

Foster Hails Move to Issue Italian Daily

Veteran Leader Urges Support for L'Unita Operaia

Hailing the fact that L'Unita Operaia, Italian revolutionary weekly, intends to come out as a daily newspaper beginning with March 18, William Z. Foster, chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, yesterday issued a statement urging the widest support for the new daily.

"The Italian workers are a vital section of the American proletariat," Foster said. "They number about 5,000,000 and most of them are to be found in the basic industries of the country and among the most exploited."

The Italian workers showed great "fighting spirit," Foster said. "It was a pleasure to struggle together with them in the great steel strike of 1919," he declared.

The full text of Foster's statement follows:

"From the Daily Worker and from an Italian comrade present at the recent Plenum of the Central Committee of our Party, I have learned that on March 18th, L'Unita Operaia is going to come out as a daily. This important event deserves the attention of every comrade struggling for a Soviet America.

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"The bureaucrats of the American Federation of Labor have spoken of them as unorganizable. This is because these misleaders of labor are afraid of a real struggle against capitalism. In my experience I have found the Italian workers full of revolutionary enthusiasm and fighting spirit. It was a pleasure to struggle together with them in the great steel strike of 1919 and many other strikes.

"An Italian daily paper with a correct revolutionary line will be the best weapon to win those masses of Italian workers to the program of our Party and win them away from the poisonous Fascist propaganda carried on by the agents of Mussolini who are working hand in glove with Wall Street in the efforts to complete the fascization of the state apparatus in this country.

"Our Party, more than any other organization, hails with joy the coming out of L'Unita' Operaia daily. Our Party organizations from the Central Committee down to the units must lend help to the campaign in course to raise the necessary funds for the coming out of the paper on March 18th."