

Foster Reads Communist Party Challenge to Fish Committee

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Wm. Z. Foster, when called to testify before the Fish Committee here today, before answering any questions put to him by the committee members, insisted on reading a statement drawn up by the Central Committee of the Communist Party. This statement characterizes the Fish Committee as the bosses' tool for further worsening the conditions of the American workers and for the preparation of war against the Soviet Union. It calls upon the workers to organize and fight for their own demands in the United States and for the defense of the Soviet Union. The statement follows in full:

THE Fish Committee is supposed to be investigating Communist activities in the United States. It is impossible to understand Communist activities unless one knows the conditions of the working class in this country, upon which these activities are based.

Today more than 9 million workers are unemployed and deprived of all means of living. There is nothing left for them except the bread lines and miserable charity crumbs. Thousands upon thousands of working class families have been thrown out of their homes because they can no longer pay their rent. Those who are still employed are having their wages slashed and are being speeded up beyond the limit of human endurance.

In the streets of every large city, workers are dropping dying and dead from starvation and exposure. Every newspaper in the country constantly reports suicides of these workers, driven to desperation by unemployment and starvation. The Communist activities are the organized protest and struggle of the masses against these conditions.

Why Starve?

What is the cause of this starvation, misery and hardship of the millions of workers in the United States? Is it because some great national calamity has destroyed the food, clothing and shelter available for the people? No, on the contrary.

Millions of workers must go hungry because there is too much wheat. Millions of workers must go without clothes because the warehouses are full to overflowing with everything that is needed. Millions of workers must freeze in hovels and cellars because there are too many houses. Millions of workers must freeze because there is too much coal. This is the logic of the capitalist system which the Fish Committee is protecting against the protests of the workers.

Confronted with the demand of hungry and homeless unemployed masses for bread and shelter, the rulers of this country answer with policemen's clubs, gas bombs and savage prison sentences.

Bestial Brutality.

For the past year every newspaper in America has been full of cases of the most bestial and bloody attacks upon crowds of defenseless workers by the police.

Only last Monday on the steps of the capitol building, police clubs and gas bombs were used freely to break up a delegation of workers coming to exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right of protest against proposed further legislation to suppress the workers.

The Bosses' Answer Is Terror.

Almost every demonstration of unemployed workers has been brutally smashed by police terror. In Imperial Valley, California, where agricultural workers attempted to organize to get relief from the unbearable working conditions of the vegetable farm-

ers, seven leaders were sent to the penitentiary for 42 years each for the crime of organizing a union.

In Gastonia, workers who defended their homes from the midnight attack of an armed mob are sentenced to be buried alive behind prison walls, repeating again the history of the infamous Centralia, Washington, case.

In Danville, Virginia, the textile workers striking against a starvation wage of \$8 to \$10 a week are subjected to martial law.

Mooney and Billings, victims of a proved frame-up, after 14 years have again been denied pardons by those who framed them.

In Atlanta, Georgia, the ruling class demands the death penalty for six workers who had the "audacity" to attempt to exercise their constitutional right of free speech and assemblage in order to organize common meetings of white and Negro workers to consider their common problems.

In New York, Steve Katovis was shot down in cold blood by a policeman for picketing. The Negro worker, Levi, and the Mexican worker, Gonzales, were murdered on the streets of New York by the police for taking part in workers' demonstrations. The Negro worker, Mason, in Chicago, was beaten to death by the police for the crime of speaking on the street.

In every city these same police, who club the workers and throw them into prison, are exposed before the whole world as a set of gangsters, who are bound up with the organized criminal underworld on the one hand and the inner circles of the capitalist class on the other.

The recent exposures of the New York police and courts preying upon women on a wholesale scale is only a brief glimpse of the rotten mess that is repeated in the police and judicial system in the whole United States.

Rottenness and Decay.

It is an example of the rottenness that has penetrated into every phase of American society, and is the natural result of the operations of the capitalist system.

The same judges that send the workers to jail are one by one being exposed before the whole world as themselves grafters, who purchase their own jobs from the political machines and make great profits from these by extracting graft from everyone whom they can drag into their net.

What Communists Do.

The Communist activities in the United States consist in organizing and leading the struggle of the masses of workers against these intolerable conditions. If the Fish Committee wants to investigate the growth of Communism let it investigate the miserable situation under which the masses live and from which only Communism shows them the way out.

