

FOSTER IS GIVEN BIG WELCOME AT ST. PAUL MEET

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Freeze-Out for
Thomas

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Red Candidate Riddles
Boss Parties

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ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 13.—A procession of automobiles, draped in red and carrying Communist signs, welcomed William Z. Foster, presidential candidate on the Workers (Communist) Party ticket, on his arrival here last night to address a mass meeting in behalf of the national election.

The cordial greeting that met Foster was in striking contrast to the coolness with which the Rev. Norman Thomas, the socialist candidate, was received when he arrived here last Saturday.

Workers Crowd Hall.

The German-American House, where Foster spoke, was crowded to capacity. The audience was 100 per cent working class and applauded frequently while the speaker exploded the prosperity claims of the republican party, exposed the hollowness of the promises made to the workers and poor farmers by Al Smith, scored the socialist party for having deserted the class struggle, with being as hostile to the Soviet Union as the big capitalist parties, with having formed a united front with the labor bureaucracy against the left wing in the trade union movement and in general with having hauled down the red flag of revolt against capitalism and hoisting in its place the white flag of surrender.

Foster stressed the outstanding difference between the election campaign of the Workers (Communist) Party and of the parties of capitalism. "Our campaign," he declared, "has for its object the rallying of the masses of workers and exploited farmers for the struggle against capitalism. The Communists insist that the conditions of the exploited masses cannot be permanently improved under the present system, so they propose to abolish it and build up a socialist society on its ruins.

Workers Must Fight.

"The Workers (Communist) Party does not believe that the ruling classes will surrender its power over the economic lives of the masses without a struggle. History has

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given ample proof of the truth of this contention. Even if it were possible for a majority of the workers and poor farmers of the United States to vote for the abolition of capitalism at the polls in November the ruling classes, with their command of the armed forces of the state, would never permit the masses to take over political power peacefully. The right of the ruling classes to exploit the masses for their own profit can only be taken away from them by the might of the workers and exploited farmers in great mass struggles for the capture of political power.

"Therefore, the Communists in this election campaign not only urge the masses to vote Communist, but also to organize into militant industrial unions, into radical farmers' associations, to join the Workers (Communist) Party, under the leadership of which the broad struggles of the masses will be co-ordinated for the overthrow of capitalism."

Scores Farmer-Labor Bureaucrats.

Foster dealt at length with the farmer-labor party movement in Minnesota, one of the strongholds of that movement. He denounced the reactionary labor bureaucracy and the fake progressives who betrayed the workers and farmers into the hands of the capitalists and made of the farmer-labor party a pawn in the game for their own material advancement.

The Workers (Communist) Party, Foster declared, was the driving force behind the movement to break the masses away from the capitalist parties through the farmer-labor party movement, but through the hostility of the reactionaries in the farmers' organizations and the trade unions and through the sabotage of the alleged progressives, the heart was taken out of the movement and it is now only a hollow shell.

The Communists never held that the workers and poor farmers could emancipate themselves from capitalism by means of a farmer-labor party. This is the task of the Communist Party, which carried in its platform a program of action for the every-day struggles of the masses and puts forth as the final aim the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment of a Workers and Farmers government which will have the historical task of building the socialist society. He called on the workers and exploited farmers to join the Party.

Exposes "Peace" Pact.

Foster flayed the fake Kellogg

anti-war treaty, which he branded as a "camouflage for imperialism, a smoke screen behind which the rival powers are maneuvering for advantageous positions in preparation for the inevitable conflict for domination of world markets." He predicted that the rivalry between England and the United States carried the seeds of another war which would make the last world war pale into insignificance.

The speaker declared that the heart of the war danger was the conspiracy of the capitalist powers against the Soviet Union, the first revolutionary government of workers and farmers in history. The conditions of the masses in the Soviet Union are improving yearly by leaps and bounds, he said, while the conditions of the workers in every struggle in the United States. The raid on the organizing convention of the National Miners Union in Pittsburgh, by the police, acting in conjunction with the Lewis machine, was additional proof of the united front between the coal operators and the leaders of the U. M. W. A., as well as an indication of their panic over the determination of the rank and file to substitute militant struggle against the emother country in the world are growing worse.

While trade union membership in the capitalist countries is falling, he said, over ten millions of workers are now lined up in the All-Russian Council of Trade Unions, almost as many as the entire membership of the International Federation of Trade Unions, with headquarters at Amsterdam.

Militancy Rises in U. S.

Foster declared that a new wave of militancy was developing in the United States. He pointed out that the organization of the National Miners Union, to take the place of the wrecked United Mine Workers of America, marked a new and revolutionary forward step in the class ployers for the policy of class collaboration followed by Lewis and company.

In the textile industry, the speaker declared that the mill workers were organizing for the purpose of building a new union to replace the unofficial company union that is run by MacMahon of the United Textile Workers. Foster told of the great struggles in New Bedford and Fall River and urged his hearers to give their unstinted support to the fighting textile workers and the miners.

"There is no fundamental difference today," the speaker said, "be-

ated. On the intervention of the election commission it appeared that the copies were confiscated under the law forbidding the transportation of Communist literature. The Communist Party, however, had placed a legal list on the ballot.

In Niacussa the workers Nopas and Patrissoupulos were arrested because they had posted opposition placards. They are still in jail. In Volos on the charge of election propaganda the worker Andreas Tabalis was exiled for one year to the island of Jos and Nikolaus Tsakiris to Folegandros.

In Saloniki numerous Communist leaflets and placards were confiscated. The legal election campaign meeting that was called for August 5 was forbidden by the police.

In this way it was not difficult to gain a large majority in the elections.

Between the republican and democratic parties. Both are now completely dominated by finance capital. The nomination of Al Smith on the democratic party ticket marks the official taking over of that party by Wall Street. The campaign director of Al Smith is John J. Raskob, of General Motors, one of the outstanding enemies of trade unionism in the United States.

"Leading the Hoover drive for the presidency are equally notorious enemies of labor, headed by the Mellon interests, Henry Ford and other apostles of the open shop."

Stresses Negro Question.

"The Workers (Communist) Party is now on the official ballot in 19 states, Foster told his audience and the National Election Campaign Committee expects to have the Communist ticket on the ballot in at least 35 states on election day. As a result of Foster's speech several new applications for membership in the Party were received."

One of the most important issues before the American working class today is the Negro question, Foster said. Not only in the South but throughout the country the Negroes are suffering from racial discrimination as well as from industrial exploitation. The white workers must put the protection of the Negro masses on their order of business. They must fight the discrimination against Negroes in trade unions. Racial prejudice is one of the most effective weapons of the capitalists for weakening the power of the workers to fight effectively for their interests as a class. He scored the capitalist parties for their sanction of the lynching of Negroes, segregation and other discriminations and declared that the Workers (Communist) Party was the only Party that had a program with a revolutionary solution of the Negro problem.