

COMMUNISTS FLAY LA FOLLETTE

Foster Denounces Senator's Leaders and Program as Capitalism's Last Reserves

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

ARTHUR SEARS HENNING, the most authoritative political liar on the staff of the Chicago Tribune, invaded the realms of free verse in his attempt to extol the United States, which is at this moment—according to the republican party—basking in the reflected glory of Calvin Coolidge. Henning saw bricklayers going to work in flivvers, fields heavy with grain (he did not mention the grain growers heavy with worry over what the grain speculators and elevator owners would do to them), and a young lady returning from college—perhaps a coed from Northwestern University, kissing a rustic male at a village way station. Everything looked good to him, including the osculation.

How different all this is to the condition of the people in Europe, says Henning? Well, what of it? The wealth of this country was not created by the Chicago Tribune and the parasitical capitalist class. The roads, flivvers, Pullmans, even the rouge on the cheeks of the girls who kissed the rustic, were produced by the workers, not by the class who pied pipers, Henning and his co-workers in the field of journalistic harlotry, are. Who does all this wealth rightfully belong to? To the producers or to the exploiters of the producers?

Simply because this country is wealthy is no reason why the few should be allowed to grab off all the wealth while the workers exist on the crumbs that fall from the tables of the rich. It is an additional reason why they should get busy and take what rightfully belongs to them. The impudence of the American capitalists and their henchmen merits admiration. To attribute this wealth to the wisdom of Calvin Coolidge and the political sagacity of the republican party is even more so.

For ourselves, we will admit that this country is rich. But we ask the five or six million of unemployed how much of this wealth they have got. I should have said "unemployed workers." There are two kinds of unemployed. Those who are out of work because the boss does not see fit to employ them and those who can't work because they are too busy trying to spend the profits from the labor of others. Henning may see anything his paymasters want him to see. Capitalist journalists like alienists look at things thru the spectacles provided by their masters. But the workers are also beginning to see things. There are many Tribunes today and only one DAILY WORKER. But the Tribunes will be on the decrease while the DAILY WORKERS will increase. And this is a good time to suggest that our readers send a brick flying back to the business office of this paper with the name of a new subscriber on it.

Looking for arguments to use against the capitalist system is not itself a reason for eyestrain. Nevertheless, the author of this column was obliged to visit an optician and thereby hangs a tale. The white-collared slave who waited on me remarked that in his opinion Calvin Coolidge would be our next president. My answer perceptibly narrowed his collar. As his bile was passing that portion of the human anatomy known to the laity as Adam's Apple, he managed to inquire how Calvin hit the bottom of my estimation.

Such a superfluous question at most rendered me bereft of speech so I resorted to the dirty Yankee trick of asking him how Calvin Coolidge happened to win his approbation. He was knocked much more speechless than I was, if you will pardon the "bull." In order to break the deafening silence, I began to limber up by linking Calvin with Wall Street, assuming that my auditor did not know the dictionary definition.

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SPOTLIGHT IS THROWN ON BIG LABOR FAKER

His History Marvel of Crookedness

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY (Article 1)

The DAILY WORKER in the performance of its duty to the revolutionary movement for the freedom of the workingclass, not only is obliged to fight the capitalist system and the capitalist class who are the direct beneficiaries of that system but also the labor lieutenants of capital or better known as labor fakers.

This slimy crew of treacherous capitalist auxiliaries are very useful allies of the capitalist class in the latter's incessant war on the workers. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that but for the aid of these hirelings, the capitalist class in every country would not hold power for a week.

The labor faker is not a purely American phenomenon. He can be found in every country in the world. But he can be seen in the United States at his worst because the capitalist class of this country can afford to pay their agents better for service rendered than any other collection of capitalist robbers in the world.

There are degrees of treason even among labor fakers. It is not the purpose of this series of articles to pick on any particular specimen of the species and hold him up to public scorn in order to satisfy a desire for vengeance against the breed, but rather to make use of the career of an odious political leper as ever existed in the United States in order to enlighten the working class in general and the miners of Illinois in particular of the nature of the situation with which they are confronted so that they may be able to meet it.