What It Means to the Negroes.

As a part of this general starvation and oppression of the workers, the rulers of this country apply a special oppression and per-

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secution to the Negroes. Not only do the Negroes suffer more from unemployment, being the first to be fired and the last to be hired, not only are they given the most difficult and disagreeable tasks at the lowest wages, not only are they segregated and jammed, disfranchised and denied every ordinary right of human beings, but on top of all this shameful oppression which stinks of the whole system of slavery, they are submitted to a system of lynch law and violence unprecedented in the history of any nation or any race.

It is a weekly occurrence in this country for a Negro worker to be seized, usually from the hands of complaisant officers of the law who have previously disarmed him, by a murderous mob which tears his body to pieces and burns the remains.

Investigate This.

If the Fish Committee wants to know why the Negroes are more and more turning to Communism, let them investigate especially what is going on in the constituency of Mr. Bachman of West Virginia, in the constituency of Mr. Eslick of Tennessee, in the constituency of Mr. Hall of Mississippi.

While the supporters of Messrs. Bachman, Eslick and Hall are lynching the disfranchised Negroes, the Communists are leading the fight for complete equality and self-determination for the Negroes. While United States senators, such as Blease, are declaring "to hell with the Constitution" if it is a barrier to lynching a Negro, the Communists are organizing defense corps of white and black workers to fight against all lynching mobs.

This is why the Negroes no longer trust the representatives of American capitalism, and why the Communist Party influence is growing among the Negro masses.

The oppression of Negroes, like that of the entire working class is carried through by a common agreement of republican, democratic and socialist parties alike. The republican and democratic parties, in office and out of office, have uniformly made scraps of paper of the 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution.

The socialist party, hungry for office, rushes to assure its republican and democratic elder brothers that they will do the same if they only get the chance. Heywood Brown, who has recently achieved prominence as a leader of the socialist party, declared April 26, 1930: "If I were a candidate for high executive office, or judicial office, I would say, even without being cornered, that I would not now sanction the efforts to enforce the 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution of the United States." All this policy is designed to destroy the unity of the working class, and extract special super profits out of the labor of the workers.

The Foreign Born, Too.

New blows against the workers are being prepared in the measures endorsed by the spokesmen of the Fish Committee, which are now before Congress, for registration and finger printing of foreign born workers and the adoption of more drastic deportation laws and limitation of immigration.

This special persecution of the foreign born workers, which is accompanied by mass dismissals of foreign born from the factories and from municipal employment, by discrimination against the foreign born in unemployment relief and so on, is all a part of the capitalist strategy to divide the workers into antagonistic groups, setting one against the other and turning the attention of both away from their real enemy, the capitalist exploiters.

The Communists are leading and organizing the fight of the masses against these special persecutions and discriminations.

On the Farms, As Well.

It is not only in the cities that the masses are feeling the destructive blows of the crisis of capitalism. Also on the farms we witness hunger, poverty, wholesale bankruptcies, dispossession of hundreds of thousands of farmers, the most tremendous overproduction of wealth and the consequent ruin and starvation of those who produced it—the millions of starving farmers. There is no escape for the unemployed in the cities to go to the land, because from the land there is streaming into the cities new millions of impoverished farmers to join the starving armies of the unemployed.

Every farming community today is witnessing sheriff sales in which impoverished farmers are being dispossessed of their last few remaining bits of private property. On the farm, also, the rich are growing richer and the poor are sinking into starvation.

The fake relief measures of the Hoover administration have already been exposed as nothing but instruments for the further enrichment of the banks, railroads, and local exploiters.

Only the Communist Party proposes and fights for real relief measures for the impoverished farmers: the suspension of all dispossessions, securing of the free use of the land to the farmer who tills it, the furnishing of material relief to the poorest farmers, instead of additional profits to the rich farmers and exploiters—this is the nature of Communist activities among the farmers of the U. S. These are the causes for the spread of Communism in the agricultural communities of this country.

The A. F. L.—Strike-Breaking Instrument.

In the industries, the workers are learning by bitter experience the true meaning of the notorious Hoover-Green agreement for no strikes and no wage cuts.

The "no strike" part of this contract was carried out so completely that the A. F. L. has become the general strike-breaking instrument of the capitalist class, almost completely putting out of business the old strike-breaking institutions of Wm. J. Burns, Flynn, Parley, Felts-Baldwin, etc.

