

# Foster Arrested in Scranton; 30 Day Sentence; Smash Meet

Seized by Police at Beginning of Speech Urging Organization of Rank and File for Strike Against Railroad and Mine Wage Cuts; Hall Packed Full With Hundreds More Outside

Out on Bail and Continues Campaign; Speaking In Cleveland Wednesday, Toledo Friday, Canton, Ohio, August 22; Akron, August 22, and Charleroi, August 24

## ARREST IS MOVE FOR WAGE SLASH

Foster in Statement Scores Lewis, Boylan

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 14.—William Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president, issued a statement to the press here on his arrest Friday night. The statement is in full as follows:

"The arbitrary breakup of the Communist Party election rally last night is the beginning of the campaign to compel the miners to accept a 20 per cent reduction of wages. Regal Hall was filled with miners. The police know that I will expose the attempt to reduce wages.

### "Conference" Aids Operators.

"The so-called conference which will take place between United Mine Worker officials and the operators is for no other purpose but to fool the miners by making a pretense of fighting against the cut. The cut has already been agreed upon by the

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## RUEGGS SCORE COURT ACTION

Protest Policeman As "Expert" at Trial

(Cable By Inprecorr)

SHANGHAI, August 14.—On the second day of the resumed farcical trial of Paul and Gertude Ruegg, the examination of the accused was continued although the defendants absolutely refused to answer the questions of the court and denied all accusations.

The defendants also demanded the production of concrete proofs of the

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Communist Candidate for President as he looked, speaking at Kansas City, Mo., shortly before his arrest in Lawrence, Mass., and Scranton, Pa. Lower photo shows crowd welcoming Foster.

## "MY PART TO HIT REDS" - JUDGE

Charge Preposterous; Jobless Will March

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 14.—For the third time during his campaign tour as Presidential candidate of the Communist Party, William Z. Foster has been arrested and the workers who gathered to hear him dispersed by police.

When Foster appeared in Regal Hall, Friday night, and began to speak, police seized him and rushed him to jail.

The hall was crowded full of workers who wanted to hear him. Hundreds were on the street outside, unable to get in. Foster was speaking inside, in a regularly hired public hall—there was no possible question of "traffic ordinances" or anything of that sort. It was an arbitrary decision by the Scranton authorities not to let the workers hear the Communist candidate for president of the United States.

### Drive Out Crowd.

After Foster was arrested, Ben Barnett, Communist Party organizer in the Anthracite region, rose on the platform and began to speak, denouncing the arrest of Foster. After three minutes, the police began to drive the crowd from the hall by force.

Among those punched out by police clubs were hundreds of miners who had come to hear Foster's advice on fighting the 20 per cent wage cut which the operators, International President Lewis of the UMW and President Boylan of District 1 of the UMWA, are now arranging. This cut comes on top of a whole series of wage cutting schemes in

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## Delegates From Steel Mills Which Exploit 200,000 Form Union

Metal League Secretary Urges Concentration on Biggest Plants, Unity With Jobless

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UMWA officials. The policy carried out in Illinois is proof of this. The UMWA signed an agreement in Illinois reducing the miners' wages \$2.70 below the Jacksonville agreement, or a total reduction of 35 per cent.

After a sham resistance here International President Lewis of the UMWA, and President Boylan of UMWA District One, will accept the cut, and will use every power in their and the operators' hands to force the miners to accept it. In Illinois the Lewis-Walker machine is using thugs, police and every other means of terror against the miners to force them into submission in spite of their vote not to accept the cut.

"The miners must be wary of fake progressives; Cappellini, Maloney and their kind will not fight for the miners. These elements, just like Walker of Illinois, will at the end join Lewis and Boylan against the miners. The only way to stop the doing away with the present agreement is for the miners to set rank and file committees in every local union with the purpose of fighting the proposed wage cut. The miners must reject any argument that the cut will increase production.

### **Jobless Must Fight With Employed.**

"The unemployed who are suffering from starvation cannot remain indifferent to the cut. They must help the employed to resist it. The employed in their turn must help the unemployed win their demands from the government and the operators. The Communist Party will continue organizing the workers of Lackawana County until they win their demands.

"The Communist Party will fight for the right of the workers of Scranton to free speech and assemblage. It will intensify its election campaign, and will continue exposing the wage-cutting schemes of the coal operators and of the Lewis-Boylan machine. The International Labor Defense has engaged Attorney Gerald Dolphin of this city to contest the case of police interference with workers' meetings."