The specimen we have selected for our attention is no other than Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois Miners' Union, also known as District 12 of the United Mine Workers of America.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS CONTINUE TO GROW IN SAME OLD SWEATSHOPS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Sweatshop conditions in the artificial flower industry in the United States do not seem to have disappeared, if statistics reported by the department of commerce in its census of manufacturers for 1923 are a fair index.

These figures show that \$4,501,701 was paid in wages to an average of 4,695 persons in the industry last year—an average yearly wage of \$958. Salaried workers to the number of 654 received \$1,395,659, or \$2,134 each.

PARTY ON RHODE ISLAND BALLOT

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 12.—The Workers Party candidates for president and vice-president of the United States have gone on the ballot with a bang in Rhode Island. The Communist standard-bearers, William Z. Foster and Benjamin Gitlow, received many hundreds of signatures more than the amount required. John J. Ballam, district organizer, tells the DAILY WORKER.

"Now the oppressed textile workers of Rhode Island and Massachusetts will have a chance to voice a concrete protest against all

the capitalist exploiters who have oppressed them in the dust-filled mills," Ballam declares.

In order to make doubly sure that no excuse can be made for throwing the Foster-Gitlow electors off the ballot, Comrade Ballam will file four hundred more signatures Tuesday. The workers of Rhode Island, who brave the open shop wages and working hours, and the occupational diseases so prevalent in the textile mills, are now given a chance to support the only candidates in the field who represent the control of the government by the working class.

BIG CLOTHING WORKERS' MEET FLAYS SIGMAN

Reactionary Officials In New Plot

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Thousands of rank and file workers in the cloak and dressmaking trades assembled in Cooper Union hall yesterday to protest against the czarist tactics of the officialdom of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, which for two years, under the direction of President Morris Sigman, in New York, and Vice-President Meyer Perlstein in Chicago, has depleted the union treasury, has expelled the fighting union members who have attempted to put thru progressive measures, has choked off every effort at real gain for the workers, and has surrendered the rights of the union to the arbitrary demands of bosses and government agents who were backing up the bosses.

A resolution calling for a huge mass meeting in Madison Square Garden and another resolution denouncing the latest move of the officials—the foisting of an increase of fifteen cents in dues without even a pretense of consulting the membership—were carried by acclamation. A sum of over six hundred dollars was collected to carry on the fight and a committee of one hundred and fifty elected to circulate the petitions against the action of the machine.

Hours before the time for which the meeting was announced, workers were flocking direct from the shops to Cooper Union hall. A big overflow meeting was held in the Stuyvesant Casino, and hundreds of workers stood outside, unable to gain admittance.

The workers made it clear that it is not so much the increase in dues which they mind as the fact that this increase is enforced over the heads of the membership and against their will. They have lost faith in the officials and know that the funds which are to be raised will be used, not to gain the demands of the workers against the bosses, but to enforce the decisions of the bureaucracy and to build up the machine.

The anger of the rank and file workers in the needle trades, which has been aroused by the tactics which the Sigman machine has been using for the past two years, has now reached a point where they are ready to overthrow the official dictatorship. Ever since the beginning of its term in office, the Sigman-Perlstein "socialist" officials have tried to lead the union along the path of reaction.

At the national convention of the needle trades held in Boston, the machine expelled the militant workers—some of whom had proved themselves the best fighters during the Chicago

FIRST COMMUNIST CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT PREDICTS DAY WHEN WORKERS WILL RULE IN AMERICA

"The last reserve troops of capitalism," was William Z. Foster's characterization of the LaFollette leaders and program in the presidential campaign, in the first big meeting in Chicago of the Communist presidential candidate.

Mercilessly flaying the shallow reforms advanced by the "third party" as a sure cure for the ills of the working class, Foster pointed out that LaFollette in America is performing the same historical role as that of the social-democrats in Germany, the left bloc in France and the MacDonald government in Great Britain.