But the "no-wage-cut" part of the agreement has been generally and cynically disregarded by every capitalist in the United States. Even the doctored statistics of the Bureau of Labor has to record a reduction of wages in the year 1930 alone of more than \$8,000,000,000. This is accompanied by a speed-up in the factories which has gone far beyond the limits of human endurance. The program of the capitalist class was expressed in the November Bulletin of the N. Y. Daily Worker as follows:

"Under pressure of reduced volume of business and lower prices, business men have been going over their organizations with a fine-tooth comb, subjecting

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every process to a rigid inspection with a view to finding ways and means of improving methods, eliminating unnecessary man power and paring costs to the irreducible minimum."

What this means is graphically illustrated by the reports in the U. S. Monthly Labor Review which registered on the basis of a very limited survey, wage cuts to the number of 68 in July, 63 in August, 117 in September, 136 in October.

Wage cuts have taken place in such central industrial establishments as Bethlehem Steel, General Motors, Anaconda Copper, Union Pacific Ry., Philadelphia Shoe, Calumet Copper, etc., and in the entire coal and textile industries, as well as in every other industry in the country.

Where these wage cuts have not been put into effect openly, as reductions in the scale, they have been put into effect in a covered manner by changes in piece rates, discharging of old workers and hiring of new workers under lower categories, replacing older workers by youth, abolition of day work and the introduction of piece work, etc. In many industries this wage cutting has amounted to as much as 50 per cent and in some industries there have been even as many as four and five successive wage cuts, during the year 1930.

In the South, which is so heavily represented in this Committee, and where wages even before the crisis were below the starvation level, and where the starvation disease, pellagra, is a wide-spread phenomenon among the workers, wage cuts have been even more deep-going than in the North.

Why Communism Is Growing

The reason why Communism is growing in the North and in the South among the workers in the shops is because the Communist Party and the revolutionary trade unions are the only forces leading and organizing the struggle against wage cuts and against the inhuman speed-up.

The unemployed workers in the United States are more and more turning toward the Communist Party because they find everywhere else, and especially the government and its departments, persistently lying about the extent of their problem; persistently holding out false promises of relief that never materializes, filling the newspapers with fake publicity about relief measures that never reach the unemployed, constantly prophesying the "return of prosperity within 60 days" while the crisis continues to deepen and new hundreds of thousands of workers are thrown on the street every month.

All "responsible" people denied the existence of mass unemployment until the Communist Party on March 6 led a million and a quarter unemployed workers onto the streets and forced the entire country to recognize the existence of this problem. The only response of the government for the solution of this problem was the appointment of the Fish Committee to investigate the activities of the Communists.

The only relief offered by the rulers of America to the unemployed masses is the bread line and the shameful crumbs of charity.

Only the Communist Party has consistently put forward and fought for the adoption of a comprehensive system of unemployment insurance, financed out of the tremendous reserves of wealth monopolized by the capitalists.

While the rulers of this country spend hundreds of millions of dollars every year upon war expenditures, only the Communist Party demands the use of these funds for the relief of the starving masses.

While the government and all of its institutions are throwing the unemployed workers and their families out of their homes, only the Communist Party is leading a determined fight against these evictions.

While the federal, state and municipal governments are wallowing in graft, only the Communist Party is leading a determined fight that government funds shall be taken out of the hands of the grafters and used for the immediate relief of the unemployed.

While the only gestures being made by the government are in the nature of appropriations for public construction which only to an infinitesimal degree replaces the tremendous slump that has occurred in the building industry, and which are mainly new pork-barrels for the grafters, the Communist Party organizes the masses to fight for the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill.

This is the nature of the Communist activities among the unemployed, and the tremendous response of the unemployed to this program is the reason why the Fish Committee is worried about Communist activities in the United States.

Why the Bosses "Investigate"

No doubt the Fish Committee is very anxious about the loss of influence of the American Federation of Labor over the workers. This is one of the principle reasons why the government is investigating the activities of the Communists and why it is doing everything it can to bolster up the waning power of the American Federation of Labor.

