

# FOSTER BEGINS TOUR

## *Interview With Communist Candidate*

William Z. Foster, presidential candidate of the Workers (Communist) Party, left late last night for Detroit and Flint, Mich., where he will open his nation-wide campaign tour on Sunday. He will speak in Flint in the afternoon and in Detroit in the evening.

Just before he left on the tour which will take him into a large number of important industrial centers, including as far west as Spokane, Wash., and as far south as

Alabama and Georgia, Foster met reporters from a number of capitalists newspapers, outlined the issues which he will emphasize on his tour. The interview took place at the national headquarters of the Workers (Communist) Party, 43 E. 125th St.

In response to questions Foster told of the energetic campaign now being conducted by the Party.

Foster answered questions on the

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# FOSTER LEAVES

## ON U. S. TOUR

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Kellogg "peace" pact, the socialist party, unemployment, the Negro, prohibition, the present plight of the impoverished farmers, the new miners' union, the New Bedford strike.

The Communist candidates are now on the ballot in 19 states, including several backward southern states, Foster said. In response to a question from one of the reporters as to whether or not he expected to win any of the states, Foster replied:

"Our program is based on a larger perspective than just that. We have no illusions about our ability to win states just at this time. We will nevertheless carry on an energetic campaign of propaganda and organization among the masses of the workers and farmers thruout the United States."

#### Kellogg Pact.

Discussing the Kellogg "peace" pact, Foster told the reporters that it was a fake gesture, forced by the proposal made by the Soviet Union at Geneva for complete scrapping of armaments. Unmasked by the comprehensive proposal of the U. S. S. R. Foster said, the world imperialists are now backing the Kellogg scheme in an effort to hide their preparations for a new bloody war.

Primarily, Foster said, the Kellogg pact is intended as a move against the Soviet Union. "The utter insincerity of the scheme," he said, "was conclusively revealed in the statement which accompanied Soviet Russia's adherence to the pact."

#### Its Greatest Support.

The candidates and platform of the Workers (Communist) Party will get their greatest support in the coming election, Foster said, in those sections where the Party has taken an active, and often a leading role in the industrial struggles. Foster cited the activity of militants in the mine, needle trades and textile struggles.

"Thousands of farmers," the Communist candidate said, "bankrupt and impoverished, and convinced of the futility of expecting genuine aid from the capitalist government, will rally to the banner of our Party."

Declaring that most of the so-called leaders of the discontented farmers have been repeatedly bribed in one form or another, Foster cited the case of the McNary-Haugen bill. "Curious, isn't it," Foster said, "that McNary, the co-author of the bill, immediately after President Coolidge vetoed the bill, suddenly announced his support of Coolidge."

In response to another question, Foster said that no issues existed between the republican and democratic parties. "They are both parties of business," he said. Foster cited the fact that many powerful corporations are investing in the campaign funds of both parties. "Insull of Illinois, who made handsome contributions to both parties, is only one of the gang," he said.

#### Work Among Negroes.

Foster told of the campaign tours being arranged by the Workers Party throughout the United States.

"Our speakers will reach every important industrial and farm center of the United States."

Asked about work among the Negroes, Foster said that for the first time in the history of the Party, speakers are being sent into the backward southern states, and an energetic campaign conducted.

One of the reporters seemed especially concerned about the Communist campaign among the Negroes. "Do you have some special reason for making an appeal to the Negroes?" the gentleman of the press asked.

#### Party of Workers.

"Our Party is a party of the working class," Foster replied. "The Negroes, being among the most viciously exploited of the American workers, we, of course, put special emphasis on our campaign among them."

The interview ended, the Daily Worker representative happened to descend the stairs of the National Office with a bland young man from the New York Times.

"He's a mild-mannered fellow, isn't he," suggested the gentleman from Times Square, "but he's sure been raising an awful lot of hell all over the country."

#### HUGE SILK FIRM.

LONDON, (By Mail).—Anglo-French (Verdun) Artificial Silk, Ltd., a public company with a nominal capital of five hundred thousand shilling, has been registered, state Jordan and Sons, Ltd., to acquire a French company known as "Verdun Textile."

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