"Each of these four movements," said Foster "has but one task to perform, namely, to save the capitalist system from being overthrown by a revolutionary mass movement of the working class."

Calling it "Hopeless Mulligan," "The differing characteristics of the German social-democracy, the labor party of Great Britain, the left bloc in France, and the LaFollette movement," said Foster, "only serve to emphasize their common historical function."

"The first is a party of workers built on individual membership with a long history, the second is a federation build mainly on workers' economic organizations with a more brief historical background, the third is a parliamentary combination of labor and petty bourgeois parties and groups, and the last, the LaFollette movement, is a hopeless mulligan of all class elements without any definite form."

"But above all these differences, their common element and their common social function stand out with startling clearness. All are the blinders put upon the masses, the embodiment of the 'democratic illusions,' by means of which capitalism perpetuates its rule."

"I have the great honor of being the first Communist candidate for president," said Foster, in opening his speech. "I will tell you a secret—that I do not expect to be elected." The laughter of the crowd quickly changed to enthusiastic cheers as Foster went on to say: "But some day a Communist will head the government that rules over America, only when that time comes the position will not be called president—it will be chairman of the All-American Soviet."

Must Organize Advance Guard. Mobilization of the advance guard of the workers was stressed by Foster as a fundamental aim of the Workers Party in its election campaign. The strengthening and building of the Workers Party, thru the enlistment of all workers who realize that the only road for their class leads to the overthrow of the capitalist system was emphasized by Foster. He appealed to all such workers in the hall to put in their application for membership in the Workers Party.

"The DAILY WORKER is the greatest single weapon of the American workers in their struggle against oppression," declared Foster, and he called for united and energetic efforts to extend its circulation to the millions of workers who have not yet seen it.

"Our biggest task today," said Foster, "is to combat and destroy the LaFollette illusion, which is the greatest obstacle to the development of the working class."

GITLOW AND DUNNE ALSO SET FORTH WORKERS' POSITION IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

The biggest Communist rally ever staged in Chicago was held yesterday in the Ashland Auditorium, when an audience that packed the great labor amphitheater to the limit heard William Z. Foster, noted strike leader and Communist candidate for president of the United States on the Workers Party ticket, state the Communist program and exposed the pretensions of the capitalist pseudo-reformer, Robert M. LaFollette, to represent the masses of workers and exploited farmers.

Tremendous enthusiasm was aroused when William F. Dunne, Communist candidate for governor of Illinois, introduced the first Communist candidate for president in the history of the United States.

"I have the great honor of being the first Communist candidate for president," said Foster, and then with a merry twinkle in his eyes he continued, "but I will tell you a secret—I do not expect to be elected."

This sally brought gales of laughter from the audience but Foster had them cheering immediately after when he said:

"But some day a Communist will head the government that rules over America, only when that time comes the position will not be called president, it will be chairman of the All-American Soviet."

Foster Full of Vigor.

Foster was in excellent form and full of vigor after his arduous cross-country campaign. The fact that he did not travel in special trains, accompanied by honorary guards of police and delegations from the American Legion, as is the case with his opponent LaFollette and the two other capitalist lackeys, did not seem to have detrimental effect on his health. Foster is accustomed to hard campaigning.

Foster sailed into LaFollette with enthusiasm. "Our biggest task today is to combat and destroy the LaFollette illusion, which is the greatest obstacle to the development of the working class and its struggles."

He called the LaFollette movement "the last reserve of capitalism" and points out that it was performing the same historical function in the United States that the MacDonald government performed in England, the Herriots in France and the social democrats in Germany.

The illusion that LaFollette upheld working class interests or could save the workers from the coming imperialist war, was particularly attacked by the speaker, who asserted that only when the workers established a proletarian dictatorship can imperialism be ended.

Communist Enter National Struggle. William F. Dunne, who recently returned from Russia where he attended the Fifth Congress of the Communist International as a delegate from the Workers Party, declared that the placing of the Communist ticket on the ballot for the first time in American history was an event of historic importance.

"It marks the entry of the Communists into the national struggle as a potential force with which American capitalism will have to reckon," he declared.