The reason why the Communists are able to win the workers away from the corrupt leaders of the American Federation of Labor is because these leaders prevent strike movements against wage cuts and speed up, and help the employers to put their measures into effect. The American Federation of Labor leaders break strikes when they occur in spite of their leadership. The leadership of the American Federation of Labor uses the capitalist court injunction weapon against the revolutionary unions. The American Federation of Labor leadership fights against unemployment insurance. The American Federation of Labor leadership supports and practices the policy of Jim-Crowism against the Negroes. The American Federation leadership is directly connected with the whole machinery of war preparations and is a leader in the crusade for world capitalist war against the Soviet Union, the only country ruled by the working class.

The American Federation of Labor leadership is organically connected with and is an instrument in the hands of the capitalist class and its republican and democratic parties, while the socialist party is a junior partner in the same game. The American Federation of Labor leadership is at the same moment fused with the organized underworld, the gangsters and racketeers, which are a part of the capitalist system of municipal government and connected through the bootlegging business not only with the police, the corrupt political machines of municipality and state, but also with the highest circles of American society, who must have profit out of bootlegging, as well as out of the production of the factories.

The American Federation of Labor is not an instrument in the hands of the workers to defend their interests, but on the contrary is an instrument in the hands of the capitalist class to beat down all efforts of the workers to improve their conditions and protect themselves from wage cuts, etc.

The Communist Party supports and leads in the formation of real fighting trade union organizations of the workers in the Trade Union Unity League.

The Bosses Are Preparing War

The tremendous crisis of capitalism has brought with it not only unemployment, wage cuts, speed-up, starvation and misery for the masses, but also brought us face to face with a new world war.

In spite of all the fake Kellogg peace pacts, dis-

armament conferences, etc., the imperialist governments, especially the United States and Great Britain, are arming themselves to the teeth against one another, preparing for a new world slaughter.

Almost three-fourths of the government income in the United States is spent for war purposes. The military and naval budgets of the principal imperialist powers are higher than they have ever been in peace time in all history, and are constantly increasing.

The capitalists know no way out of their crisis except through bloody war, by which they hope to snatch from one another the markets of the world. As Senator Reed of Pennsylvania said the other day—curiously enough for once speaking a profound truth—the only thing that is delaying a new imperialist war is the fear of Bolshevism on the part of the ruling classes.

It is this common fear of Bolshevism, that is drawing together all of the antagonistic imperialist powers, including the United States, into joint preparations for war against the Soviet Union.

The workers of the United States do not want war. They realize more and more that all the capitalist parties are dragging them towards war at a dizzy speed. Only the Communist Party organizes and leads the fight against war preparations generally, and especially the fight against the war on the Soviet Union.

A Kobbler Treaty

One of the root causes of the present crisis of capitalism is to be found in the Versailles Treaty, the war debts and indemnities, and especially the Young Plan of enslavement of the German people. In building and supporting this whole world structure of capitalist oppression, United States imperialism has played a leading role. More and more the workers are learning that the enslavement of peoples under the Versailles Treaty, the exploitation of the million masses of Europe by the war debts and the Young Plan, constitute one of the chief causes of their own misery and degradation.

The activities of the Communist Party in the United States are winning more and more mass support because the Communist Party leads and organizes the fight to smash the Versailles Treaty, to wipe out the war debts and reparations, and to liberate the German masses from the yoke of the Young Plan.

As a result of the economic crisis, the ruling class of this country is intensifying its oppression and exploitation of the colonies and weak nations—in China, the Philippines, and especially in Latin America.

At the same moment these oppressed peoples are beginning to fight for their independence and for liberation from the imperialist yoke, the United States and Great Britain are engaged in all of these countries and throughout the world in a desperate struggle for control of its markets.

This struggle between the United States and Great Britain is being fought out in armed struggles for governmental power between various factions of the local bourgeoisie in each country.

Only the Communist Party unconditionally supports and fights for the complete independence and self-determination of every nation, the complete freeing of every colony and semi-colony.

Plan War Against U. S. S. R.

The preparations for imperialist war are today concentrated against the Soviet Union. The enormous success of the Five-Year Plan of socialist construction in the Soviet Union has filled the hearts of our capitalist rulers with fear and panic and desperate rage. The Soviet Union is revolutionizing the working class of the entire world by its very existence, and by the contrast which it presents to the conditions of the workers under capitalism. While in the United States more than nine million workers are unemployed, in the Soviet Union unemployment has been completely abolished and there is an acute shortage of labor.

