

Convention Roars Ovation At Greetings from Foster

By HARRY GANNES

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Prospect Auditorium, April 5.—A tremendous, prolonged ovation greeted a telegram from William Z. Foster to the Eighth National Communist Party Convention today.

After reading the telegram, Earl Browder, Secretary of the Communist Party, proposed and the convention adopted the proposal to reply to Foster as follows:

"We declare our great regret at the weakest point of our convention the fact that Comrade Foster is absent, and our greatest joy in the fact that he will soon be back with us again."

Foster's telegram reads:

Revolutionary greetings to the 8th Convention of the Communist Party. Congratulations on the Party growth and successes. The world capitalist system is cracking. Nor can Roosevelt's New Deal, Hitler Fascism, or imperialist war, aided by A. F. of L., Socialist Party, Muste or other misleaders save it from destruction at the hands of the awakening world's toilers under the leadership of the Communist International. The brilliant successes of the Soviet Union blazes the way for the International proletariat which will follow it, freeing themselves from the capitalist jungle of poverty, oppression, mass slaughter, and will take power for building Socialism. The present situation is an unparalleled opportunity for the party to mobilize militant workers, poor farmers, Negroes and youth, the struggle against unemployment, company unionism, pauperization, Fascism, imperialist war; for the defense of the Soviet Union. Our Convention is an historic milestone in the building of the Communist Party, the only revolutionary leader of the proletariat. My health is improving, hope soon to be with you again on the firing line of the class struggle.

With the words "My health is improving" delegates not previously knowing the sender of the telegram broke into stormy and enthusiastic applause. The delegates joined in shouting "Long live Comrade Foster."