He pictures the United States as the headquarters for the world-wide conspiracy of the capitalists against the rising tide of working class revolt.

"The Dawes' plan makes America the center of world counter-revolution and it holds over the heads of the world's workers the constant threat of imperialist war."

Benjamin Gitlow, candidate for vice-president on the Communist ticket was given a rousing welcome. He declared that capitalism in the United States was going thru a crisis and this winter would see factory after factory shut down and workers in every line of industry would have their wages reduced.

"Every attempt on the part of the workers to resist the exactions of the capitalists will be brutally suppressed by the bosses," declared Gitlow. "The crisis in agriculture will not be ended owing to the slight increase in the price of wheat because

STATE CONSTABULARY IS PRIVATE VENTURE OF BOSSES AND KLAN

When the ordinary worker hears of the activities of the "State Constabulary of Illinois" he jumps to the conclusion that this organization is a part of the state machinery such as the state constabulary of Pennsylvania. The DAILY WORKER discloses that such is not the case.

The state constabulary of Illinois is a private organization backed by Chicago politicians, the Ku Klux Klan, and those employers of labor who allow it to shake down the workers because it shouts Americanism and builds up the skeleton for a state militarism.

S. Glenn Young, the notorious Southern Illinois gunman, uses the state constabulary as his sole authority for his lawbreaking activities. Politicians use the organization to push militaristic propaganda and to aid them into office. The workers pay the expenses and all they get in return is a tin star and an organization which will shoot them down in times of strikes and wars.

This issue contains the first of a series of articles exposing the militaristic, Ku Klux Klan activities of the state constabulary.

it is based on the economic demoralization of Europe."

He declared that the republican and democratic parties are servants of Wall Street and that LaFollette represents the small exploiters of labor. "LaFollette will be used to stave off the workers' revolt, to turn it into reformist channels and to save the capitalist dictatorship."

Hail the DAILY WORKER.

The great labor auditorium, flying banners hailing the DAILY WORKER, the only real working class newspaper in the English language, was packed to its capacity and then some.

It was a great gathering of men and women from the rank and file of labor who had come to greet their spokesmen.

The union groups were out in full force. Many packing house workers, who remembered Foster's organization work among them, came to hear him. There was a large representation from the membership of the Amalgamated Food Workers' Union, carrying their banner.

Many Unions Represented. Other union groups were conspicuous for the beautiful colorful bright red kerchiefs around their necks and every few minutes loud and long cheers were given for Foster and Gitlow.

An outstanding feature of the meeting is the large representation of Negroes. No other political meeting in the city of Chicago was so largely attended by Negro workers. With them is seen Joseph Bibbs, editor of the Whip, a Negro weekly.

Everybody Reads "THE DAILY." Nearly everyone in the audience carried a copy of the Special Chicago edition of the DAILY WORKER. Outside the hall, in front of the Auditorium building, passers by on their way to other gatherings, bought the DAILY

The World of Labor Industry & Agriculture

RAIL LABOR'S WAGES BRING STARVING KIDS

Demand More Money at Rail Board Meet

By LELAND OLDS. (Federated Press Industrial Editor) Deficit wages was the striking term used by President E. H. Fitzgerald, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, to describe to the rail labor board the wages paid to members of his organization. He demands restoration of 1920 wage rates.

MILITANTS OF DISTRICT 5, MINERS' UNION, SENDING OUT CALL FOR ACTION IN COMING ELECTIONS

(Special to The Daily Worker) PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 12.—A drive to elect militants to the official positions in the coming district and international elections of the United Mine Workers of America, on a platform which calls for the formation of a fighting organization and the reinstatement of Alexander Howat, Jim MacLachlan and Thomas Myerscough, the fighting miners who were forced out thru the

U. S. DELIVERS ITALIAN REBEL TO MUSSOLINI

Nigra to be Deported to Land of Terror

By LAURENCE TODD. (Federated Press Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Pietro Nigra, Italian subject, one of the victims of the I.W.W. hysteria trial at Chicago during the war, will be deported to Italy for such tender reception as the fascist slugs may give him, in November. They murdered Matteotti, the Italian socialist leader.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TRIES TO LENGTHEN WORKDAY OF SEAMEN

By SYDNEY WARREN. (Federated Press Staff Correspondent) VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 12.—The Canadian government merchant marine is attempting to reduce expenses by forcing seamen on government vessels to work longer hours with time off in port in lieu of overtime pay. It also blacklists seamen who complain of food and other conditions.