While in the United States wages of the working class are being slashed by eight billion dollars, in the Soviet Union the wages of the working class are steadily increasing and are now 67 per cent above pre-war wages.

While in the United States capitalist rationalization is destroying the health of the workers and throwing ever greater numbers into the ranks of the unemployed, in the Soviet Union every stage in industrial progress is raising the living standards of the workers. While in the United States even the eight-hour day has never been established except for a few privileged groups, the average hours of labor being around 49 per week, and large numbers of workers slave for ten, eleven and twelve hours per day, in the Soviet Union no one works more than eight hours, and the seven hour day has already been established for half of the industrial workers.

Within two years the seven-hour day will be universal, and the six-hour day will begin to be introduced, while at present the six-hour day is in force for miners, chemical workers and young workers under 18. While in the United States the workers must live in the poorest houses, in the Soviet Union the workers have the best of everything that exists. While in the United States the workers have no vacations, except the starvation vacation of unemployment, in the Soviet Union every worker has two to four weeks paid vacation every year.

While in the United States the workers have no insurance against sickness, unemployment, old age, etc., except that provided by capitalist corporations at enormous profits to themselves, in the Soviet Union every worker enjoys complete protection, including a thorough system of maternity endowment. While in the United States every worker lives under the lash of fear of being discharged at the arbitrary will of his

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fitting the homes of those who have asked for aid, but up to the present no assistance has been given — the bosses contenting themselves on giving the hungry workers and their families free advice about birth control, etc., but no food now.

This fake relief plan installed by the rail bosses is receiving the unqualified endorsement of the business agents of the Federated Shop Crafts, affiliated to the American Federation of Labor.

The workers, threatened by another shutdown, which it is thought will take place shortly after Christmas, are beginning to talk straight from the shoulder, and are preparing to fight further attempts of the company and its American Federation of Labor fakers to break down the standards of living and their working conditions, which are already

boss, and is spied upon at every turn, in the Soviet Union the worker is the master of his job and the workers' organizations control the factories.

All of these contrasts, summed up in the contrast of world capitalism plunging into crisis and decay, while the socialist system of the Soviet Union rises strong and triumphant with the successful execution of the Five-Year Plan, is having the most apparent revolutionary consequences among the masses of workers in the United States and of the entire world.

For exactly the same reason that the capitalists are filled with panic, fear and hatred against the Soviet Union, the workers are filled with hope and love for the dictatorship of the proletariat, which has made the achievements of the Soviet Union possible. Workers are understanding that the Soviet Union is really their only fatherland.

The workers will not fight against the Soviet Union. The workers will rally for the defense of the Soviet Union. The Communist Party is leading and organizing the struggle against the imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

That is why the workers are turning towards the Communist Party and that is why the Fish Committee is investigating Communism with a view to find new measures to suppress the workers and the Communist Party as a part of the preparations for war.

The revelations made by the trial of the counter-revolutionary "Industrial Party" in Moscow, showing that the imperialist powers, under the leadership of France, have prepared an armed attack upon the Soviet Union in 1931, has exposed in its details what the class conscious workers have known for years was going on behind the scenes.

The revelation of the American capitalist participation in this plot through the financing of counter-revolutionary groups within the Soviet Union, shows that American capitalism is more and more going into the imperialist war front against the Soviet Union. The recent speeches of Admiral Pratt and of Hoover's Cabinet members, Wilbur and Hyde, show that this plot reaches into the very center of the United States government.

The work of this Fish Committee has also been intimately hooked up with this whole international conspiracy, as was openly exposed by the use of the notorious Whalen forgeries and the use of the tribune of this committee by such leading traitors to labor as Matthew Woll, by the Pope's agent, Father Walsh, and the whole campaign led by the Fish Committee for the breaking of trade relations with the Soviet Union.

The purpose of this committee is not only the suppression of the working class at home, but to prepare a bloody war against the Soviet Union.

Hypocritical Nonsense

This committee has spent many months trying to convince the public that the Communist Party is an organization of criminal violence for the purpose of preparing the ground for the suppression of the Communist Party. This is nothing but hypocritical nonsense.

If the theories of this Committee were logically carried through, the committee would have to call before its bar, to face the same accusation those who died on the battlefields of the American revolution in the struggle to free the United States from the rule of the British landlords.

