

Wm. Z. Foster Issues Statement on Results of U.S. Election

William Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president, last night issued the following statement on the results of the election:

A storm of protest and discontent has swept the country and defeated Herbert Hoover. Tired of the brutal policies of the bankers and trusts which has ruled under Hoover, workers and farmers voted to oust this hunger president and have put Roosevelt into power. The shift, however, has been one of persons. The same class continues to rule. The kings of industry, the bankers, still sit enthroned in Washington. Roosevelt and the Democratic Party was able to win the masses only by practising the most brazen policy of deception, by offering vague promises of relief, by demagogically exploiting the discontent with the policies of big capital, by outright lying to the masses. Only in this way has the capitalist class been able to keep the discontent of the masses within the framework of the two capitalist party system.

Because the support of Roosevelt rests upon promises which he will be unable to fulfill, because the crisis continues to deepen, because Roosevelt and the Democratic Party will continue to pursue the policy of Hoover of attacking violently the conditions of the workers, because the workers and farmers are fighting with increasing vigor, the

victory of Roosevelt is a shaky and unstable victory. The workers who today have been deceived by Roosevelt will tomorrow turn against him. The education which they have received as a result of the crisis and capitalist attacks will only be hastened by the treachery of Roosevelt.

INCREASE IN COMMUNIST VOTE

The outstanding fact in the election result is the manifold increase in the Communist vote. Larger masses than ever before voted for the Communist Party realizing that only Communism represents a real effective fight against the miseries of capitalism, and a revolutionary way out of the crisis. The increased Communist vote was won on the basis of a clear cut fight against the bankers and trusts in the interests of the white and Negro workers. It was gained in the face of the violence of the bourgeoisie and their deliberate attempts to disfranchise workers, remove the Party from the ballot and terrorize the workers. This vote indicates that among the workers there is a growing revolutionary determination to fight back the capitalist offensive and fundamentally change the present situation.

The Socialist Party increased its vote, drawing a large section from the middle class. Notwithstanding the most systematic and unprecedented support on the part of the

capitalist class, the Socialist Party was not only unable to realize its large predicted vote but its increase trails behind the proportion of increase in Communist votes and failed to mobilize under its banner a real break away from the capitalist parties. This was due to the fact that in the campaign as well as in the daily practices of the Socialist Party, which has been pursuing a reformist program, it failed substantially to distinguish itself from the demagoguery of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The decline in the vote of Louis Waldman from 88,000 in 1930 to 71,000 was due to the fact that the program of Waldman ran along the same lines as that of the Tammany politician, Lehman. **The workers want a class policy.** This they did not see in the policy of Thomas and Waldman and the Socialist Party. A revolutionary class policy of struggle they can and will receive only from the Communist Party.

Where empty phrases of the Socialists against capitalism was exposed to the masses, the workers turned their backs upon them and moved in the direction of Communism. The capitalist class, however, will continue to build up the socialists as a catch basin for the discontent of the masses and as a barrier to the advance of the workers towards the revolutionary cause. The capitalist class is pursuing Euro-

pean methods of building up the Socialist Party as the third capitalist party, but the American workers are learning too the way of their class brothers in Europe, the way of advance under the leadership of the Communist Party out of the present misery and poverty.

CAN EXPECT NOTHING FROM ROOSEVELT

From Roosevelt the masses can expect nothing better than they did at the hands of Hoover. On the contrary, the deepening crisis will drive the capitalists towards more bitter attacks against the workers. The Communist Party will mobilize the workingclass and farming masses through the policy of the United Front to defeat the attacks of the capitalists and to develop a counter offensive. The Communists will intensify the fight against wage cuts, for unemployed relief and insurance, for equal rights and self determination for the Negroes, for relief to the farmers, and for the defense of the Soviet Union. In this they will have the support not only of the advance elements that have voted on election day, but will gain growing strength from the workers who have been deceived by the Socialists and by Roosevelt.

Forward to the overthrow of capitalism!

Forward to the revolutionary way out of the crisis!