MERRICK CASE, TWO YEARS OLD, UP FOR TRIAL

Even Prosecutor Weakens in Frame-Up

(By The Federated Press) SALEM, Mass., Oct. 12.—After nearly two years' delay the case of John E. Merrick, member of the Shoe Workers' Protective Union who was charged with planting an infernal machine near the shoe factory of Knipe Bros. in Ward Hill near Haverhill, is coming up in the court of Essex County.

Table with 3 columns: Per Year, Minimum budget, Actual wage. Lists various job categories like Chief clerks, Clerical specialists, etc.

budgets ranged all the way from that for an unmarried clerk up to that for the married employ with three children. These budgets, which represent the minimum satisfactory living standard in each case, were prepared by the University of California.

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A NEAT FROCK FOR THE GROWING GIRL

4910. Plaid woolen with facings of crepe in a contrasting color was chosen for this pleasing model. The collar is convertible. The sleeve may be in 3/4-length or, short as in the large view.



A PLEASING HOUSE OR MORNING FROCK

4887. Linen, gingham, or crepe could be used for this design. It is a good model for stout figures.

War Veterans Claim Bonus. WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Approved applications for world war veterans' adjusted compensation are reaching the veterans' bureau from the army, navy and marine corps at a rate of 10,000 a day and the number now on hand exceeds 370,000.

Textile Mill Crisis in Poland. With approximately 32,000 textile workers unemployed, 100 plants in Lodz, Poland, closed, only two or three mills working full time, and virtually the entire remainder operating with a reduced number of working days in the week, the crisis in Poland's textile industry is steadily growing worse.

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Bazaar in Wisconsin. Junior Workers League of West Allis will have a bazaar at 9 p. m., Saturday, Oct. 18, 1924, at Miller's Hall, 8th and State Sts. Admission 10 cents.

UNCLE WIGGILY'S TRICKS. 'That was a pippin!' 'There's your ball, Uncle Wiggily' 'I ought to land on the green now!' 'Mrs. Cluck Cluck laid one of her eggs here!'

Your Union Meeting

- Second Monday, Oct. 13, 1924. Name of Local and Meeting Place. 625 Boiler Makers, 5324 S. Halsted St. 124 Boot and Shoe Workers' Joint Council, 4339 Milwaukee Ave.

YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK IF YOU GO BROKE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 12.—Philip De Vault, aged 18 years, of Washington Court House, Ohio, who claims he has traveled 1,800 miles in the past three weeks, was arrested on his arrival in the city on a charge of vagrancy.

Int'l Printers' Meet Reports no Progress on Unity Proposals

(By The Federated Press) HAMBURG, Germany, Oct. 12.—Thirty delegates from 17 countries attended the 9th International printers' congress at Hamburg in September. The principal problems related to obtaining new national affiliations and amalgamation of the many crafts into a single industrial printers' union.

Class Collaboration. TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 12.—The building trades council of Tacoma is regularly sending representatives to the Tacoma chamber of commerce at the request of the council's business agents.

Dunne's Dates. W. Frankfort, Ill.—October 16. Christopher, Ill.—October 17. Du Quoin, Ill.—October 18. Madison, Ill.—October 19, afternoon. St. Louis, Mo.—October 19, evening. Eshelville, Ill.—October 20. Collinsville, Ill.—October 22. Springfield, Ill.—October 22.

Remember to Register. If You Want to Vote the Workers (Communist) Party Ticket on Tuesday, Oct. 14—Last Registration Day. Those who signed petitions to place the Workers Party candidates on the ballot must register if their signatures are to count.