These revolutionists of capitalism who freed America from feudal European rule found out that the ruling class of Britain refused independence to the colonies in spite of the overwhelming desire of the people as expressed in the provincial legislatures.

When the British ruling class met these demands for independence with armed force, these early revolutionists found that government is not a matter of majority votes, but of organized power which does not give way to the desires of the majority, but only to a greater power.

It was then that they decided that it was "their right" that it was "their duty" to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future security.

American history gives us another example of the same principle when with the election of Lincoln and the overwhelming majority voted out of power in the United States government the southern slave holders, these slave holders who took up arms to maintain their particular system of exploitation against the will of the majority.

Only an armed struggle succeeded in eliminating the institution of chattel slavery. The same law of history will operate in the transition from capitalism to socialism.

A Bloody Path

The bloody path that capitalism is traveling today over the lives of the workers is conclusive proof that when the workers, who are the majority, will become convinced by their own experience of the necessity of changing the capitalist order based upon private property and the enrichment of the few, into a society based upon common ownership of the means of production and the well-being of the masses, then the capitalists will use their last gun and their last dollar in defense of the only constitutional principle they ever really held sacred—that is the unrestricted right to make profit out of the misery of the masses—when the workers who are the majority will demand a change from the rule of the few to the rule of the many, then armed violence will be the last trump card of the capitalists.

Preparing the Workers

The Communist Party is preparing the working class for that day. When the capitalist minority will attempt to maintain their class rule against the will of the working majority, the Communist Party prepares the working class to carry out in the proletarian revolution that principle announced by the Colonial revolutionists in the Declaration of Independence that "it is the right, it is the duty" of the working masses "to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

The only possible guard for the future security of the working class is the dictatorship of the proletariat and the establishment of a Soviet government.

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is a junior partner supporting the A. F. L." On the Negro question the southern members of the committee were riled by the exposure of Jim Crowism and lynchings that are going on in the South. Bachman tried to deny the Jim Crowism by all sorts of lying statements but the other members of the South kept their mouths shut.

Just before Foster went on, one Inspector William S. Shelby of the Washington Police Department admitted that the gas bombs were thrown indiscriminately on Monday at the Capitol demonstration but he didn't know why or how the order was given for these to be thrown. He said no seditious banners were carried and that there was no unusual violence. He was very quickly discharged because he stated they had acted too hastily.

The morning session adjourned with Foster still testifying.

When the session started in the afternoon Fish conducted the examination. He questioned Foster about violence. Foster, in reply, read from the Communist International program, showing that Communists realize that the capitalist class will not surrender its power to exploit workers without resorting to violence and that Communists call the workers to prepare for that.

"Do you give allegiance to the Soviet Union?" Fish asked. Foster answered, "The Soviet Union is the only workers' government in the world. The Soviet Government is a new system, built for the workers and the workers of the world will defend it." Mythical \$1,250,000.

Foster was asked about the million and one-quarter that was supposed to have been given to the Communist Party by the Soviet Union. Foster said, "Matthew Woll, the Department of Justice and other enemies of Fish peddle those lies just as the Fish Committee peddled the Whalen forgeries. I challenge these enemies of labor to produce one single bit of evidence of these charges. What they say is a lie and a fake and they know it. It is done deliberately to aid the bosses' attack on the workers."

Lyncher Shuts Up.

Foster was asked about conditions of the Negroes in Tennessee by the Congressman from Tennessee. This congressman admitted there were lynchings in his state and admitted that Jim Crowism existed throughout Tennessee. And when Foster began to pile facts upon facts he finally dropped his examination and shut up.

Foster went into a detailed statement of the program and aims of the Communist Party and Fish attempted to have him answer the question, "Which flag we owe allegiance to, the Red flag or the American flag." Foster said that the workers recognize the Red flag as the flag of struggle against capitalism and that is the flag they will follow in overthrowing capitalism.

Amter on the stand was asked whether he believed in the world revolution. He said, "You can see throughout the world that capitalism is decaying. The United States is in a severe crisis. In Latin America there are revolutions. In China the masses are following the Communist Party. In India there is a grave economic and political crisis and this will intensify the revolutionary struggles of the workers." He was asked whether he gave allegiance to the American flag or the Red flag and answered as Foster did.

Jingo Testifies.

The next witness, Henry J. Nowles, presented a resolution against Communism adopted at the Boston convention of the American Legion.

