imperialist action, Gompers also dropped his support and withdrew from Amsterdam. Just as the American government is the bitterest foe of the Soviet government, Gompers in the labor movement was relentlessly upon the Soviets of workers and peasants.

Now, that the aggressive and independent policy of American imperialism is successfully forcing the capitalist groups of Europe to accept the dominant leadership of Morgan and company; now that American diplomats are giving directions in every great nation on the European continent outside of Soviet Russia, Gompers, the servant of American imperialism is maneuvering upon terms of his own making, to return to Europe to give direction, reactionary and counter-revolutionary direction, to the Amsterdam international. Gompers is following the Fascist Dawes.