

"DAILY--ONE PAPER THAT LEADS", SAYS FOSTER

Greets 9th Anniversary with Record of Struggle, Call to New Action

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Revolutionary greetings to the Ninth Anniversary Celebration of the Daily Worker! The years since the Daily was launched have seen the capitalist world sink from the heights of its relative stabilization, to the present catastrophic crisis. The Daily Worker, struggling against great odds, has endeavored to give a revolutionary lead to the toiling masses in the struggle against the bestial tyranny of United States imperialism. In the columns of the Daily Worker can be found a record of the crimes and accumulative indictment of American imperialism

every day of its life during these nine years.

True, we have suffered from many weaknesses, we have not always been able at the precise moment to gauge the full implications for aggressive action in a given situation. The record of these nine years struggles shows that we have tried to understand and to overcome these weaknesses; that we have ruthlessly examined every experience in the struggle and have tried to eliminate everything that contributed to our shortcomings.

Champion of Workers

But, in spite of everything the Daily Worker during all the stormy years of its existence has been the one daily paper in the United States that has been in advance of all others in the estimation of any

event and in championing every protest against the despotism of American imperialism. The 1924 strike in Paterson, the year the Daily was launched, the election campaign of that year and the exposure of the LaFollette third party movement, the betrayals of the miners by the treacherous Lewis machine in 1925, the Passaic strike, the New Bedford strike, the historic conflict in Gastonia, the Imperial Valley struggle in California, the mine strikes in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, the long struggle of the needle trades here in New York, the upsurge of the movement of the Negro and white share croppers in Alabama, the fight to save Sacco and Vanzetti, the campaign against lynching, the exposure of the infamous Scottsboro frame-up and the development of the

world-wide movement to save and liberate these innocent boys, the drive to free Mooney, the mass struggle against hunger and for unemployment and social insurance, the fight against the ravages of American imperialism in the colonial and semi-colonial countries especially in Latin America, the defense of the Chinese people and the Chinese revolution, the fight against imperialist war and the defense of the Soviet Union, the campaign for equal rights for Negroes and self-determination for the Black Belt of the South—these are some of the outstanding events in the nine years' record of the Daily Worker, the official organ of our Communist Party.

It was but a few days after our

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Foster Greet's "Daily Worker" Anniversary

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paper was started nine years ago that the international revolutionary movement suffered an irreparable loss—the death of Comrade Lenin—who a few months before, in 1923, had greeted with enthusiasm the announcement that the project of launching our Daily in the country of the most powerful imperialism was under way. The Daily Worker has always endeavored to follow the Leninist conception of what a central organ of the Communist Party should be—a powerful tribune for denunciation and exposure of the capitalist class and its government, a paper that will appeal to the proletariat and spur on the working class struggle, a paper that will reach and influence the impoverished masses on the farms, reach the lower middle class elements in the cities and towns—thus becoming a genuine political paper. But at the same time a Leninist paper not only acts to expose the class enemy and its agents, not only defends every fight against oppression, but itself participates in that struggle. As Lenin so concretely formulated this question: "A paper is not merely a collective propagandist and collective agitator. It is also a collective organizer."

If we understand the full meaning of Lenin's words, we will certainly realize that today, more than ever, is the Daily needed. Capitalist stabilization, shattered by the deepening economic crisis, has come to an end. The best and most forceful indication of this fact is the revolutionary upsurge—the mighty advance of the revolution in China, the revolution in Spain, the gathering together of the elements of revolutionary crisis in Germany, in Poland, in India, the development of widespread economic fights in a score of countries. Today the world is in transition to a new round of wars and revolutions.

Critical times and sharpest struggles face us. Especially essential is it for the Daily Worker, as the Central organ of our Party, to play a leading role in the developing economic struggles—the fight for immediate relief for the starving men, women and children of the industrial centers, the fight for emergency relief for impoverished farmers, for the bonus, against the stagger system, for a living wage. The Daily must become and will become such a paper that workers in struggle can find the answers to all their problems, especially the question at every stage of what to do next, so that the struggle may be raised to ever higher stages. As against the whole capitalist offensive on the standards of all toilers, for a capitalist way out of the crisis, we fight for the revolutionary way out.

S. P. Bulwark of Capitalism

In the course of this growing revolutionary struggle the reactionary leaders of the Socialist party who, here as elsewhere, are the chief bulwark of the capitalists, in trying to disintegrate and defeat the working class movement, will come forth with ever more demagogic and cynical deceptions. One of the essential conditions for fighting against the social-fascists and the Lovestone and Cannon right opportunist and Trotskyist renegades is the maintaining and strengthening of our revolutionary press.

This Ninth Anniversary celebration coincides with the beginning of the Second Five Year Plan of Socialist Construction in the Soviet Union. The great achievements of socialist construction constitute one of the most powerful revolutionary factors in the world today. It is being met with a new barrage of lies and calumny against the Soviet Union as the capitalist world endeavors to solve its own sharpening contradictions by plotting war and intervention against the workers and peasants of the U. S. S. R. In the entire United States there is but one English daily paper that exposes these conspiracies and rallies the masses in defense of the stronghold of the world revolution—that is the Daily Worker.

On this Ninth Anniversary I appeal to the toiling masses of New York to rally to the support of the Daily Worker, to help make it a more powerful weapon with which to deliver crushing blows against the rotten, decaying capitalist system.