The next witness was Harry Heehey. He brought up the matter of the Liberty motors that were supposed to have been bought by the Soviet Government. He had to admit that he did not know where these motors went to.

Fish For Embargo.

The next witness, Roger Baldwin, of the American Civil Liberties Union, said that his organization was not connected with Communists but was interested only in the struggle for free speech. In a verbal contest between Baldwin and Fish, Fish admitted he was for stronger deportation laws and for a secret police and for breaking trade with the Soviet Union. "You can quote me 1,000 times on this," Fish said.

Bachman also said he would endorse the same thing. The other members kept quiet. Harry Gannes takes the stand. He was asked about the Daily Worker; where the finances comes from. He pointed out that the finances came from the meagre pay of the workers who were getting their wages cut and from the unemployed who had scraped together a few pennies, and that it was the workers' paper exposing capitalism and carrying on the struggle for the workers.

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quotation after quotation from Lenin, showing how counter-revolutionaries should be dealt with. Krylenko's speech rose to a climax, overwhelming in intensity: "Millions of workers have sent congratulations to the G.P.U. for discovering the conspiracy. They have pledged to shed their blood for their fatherland, and build the Soviet regime as bulwark of the world proletariat, and for the sake of the world revolution. The world bourgeoisie is preparing an armed assault to exterminate us. A clash between the two systems is inevitable. A helping our enemies must be wiped off the whole earth. Every one of these men must be shot."

Plot Leaders in Power.

The reality of the intervention danger is evident in the fall of Tardieu and reports from authoritative circles that Poincare is to succeed him. Poincare is the chief leader and organizer of intervention. His resumption of power means a tremendous increase in the danger of an imperialist attack against the U.S.S.R. Only the united action of the world's workers can halt the robber hordes. American workers must act immediately. They must unmask the role of their own imperialism which with the aid of the Russian white guards in America, is doing all possible to incite and prepare a war crusade against the proletarian fatherland.

The conclusions of Krylenko's speech at the trial of the counter-revolutionary wreckers in Moscow, will be published in Monday's issue. Lack of space made it necessary to omit it today.—Ed.

Cooper Says Soviet Workers Get Skilled

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fact also that in every department where they are employed the women work even more faithfully than do the men. They work in a spirit of sacrifice and zeal. When the whistle blows they don't go home. They remain for awhile, looking on, enjoying the scope and activity of their own undertaking. They are mostly single women and they include layout workers and machine operators who learn from our men." No More Homeless Children.

Cooper denied that the church was persecuted, and told how the problem of the homeless children, about which the "Herald" papers here especially rave at intervals as though a whole race was being destroyed in infancy, was practically solved by bringing these war and famine orphans into state homes.

Cooper, of course, is no Communist. He is doing a job for which he is paid well by the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union. He assailed the Communists of U. S. as "foolish and silly" and claimed that he expected "Communism to gradually change into capitalism in Russia."

Cooper is no sociologist and no prophet. But he is an engineer, and within his own field, he annihilates the theory of the Hoover administration and the rest of the war makers, that Soviet Union must be embargoed and attacked because it is full of "convict labor" and other atrocities.

Let the workers of America take this authoritative denial of the war makers' propaganda, and mobilize to stop that war!

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noblemen are now employed as interpreters owing to their ability to converse in foreign tongues.

Rest Periods

"Everything is government controlled, and the laborer starts his work at eight o'clock, and takes ten minutes at nine o'clock for a rest and a smoke. At ten o'clock he stops for twenty minutes for a rest and a smoke and at eleven o'clock he has another ten minute rest. He goes to lunch at noon and returns at one o'clock. He takes ten minutes' rest and a smoke at two o'clock and twenty minutes off at three o'clock. He has ten minutes off at four o'clock and quits at five o'clock for the day. "Every fifth day is for rest, but that is divided up, so that a group of men may each have a different day-off and the machinery runs constantly. All colors, creeds, and races are equal in rank and it is a more atrocious crime for a workman to be struck by a superintendent, than for the workman to strike the superintendent." Recently the newspapers were full of the story of a white superintendent having struck a Negro workman in a quarrel and being sentenced to serve considerable time in jail for the offense. The workman is all supreme there and the government takes very good care of him. Women work the same as men and engage in much the same kind of employment."

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