

WHITE, NEGRO WORKERS MUST UNITE — FOSTER

Points Out Increasing Imperialist Conflicts Lead to War in Birmingham Talk

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 8.—

Pointing out the necessity for unity of the white and Negro workers in the struggle against capitalism, William Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president, in a speech before a large crowd of workers here last night, called for support of the Communist program. Foster riddled the "peace" pretensions of the imperialist nations and pointed out the forces that were inevitably drawing the workers of the world into a new imperialist bloodfest.

Foster's speech follows, in part: "Here in the South both republicans and democrats have united in disfranchising the Negro, in maintaining peonage wherever possible and in mercilessly exploiting thousands of Negro workers, who are in many respects worse off than they were before the Civil War. But bitter experience is teaching the Negro workers to realize that only by joining with their white brothers, and fighting side by side with them can they win complete political and economic emancipation.

"And the Negro workers are also beginning to realize that only the Workers (Communist) Party is fighting for this unity of black and white workers against the common enemy, the capitalist masters and their agents."

"The last war was preceded by protestations of peaceful intentions on the part of the most belligerent of the powers. Similarly we are now propagandized that the big powers are trying to find a way to disarm and outlaw war. Peace talk is loudest when war is near.

"The conflict between the United States and Great Britain is sharper today than the conflict between Great Britain and Germany in 1914. Armaments are proceeding faster than then. While spending more money than ever in preparation for the approaching conflict, American politicians hail the Kellogg-pact as a great achievement for peace. But on the heels of this pact comes the Anglo-French agreement to prove to all but the most naive that the antagonisms cannot be negotiated out of

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existence.

"In a recent article in the "Analyst", Benjamin Baker, economist for the New York Times, states that within a decade all agricultural products that can be consumed in the U. S. or sold in our foreign markets will be produced on much less than the present acreage by less than half of the present farm population. He goes on to show that industry cannot absorb the farmers thus forced to the cities. There promises to be within a decade such development of productive capacity as will outrun the absorbing power of all markets. This is the familiar Marxian doctrine that under capitalism the buying power of labor cannot keep pace with the production of goods and over-production results, followed by a crisis.

"The contradictions of capitalism will produce such crises and finally war, for compelled to expand always, to seek new markets, the capitalist nations come into conflict, as the United States and Great Britain are now conflicting in many parts of the world. In the present imperialist period of history the free competition and fairly smooth development of capitalism has given way to monopoly, trustification, centralization of capital and production. These trusts are closely linked up with the banks. There has been a merger of industrial capital with finance-capital. There has also been a merger with the government, so that now the government is the executive committee of finance capital. The lack of further colonial markets to conquer, colonial peoples to exploit, and greater sources of raw materials, has accentuated the unevenness of capitalist development. The competition between rival capitalist powers for markets and raw materials is intensified. This conflict at present in China between U. S., Great Britain and Japan for instance, can be ended

affecting all unions is called for October 15.

It is recalled that similar orders had been given by the Rosario municipal government before and that in every case the company has failed to resume the street car service.

The added threat of fines in addition to the financial losses sustained by the firm is expected to lead to every kind of strikebreaking activity, regardless of law and order, in an attempt to break the union in one of the most militant labor centers in Argentina.

Professional Jingoos Meet in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. (U.P.)—While the navy dirigible Los Angeles and scores of army airplanes circled overhead, General J. Pershing and 50,000 men who were fighting under his command in France ten years ago gathered in Municipal Auditorium today for the opening of the Tenth National American Legion Convention.

only by war, never by treaties. It is a dangerous pacifist illusion to believe in outlawing war by negotiations between rival imperialists. It is not possible to solve these imperialist conflicts by arbitration.

"American imperialists have accumulated enormous wealth in the period now ending, and out of this they have bribed the aristocracy of labor with high wages, the misleaders in the A. F. of L. have been corrupted, and the weakening of the trade union movement has followed. Class-collaboration schemes have been forced upon the rank and file, company unions have been organized. But the great mass of unskilled workers, the oppressed groups, such as the Negroes and the foreign-born and the exploited colonial peoples, are being radicalized. They will ultimately be the revolutionary mass that under Communist leadership will sweep away the whole iniquitous imperialist system and build a workers' and farmers' government, and the socialist economy."