

Fighter and Organizer

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On this fourth anniversary of the death of Comrade Ruthenberg, our Party, to which he devoted his life's work and for which he burned himself out while still in



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the prime of life, is now facing the greatest opportunity in its career. The American workers, long seemingly asleep are beginning to wake up. Under the fierce pressure of the crisis on one side, with its mass unemployment and starvation, its wage cuts and terrorism, and on the other side under the inspiring influence of the victoriously advancing Soviet Union, the workers in this country, like the workers all over the world, are awakening and beginning to struggle.

If we appreciate the splendid revolutionary work of comrade Ruthenberg, we can show this only by throwing all our forces into the development of the Party, so that it may come forward in the sharpening capitalist crisis as the real leader of the working class. Ruthenberg was a worker and a fighter, as well as a clear thinking revolutionist. It is these qualities that are supremely in need in the present situation for the building of our Party.

It is with disgust that one observes antics of Lovestone in trying to steal the Ruthenberg tradition from our Party. What his counter-revolutionary struggles against the Communist International? Nothing. Ruthenberg was a real Communist. There cannot be the slightest doubt that were he alive today he would be the bitterest enemy of all that Lovestone stands for and the most militant battler against it.

The life of Ruthenberg should be an inspiration to our whole Party. Especially is this the case with regard to the youth. For the young worker just developing in the class struggles the activities of comrade Ruthenberg stand as a beacon lighting the way to effective struggle for and with the working class. His revolutionary work was invaluable for the development of our Party.